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## The Museum of Modern Art

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### THE CIVIL WAR

October 5 - 9, 1990

The Museum of Modern Art will present the first New York screening of Ken Burns's eleven-hour epic *The Civil War (1990)* from October 5 through 9, 1990. This ambitious documentary examines the entire scope of the Civil War (1861-65) from its complex causes to its epic battles and heroic personalities. Five years in the making, this series of nine episodes will be screened twice over a period of five days. The filmmaker will introduce *Episode I, The Cause, 1861* on Friday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m.

This historical investigation combines thousands of archival images and period paintings with newsreel footage of Civil War veterans and interviews with historians. Narrated by historian David McCullough, the film is animated by numerous celebrity voices, including Colleen Dewhurst, Morgan Freeman, Jeremy Irons, Garrison Keillor, Jason Robards, and Kurt Vonnegut.

Ken Burns is the recipient of two Academy Award nominations, two Christopher Awards, two Eric Barnouw Prizes, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has made a number of films that have appeared nationally on public television, including *Brooklyn Bridge*, *The Congress*, and *Thomas Hart Benton*.

THE CIVIL WAR was organized by Laurence Kardish, curator, Department of Film. The series premieres on PBS from September 23 to 27, 1990.

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Exhibition Schedule

**Friday, October 5**

6:00 p.m. *The Civil War: Episode One, The Cause, 1861.*  
Introduced by the filmmaker Ken Burns. 99 mins.

**Saturday, October 6**

12:00 noon *Episode One.*  
See October 5, at 6:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. *The Civil War: Episode Two, A Very Bloody Affair, 1862 and Episode Three, Forever Free, 1862.* 145 min.  
5:30 p.m. *The Civil War: Episode Four, Simply Murder, 1863 and Episode Five, The Universe of Battle, 1863.* 157 min.

**Sunday, October 7**

12:00 noon *The Civil War: Episode Six, Valley of the Shadow of Death, 1864 and Episode Seven, Most Hallowed Ground, 1864.* 142 min.  
4:00 p.m. *The Civil War: Episode Eight, War Is All Hell, 1865 and Episode Nine, The Better Angels of Our Better, 1865.* 137 min.

**Monday, October 8**

12:00 noon *Episode One.*  
See October 5, at 6:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. *Episode Two and Episode Three.*  
See October 6, at 2:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. *Episode Four and Episode Five.*  
See October 6, at 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 9**

2:00 p.m. *Episode Six and Episode Seven.*  
See October 7, 12:00 noon  
6:00 p.m. *Episode Eight and Episode Nine.*  
See October 7, 4:00 p.m.

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