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Viva and Jerry's Country Videos taped its 700th episode at MTN in September. On hand for the shoot were (from left to right) director Hamil Griffin-Cassidy, Viva Beck, Jerry Beck, production assistant Peter Wilson and camera operator Jim Derks.

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wolf spirit premieres on mtn

The Monitor spoke recently with **Martha Fast Horse** and **Clovis** in the Control Room of MTN Studio A. Fast Horse is the Executive Producer and Clovis the director of the new series show **Wolf Spirit**.

Wolf Spirit is a Native American talk show that will highlight Native American storytellers, recording artists, youth, educators, and community leaders. Some of the first guests who will appear on the show include champion fancy dancer **Larry Yazzie**, and Ojibway storyteller **Trudell Starr**.

“There is virtually no Native American programming anywhere,”

Fast Horse said. “There needs to be a place in the media for Native Americans.”

“Television is the campfire of our culture,” Clovis added. “We used to talk around the campfire,” but today we watch TV.

Wolf Spirit began as a live webcast out of the **Wolf’s Den** coffeehouse on Franklin Avenue. They shot these shows with a single camera hooked into a computer. They were able to improve the visual quality of their programs by moving to MTN, and using the studio and switcher, and computer-based editing.

“And at MTN we can do the kind of show we want to do,” Clovis said. “There are no content requirements, no advertising pressure. That’s unique.”

Both Clovis and Fast Horse said that TV production takes hard work and commitment, but it is worth it. What helps is the assistance and support they get from community members and MTN staff.

Fast Horse said that forty to fifty people have been involved so far in the production of the show. “People want us to make this happen. They want to see us succeed,” she said.

You can watch them succeed beginning October 15 on MTN 17, Sundays at 6 p.m.

- John Akre



Martha Fast Horse and Clovis work on an episode of Wolf Spirit in the Studio A Control Room.

mtn brings you “access to art”

Check out MTN’s new arts show on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 PM on MTN 17. It’s called **MTN Access to Art** and it takes a look at the amazing variety of artistic ventures happening in Minneapolis.

Every month a new episode features a number of different segments that explore what’s going on in Minneapolis. Local artist and MTN board member **Tom Cassidy** introduces the segments from a different arts-related Minneapolis location each show. Between the segments, he acquaints you with people and places you might not otherwise know about.

MTN Access to Art has a loose and organic style. We hope it can in a small way mirror the creativity and diversity of the Minneapolis arts scene itself. The show features profiles of new and established arts organizations, explorations of arts-related events, snippets of performances, and the occasional experimental or impressionistic look into the Minneapolis art universe. You can expect to find new takes on well-known institutions and inside looks at events and groups that often fall under the radar of mainstream media.

We can’t know about everything going on in this vibrant and multifaceted arts community, so we need your help. If you know of an organization or event that more people need to know about, tell us! Contact Beth at beth@mtn.org or 612-331-8575 ext 302.

- Beth Peloff

MTN Access to Art host Tom Cassidy introduces a segment during a poetry slam at Kieran’s Irish Pub.



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director's corner

On October 12 and 13, **MACTA** (Minnesota Association of Cable Telecommunications Administrators) is sponsoring a conference that is all about Public, Educational and Government Access. This will be a great opportunity to catch up on what is happening with state and national telecommunications legislation. It is also an opportunity to get information on television production-related matters, from equipment to technique. Workshop titles include: **Web Design for Community Media, Music/Audio in Television Programming, and The Teleco Rewrite: Dreamscape or Nightmare?**

On Thursday, October 12 there is a special rate for producers of \$50.00. This will include lunch. If you are an MTN producer and would like to apply for an MTN

scholarship to attend, please contact Pam Colby at 612-331-8575 x 304. For a complete listing of the event please go to macta.org and click on **MACTAevents**.

Finally, I'd like to recommend a great web site to visit: **tcdailyplanet.net**. The **TC Daily Planet** is a wonderful collaboration of local media makers. Each day, new work by local community journalists, video makers and photographers is highlighted. Many of our friends in the local community media field participate.
-Pam Colby

Local cinematographer Matt Ehling (left) shows MTN producer David Gordon how to bounce light onto Beth Peloff of the MTN staff during a lighting workshop he held in August. Watch the MTN class schedule for more upcoming special classes.



next mtn member's screening:
friday, november 10 at 7 p.m. in studio A
Bring something to screen or just come to watch. There is a 10 minute limit on all show clips.
Questions? Call John at (612) 331-8575 ext. 307.

mtn staff profile: fanuel tsehaye

Fanuel Tsehaye has been a valuable asset around MTN for the last seven years. He is an excellent cameraman, producer and editor of community events, but you are most likely to see him at the MTN front desk, where he is a font of friendly knowledge. A year ago he began working full time at MTN.

Fanuel was born in Eritrea, in the Horn of Africa. He says, "I've been in the US for 16 to 17 years now, most of my life. I try to hold on to my roots by maintaining my native tongue and the different cultures we have. Currently I'm attending school at the University of Minnesota for a bachelors degree in Electrical/Electronics Engineering."



Fanuel started at MTN when he was young. His uncle, **Dawit Haile**, and his brother, **Samson**, "started a show, **ETBM** (Eritrean Television Broadcast in Minnesota), around 1997," and he helped them with the show. "After that, it was as if I never left MTN," he said. In addition to his work with ETBM, he began as an MTN freelancer in 1999 under the guidance of **JC Bagdadi**.

"Thankfully, my work ethic and commitment paid off and now I've been a full-time employee going on one year," Fanuel said.

"MTN is almost like the only place where you're free to be yourself," he said. "You express yourself freely, you can learn how to make a show, and share your opinion." Another thing Fanuel likes about MTN "is the diversity of the people who walk through the door. I have come across more cultures here at MTN than my whole life elsewhere."

