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**SEBAK SERVES SWEET SURPRISES WITH PIE PLACES AND BAKERIES**

*WQED's Rick Sebak Presents "A Few Good Pie Places" and "A Few Great Bakeries" on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on WQED-TV.*

**PITTSBURGH** – Who doesn't love the delicious first bite of apple pie or the smell of fresh baked bread? What are even better are the places where these sweet treats came from, and we celebrate these special spots in two new PBS documentaries titled *A Few Good Pie Places* and *A Few Great Bakeries*. WQED's popular producer Rick Sebak and his three-person crew started shooting in Pittsburgh, where they visited local favorites Minerva Bakery in McKeesport and Grant Bar in Millvale. They then traveled to the Midwest, New England, the West Coast, and many places in between to check out other outstanding and unusual pie shops and bakeries.

The two documentaries will air back-to-back on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, with *A Few Good Pie Places* at 8:00 p.m. and *A Few Great Bakeries* following at 9:00 p.m. on WQED-TV.

Featured pie places include:

- [Portage Pie in Westfield, New York](#)
- [Ikeda's Market in Auburn, California](#)
- [Two Fat Cats Bakery in Portland, Maine](#)
- [Grant Bar & Restaurant in Millvale, Pennsylvania](#)
- [Poorhouse Pies in Underhill, Vermont](#)
- [A La Mode Pies in Seattle, Washington](#)
- [Nick's Kitchen in Huntington, Indiana](#)
- [Rolling Pin Bakehouse near Roanoke, Indiana](#)
- [Pie Lady On 5 in South Whitley, Indiana](#)
- [Loula's Café in Whitefish, Montana](#)
- [Braham Pie Day in Braham, Minnesota](#)
- [Woodruff's Pie Shop in Monroe, Virginia](#)

Featured bakeries include:

- [Columbus Baking Company in Syracuse, New York](#)
- [Orange Peel Bakery in Aquinnah, Massachusetts](#)
- [Chez Moi Bakery in Durham, North Carolina](#)
- [Mama Ines Mexican Bakery in Lafayette, Indiana](#)

- [Minerva Bakery in McKeesport, Pennsylvania](#)
- [Standard Baking Company in Portland, Maine](#)
- [Mahoroba Japanese Bakery in Sacramento, California](#)
- [Sluys' Bakery in Poulsbo, Washington](#)
- [Silverbow Bakery in Juneau, Alaska](#)
- [Bernice's Bakery in Missoula, Montana](#)

“Since I was a small kid, I’ve known how important a bakery can be,” said Sebak. “There was a bakery across the street from my elementary school, and it was a frequent stop on my way home. And I know many bakeries here in Pittsburgh where I live now, and I’m fascinated by how they become such a valued part of a neighborhood. Nowadays you often see lists of Ten Best Bakeries or even 50 Best Bakeries, but I don’t understand how anyone can make that claim. These bakeries we feature are all really great, but I wouldn’t pretend to know if they’re the best. So I decided we should just call this program *A Few Great Bakeries* and we’ll hope to convince people to look for more.”

### **About Producer Rick Sebak**

Sebak has worked in public television since the mid-1970s when he started working for a daily children’s show called *WHEEE!* in South Carolina. Since 1987, when he returned to his hometown of Pittsburgh to work at WQED, he has produced more than 30 documentaries about the unusual aspects of western Pennsylvania in the ongoing Pittsburgh History series. He has also put together more than a dozen national programs for PBS that celebrate various aspects of modern American culture, from sandwiches to cemeteries. Sebak has been nominated for two primetime Emmy® Awards for his work on *Fred Rogers: America’s Favorite Neighbor* and has received ten regional Emmy® Awards.

*A Few Good Pie Places* and *A Few Great Bakeries* were made possible by contributions to PBS stations from viewers nationwide.

Both programs will be available from PBS Home Video. To order, visit [ShopPBS.org](http://ShopPBS.org) or call 800-531-4727, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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