



**CREATED EQUAL: CLARENCE THOMAS IN HIS OWN WORDS**  
Airing on PBS May 18, 2020

***Supreme Court Justice Offers Rare Interview in New Documentary Featuring One of America's Most Powerful Figures***

**Arlington, VA** – April 6, 2020 – **CREATED EQUAL: CLARENCE THOMAS IN HIS OWN WORDS**, a new film tracing the life story of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, airs on PBS on Monday, May 18 at 9:00 p.m. ET (check local listings). The film, produced and directed by Michael Pack, is the product of over 30 hours of interviews with Justice Thomas and his wife, Virginia Thomas —unprecedented access from a Supreme Court justice. The PBS broadcast follows a limited theatrical release that began in January 2020.

“Justice Thomas’ life is a remarkable journey, the quintessential American success story,” said executive producer Gina Cappo Pack. “He began life in Gullah-speaking Pin Point, Georgia, suffered poverty and privation in Savannah, dealt with the vicious iniquities of segregation, and yet rose to serve on the highest court in the land.”

“His intellectual journey is just as remarkable,” said producer/director Michael Pack. “He was raised by his grandfather with strict discipline, taught by Catholic nuns in parochial schools, yet he rebelled and became a ’60s radical who supported the Black Panthers, only to rethink his way back to his traditional beginnings. He went to work for Ronald Reagan as a rare African American conservative, and now serves as one of the most influential justices on the Supreme Court. We offer viewers a chance to hear Thomas’ story directly from the man himself, a unique opportunity.”

“This film gives fascinating insight into one of the most important and yet enigmatic public figures in the country,” said Perry Simon, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager, General Audience Programming at PBS. “Michael Pack’s latest film continues PBS’s long tradition of airing point-of-view, biographical documentaries that empower audiences with new information and points of discussion that are both insightful and relevant.”

The film has garnered positive responses from the press. *The Washington Post* said that the film “is a marvel of filmmaking that two hours pass so quickly. At the end of a screening I recently attended, there weren’t many dry eyes in the room.” *Time Magazine* said it “offers viewers rare insight into the mind of a justice known for his reticence on the public stage.”

Beginning May 18, **CREATED EQUAL: CLARENCE THOMAS IN HIS OWN WORDS** will be available to stream for 14 days on all station-branded PBS platforms, including PBS.org and the PBS Video App, available on iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV and Chromecast. For an additional 14 days immediately thereafter, members of



PBS stations will be able to view the film via Passport (contact your local PBS station for details).

For images and additional up-to-date information on this and other PBS programs, visit PBS PressRoom at [pbs.org/pressroom](http://pbs.org/pressroom).

### **About Michael Pack**

Michael Pack is President of Manifold Productions, Inc., an independent film and television production company he founded in 1977. Pack has written, directed and produced numerous award-winning, nationally broadcast documentaries, as well as corporate and educational films. His most recent credits include *RICKOVER: The Birth of Nuclear Power*, narrated by Joan Allen (2014); *Rediscovering Alexander Hamilton*, hosted by Richard Brookhiser (2011); *God and the Inner City*, narrated by Phylicia Rashad (2003); and *Rediscovering George Washington*, hosted by Richard Brookhiser (2002). All have been nationally broadcast on PBS.

### **About Gina Cappel Pack**

Gina Cappel Pack serves as Vice President of Manifold Productions, Inc. She has contributed to a variety of Manifold film projects since 1987 through fundraising, promotion, management and as an executive producer.

### **About PBS**

[PBS](http://pbs.org), with more than 330 member stations, offers all Americans the opportunity to explore new ideas and new worlds through television and digital content. Each month, PBS reaches over 120 million people through television and 26 million people online, inviting them to experience the worlds of science, history, nature and public affairs; to hear diverse viewpoints; and to take front row seats to world-class drama and performances. PBS's broad array of programs has been consistently honored by the industry's most coveted award competitions. Teachers of children from pre-K through 12th grade turn to PBS for digital content and services that help bring classroom lessons to life. Decades of research confirms that PBS's premier children's media service, PBS KIDS, helps children build critical literacy, math and social-emotional skills, enabling them to find success in school and life. Delivered through member stations, PBS KIDS offers high-quality educational content on TV— including a 24/7 channel, online at [pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org), via an array of mobile apps and in communities across America. More information about PBS is available at [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org), one of the leading dot-org websites on the internet, or by following [PBS on Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) or through our [apps for mobile and connected devices](#). Specific program information and updates for press are available at [pbs.org/pressroom](http://pbs.org/pressroom) or by following [PBS Pressroom on Twitter](#).

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