I asked Fanuel if he had any secrets of success for MTN producers. He said, "practice, practice, practice. Everything takes time, and your experience and skills will only grow stronger as long as you try to motivate yourself and learn from your mistakes."

You can find out more about Fanuel's continuing program, **Eritrean Television Broadcast in Minnesota** through the ETBM website:
<http://producers.mtn.org/etbm/mainpage.html>
- Doug Cain

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mtn series program schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Discover Islam 7:00 Islamic View 8:00 As Above, So Below 9:00 Monday Night Live 9:30 The Hemp Channel 10:30 Full Auto 10:30 Difference Makers 11:30 Heavy Metal TV</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Spectator 6:00 Friendship Set to Music 7:00 SPNN Youth Videos 7:30 Our Turn 8:00 Video Voices 8:30 Moving Forward 9:30 The Review 10:00 Democracy Now 11:30 Diet to End Diseases</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Holding Forth the Word of Truth 5:30 Living Word Church 6:00 New Vision 6:30 Beyond Today 7:00 Lovepower 8:00 Fire of Change 9:00 PRSPKTV on Life</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali American Media 6:00 Uhura 7:00 Leslie Davis Show 7:30 We the People 8:00 Altera Vista 9:00 The Nancy Boys 10:00 Drinking with Ian 10:30 Prima Donnas 11:00 Rock and Roll Girl 11:30 News from Neva</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 WWA 5:30 30 Minutes with an Author 6:00 Republican Roundtable 6:30 Vets Visits On TV 7:00 Kinpride 7:30 Bi Cities! 8:00 Soap Factory Gallery 8:30 MTN Access to Art 9:00 Black Economics 10:00 Democracy Now 11:00 Totally Scrabble Tuesday</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 First Community Baptist 6:00 Search the Scriptures 6:30 Piercing Darkness 7:00 Pure Heart Clear Mind 8:00 Repentance and Love Center 9:00 Word Encounter 10:00 Curtis Farrar Ministries 11:00 The Bible Speaks</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Community Views 6:00 Somaliland America TV 7:00 MTN Com'ry Events 8:00 Let's Learn to Get Along 8:30 Humanist Perspectives 9:00 Judy Corrao Show 9:30 Rainbow Flag 10:00 Irene on TV 10:30 Holistic Health 11:00 LaRouche</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Variety Show 6:00 Bal of Minerva 7:00 On Transit 7:30 House Call 8:00 The Mary Hanson Show 8:30 Perils for Pedestrians 9:00 Viva and Jerry's Country Videos 10:00 Democracy Now 11:00 Living Free</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Book of Acts 5:30 Hour of Restoration 6:00 Greater Friendship 7:00 Word of God 8:00 Hope Community Presents 9:00 Unleavened Bread 10:00 Metro MN Destroyed 11:00 Healing and Victory Today</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Somali Children Association of MN 6:30 Fitness and Faith 7:00 Best of the Cities 8:00 Chinese News and Entertainment 9:00 Somali Democracy Center 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Lemmy O Live 5:30 From the Mic 7:30 Jazz Plus More 8:30 T.C. Muzique 9:30 Art Cunningham 10:00 Democracy Now</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Cornerstone Prayer Center 6:00 Transforming Kingdom Hearts 6:30 Tomorrow's World 7:00 Sword of the Spirit 8:00 Turn or Burn 9:00 Hear What the Lord is Saying 10:00 Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church 11:00 Boldly Like God, Go Against the Swords</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali Media 6:00 Oromia Regional State TV 7:00 Oromo TV 8:00 Hablando de Salud 9:00 Somali Mai TV Network 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Stenglein Byline 5:30 A Conversation with Paul Ostrow 6:00 Toad, Turtle and Whoever Else Shows Up 6:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 7:00 Civil Liberties Forum 7:30 MSP Sports 8:00 MBTV 8:30 Third Party Forum 9:00 Art Temple 9:30 Humanist Views 10:00 Democracy Now 11:00 Body Rock</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 The Best is Yet to Come 6:00 Redeemed Life Church International 6:30 Bible Study Ministries 7:00 Walking By Faith 7:30 Prophetic Word 8:00 First Impressions 9:00 Shalom Scripture 10:00 Help is on the Way 11:00 That Which Is</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Busho TV 6:00 Awude Ethiopia 7:00 Dancing with Johannah 7:30 Atheist Alliance 8:00 MTN Community Events 10:00 Undercover TV 11:00 T.C. Muzique Late Nite</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 En Familia 5:30 Inner City Fishing 8:00 My World 8:30 Atheists Talk 9:00 African Rendevous 11:00 Cinema 11:30 Apocalypse Just a Show</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Light on the Gospel 6:00 Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Guest 7:00 Faith Walk 8:00 Eagle Christian Church 8:30 Solid Rock Church 9:00 Hour of Power 10:00 Truth of God 11:00 Key to the Kingdom 11:30 Galatians Study</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 5:30 MN at Work 6:00 Wajci TV 7:00 TV Lao 8:00 MTN Community Events 9:00 Somali Life</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Black Focus 6:00 Wolf Spirit 7:00 Telling People's Stories 7:30 Strictly Seniors 8:00 ETBM 9:00 Lemmy O 9:30 Holding People Accountable 10:00 TBA</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Reaching a People 5:30 Trinity Tabernacle 6:00 Walking in the Light 6:30 Worldwide Outreach for Christ 7:30 Stand on the Word 8:00 Words of Peace 8:30 One Day at a Time 9:00 The Hidden Truth 10:00 Bethel Church 11:00 Farrakkan Speaks</p>

click "tv guide" at mtn.org for a current schedule of stand-alone and series programs