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Join Vermont PBS for A Virtual Evening with Dr. Francois Clemmons

Officer Clemmons of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood to Discuss His Life and Memoir

Winooski, VT – May 5, 2021 – Vermont PBS adds a new virtual OVEE event to its line up with [An Evening with Dr. Francois Clemmons](#) on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 pm. Join host Jane Lindholm for an in-depth interview with Dr. Clemmons, who will read an excerpt from his memoir, *Officer Clemmons: A Memoir*, answer audience questions, and conduct a virtual book signing.

“Officer Clemmons’ friendship, reflections, and wisdom were a core part of what made Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood so special,” said Steve Ferreira, CEO of Vermont PBS. “And Dr. Francois Clemmons is so much more even than that special role. We’re excited to give Vermonters and beyond the chance to discover his fascinating life.”

Dr. Clemmons made history as Officer Clemmons on the award-winning PBS television series *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood*. Heralded as the first African American actor to have a recurring role on a U.S. television program, his many accomplishments make him a Renaissance man of the highest order. He is a Grammy Award-winning opera singer, founder of the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble, emeritus artist in residence at Middlebury College, actor, composer, arranger, playwright, activist, mentor—and with the publication of *Officer Clemmons: A Memoir*, he had added author to the list.

Learn more about the event [here](#), and register [here](#).

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