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**Janis Ian: Live From Grand Center, a KETC/St. Louis Production,
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One-Woman Concert, Taped at the Historic Sheldon Concert Hall, Will Be Fed in October

St. Louis, MO – *Janis Ian: Live From Grand Center*, a one-woman concert featuring Grammy Award-winning singer/composer Janis Ian (“At Seventeen”) and produced by St. Louis public television station KETC/Channel 9, will be distributed nationally in October by the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA).

The hour-long concert special was taped before a live audience in June at The Sheldon Concert Hall, an acoustically perfect venue built in 1912 and located in the St. Louis arts district Grand Center. The television special, produced by KETC in partnership with Grand Center Inc., combines a retrospective of Ian’s hits with her most recent compositions, interspersed with anecdotes about her life and 40-year career.

In 1965, at the age of 14, Ian recorded her first album. She gained notice in 1967 as a folk singing wunderkind when Leonard Bernstein featured her in his CBS television special *Inside Pop: The Rock Revolution*, resulting in her then-controversial song “Society’s Child” becoming a national hit that was later inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

Ian’s 1970’s album *Between the Lines* was nominated for five Grammy awards (winning two) and featured the iconic lament of teen insecurity “At Seventeen.” In Japan her album *Aftertones* was number one for six months and a disco collaboration with Giorgio Moroder went platinum throughout Europe, Africa and Australia. She received her seventh Grammy nomination for a jazz duet with Mel Torme. Ian released *Society’s Child: My Autobiography* in July, as well as her 25th CD.

About KETC

KETC is one of the most-watched PBS-member television stations in the country. It gives the people of our region the opportunity to explore the world through educationally and culturally stimulating programs broadcast on Channel 9 and four digital channels: PBS HD, KETC Kids, analog Channel 9 and Create. Since its inception in 1954, the station has been providing quality, innovative television programming, from thought-provoking national series and specials to locally produced programs distributed regionally and nationwide. Channel 9 maintains its rich legacy of serving the community through the broadcast of award-winning children’s and educational programming; the broadcast of Emmy-winning series *Living St. Louis* and *Donnybrook*, now celebrating its 22nd season; and extensive community engagement initiatives. Program guides and more station information are available at www.ketc.org.

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