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**“BILLION MILE JOURNEY” CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE CAPE MAY-LEWES FERRY**

Premieres Wednesday, June 25 at 10:00 p.m. on WHYY-TV

PHILADELPHIA, May 29, 2014 — ***Billion Mile Journey: The Cape May-Lewes Ferry*** spotlights the 50th anniversary of the iconic waterway of the Twin Capes region. The program, featuring the rich stories behind the ferry’s historic “billion mile journey,” premieres Wednesday, June 25 at 10:00 p.m. on WHYY-TV.

Produced by WHYY in Wilmington, Delaware, ***Billion Mile Journey: The Cape May-Lewes Ferry*** is a one-hour show that features some of the most interesting stories about the ferry, which began operations on July 1, 1964. Over the course of 50 years, the ferry has touched the lives of millions of visitors and residents of Delaware and New Jersey as a well-known tourist destination and essential mode of transportation.

The program documents the history of the ferry and tells the personal stories of a 20-minute wedding in 1996 and the rescue of a dog that led to procedure changes on the vessels. Filmed and edited in high definition, viewers will receive an in-depth look at operations on both sides of the bay, discover how the boats are launched and learn what it takes to rebuild a ferry engine. The production coincides with WHYY’s 50th year of reporting in Delaware.

“50 years after its maiden voyage, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry is now a part of what defines our region,” said Shirley Min, Delaware resident, narrator of the film and WHYY Delaware news reporter.

“We are thrilled to bring audiences the stories behind the beloved Cape May-Lewes Ferry and the lives it has touched over the last fifty years,” added John Mussoni, managing editor of WHYY’s Delaware news operation.

“This program is especially significant for us. As the ferry celebrates 50 years, WHYY simultaneously celebrates 50 years of operations in Delaware,” said Bill Marrasso, WHYY president and CEO. “We’re proud that WHYY has maintained a news presence in Delaware longer than any other television station.”

The Cape May-Lewes Ferry is operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority and serves the Twin Capes region of Cape May, NJ and Lewes, DE. On July 1, 1964, the first ferry vessel departed the Lewes terminal at 6:47 a.m., carrying eight vehicles and fifteen passengers. Over the years, the ferry has transported more than 43 million people and 14 million vehicles across the Delaware Bay. Cars from each of the 50



states and numerous foreign countries have made the ferry trip and over one billion miles have been covered during the 50 years of round trip travel.

Billion Mile Journey: The Cape May-Lewes Ferry premieres Wednesday, June 25 at 10:00 p.m. on WHYY-TV, and re-airs Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 29 at 1:30 p.m.

On Friday, June 27, WHYY-FM's *Newsworks Tonight* will broadcast live at 6:00 p.m. from Lewes Canalfront Park in Lewes, DE. *NewsWorks Tonight* is a half-hour news program that features regional news reports gathered by the staff of WHYY. WHYY's FIRST is Delaware's public media newsmagazine and airs Fridays at 5:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on WHYY-TV. Delaware news is available anytime at NewsWorks.org/DE.

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