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## WABC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH GIL NOBLE "VAULT"

ABC Owned Television Stations' Celebrations Continue Throughout The month of February with news, programming, and vignettes

Gil Noble was a pioneering journalist for WABC-TV who was host of the groundbreaking public-affairs show "Like It Is," which ran from 1968 to 2011.

The show's legacy of commitment to and coverage of the African-American community continues in the successor program, "Here & Now," hosted by Sandra Bookman.

"ABC Owned Television Stations group is proud to celebrate Black History Month with special news reports, programming and vignettes throughout February," said Chad Matthews, President of the ABC Owned Television Stations. "During Black History Month and throughout the year, ABC Owned Television Stations will feature reports highlighting the many important people and stories in our country's vibrant Black community across our markets."

To honor Noble and bring his work and achievements before new generations, WABC-TV has launched the Gil Noble Vault, which features highlights of his many years of journalistic excellence at WABC. These include moments from "Like It Is" as well as examples of Noble's work as a reporter and longtime anchor at WABC-TV, tributes to him and more.

Throughout his illustrious career in broadcasting that spanned over four decades, Noble joined WABC-TV in July 1967 as a reporter. He became host of "Like It Is" in November 1968. From 1986 on, Noble concentrated exclusively on "Like It Is." Noble won seven Emmy awards and 650 community awards, as was granted five honorary doctors.

As part of this celebration of Gil Noble's legacy, the "Here & Now" team is preparing a one-hour retrospective of Noble's life and career that will air Sunday, February 19th on WABC/Channel 7 at 12pm ET and will also be available wherever you stream ABC7. It is currently available on demand at **ABC7NY.com/gilnoble** and in the Gil Noble Vault section of our streaming app and website. Black History Month programming can be viewed on ABC7 streaming app for Roku/Apple TV/Amazon Fire/Google TV, as well as archival content and extended interviews.

## About WABC-TV New York

WABC-TV has been the leader in local news and entertainment programming in the New York City area for more than 61 years. Producing more than 45 hours of live, local news and weather each week, Channel 7 "Eyewitness News" is the most-watched local news in New York and the United States. WABC-TV also produces "Live with Kelly and Ryan," weekdays at 9:00 a.m., which is seen in more than 200 markets across the U.S. Quality news and programming, cutting-edge technology and ongoing community outreach are the hallmarks of excellence that have consistently kept WABC-TV New York's No. 1 station and the most-watched television station in the nation.

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