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American Masters ***Sister Rosetta Tharpe: The Godmother of Rock & Roll***

Premieres nationally Friday, February 22 at 9 p.m. (ET) on PBS
(check local listings) in honor of Black History Month

Film Interviewees (in alphabetical order)

- Joe Boyd** – record producer, tour manager of the 1964 American Folk, Blues and Gospel Caravan
- Howard Carroll** – member of the gospel group The Dixie Hummingbirds, which frequently toured with Sister Rosetta Tharpe
- Pastor Robert Hargrove** – Church of God in Christ, Philadelphia
- Anthony Heilbut** – gospel record producer and writer; Sister Rosetta Tharpe’s friend
- Helen Henderson** – Church of God in Christ, Philadelphia
- Lottie Henry** – member of Sister Rosetta Tharpe’s back-up vocal group, The Rosettes
- George Klein** – friend of Elvis Presley
- Roxie Moore** – lifelong friend of Sister Rosetta Tharpe
- Gordon Stoker** – member of the gospel group, The Jordanaires
- Ira Tucker, Jr.** – friend of Sister Rosetta Tharpe and son of The Dixie Hummingbirds’ Ira Tucker, Sr., who toured frequently with Tharpe
- Gayle Wald** – Sister Rosetta Tharpe biographer (*Shout, Sister, Shout!: The Untold Story of Rock-and-Roll Trailblazer Sister Rosetta Tharpe*)
- Willa Ward** – member of the gospel group, The Ward Singers