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City's artists, Haitians on cable

In August, Hartford Public Access Television's cable Channel 5 offers programs about Hartford artists, the city's Haitian community and school desegregation.

We also offer special thanks to our Volunteer of the Month, Irene Melo of Hartford. She has been equally active in front of and behind the community television cameras as an actress and production crew member for the past two years.

Irene describes her experience at Hartford Public Access Television as "helpful in getting involved in the community and meeting a lot of interesting and talented people, while giving me hands-on training in video production."

Thanks, Irene, for your great work.

Here are some programs for you to enjoy during August, created by our own volunteer community television producers:

• "Capitol View" — Host Linnet Carty focuses on the many programs offered by the city's department of elderly services (30 minutes). Airs Wednesday at 6 p.m., Aug. 13 at 8:30 p.m., Aug. 20 at 5:30

p.m. and Aug. 25 at 10:30 p.m.

• "Desegregation in Connecticut's Schools" — the first in a series of community forums sponsored by ONE/CHANE, the North End-based community group. This is a discussion among distinguished panelists from Greater Hartford civic, religious and educational institutions (2 hours, 20 minutes). Airs Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 11 at 8:30 p.m.

• "The Music Loft" — The music of Hartford pianist Emery Smith is featured on our premiere showcase for groups and individual artists (30 minutes). Airs Monday at 7 p.m., Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 20 at 8:30 p.m. and Aug. 25 at 10 p.m.

• "The Song of Solomon" — A



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teleplay/drama by Hartford's Light Source Stage Company about the son of a multimillionaire who tries to win the heart of a young woman promised to someone else (75 minutes). Airs Aug. 6 at 8:30 p.m., Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 25 at 6 p.m.

• "Special Women" — Leslie Manselle hosts this half-hour interview with artists from the Hartford community. Guests are Nick Mathis, jazz vocalist, and Christine Dixon-Smith, artistic director of "Sankofa Kuumba" (30 minutes). Airs Monday at 8 p.m., Aug. 11 at 6 p.m., Aug. 20 at 9:30 p.m. and Aug. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

• "Telelakay" — Hosts Pierre Jabouin and Jean Crizaund Francois discuss Haitian culture and describe future programs on Hartford's Haitian community (30 minutes). Airs Thursday at 6 p.m., Aug. 9 at 7 p.m., Aug. 20 at 9 p.m. and Aug. 27 at 9:30 p.m.

For more information on Hartford public access television, please call 549-1890.

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