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BILLY WILLIAMS DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES CHRISTMAS EVE ON MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK

*“Billy Williams: The Sweet Swinger” to premiere Friday, December 24;
Documentary narrated by actor and Chicago-native Andre Braugher*

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CHICAGO – Marquee Sports Network has announced the premiere of *Billy Williams: The Sweet Swinger*, an hour-long documentary produced by MLB Network looking back on the life and career of the Hall of Famer. Presented by Budweiser, the documentary will debut next Friday, December 24 at 7 p.m. CT.

A native of Whistler, Alabama, Williams played 18 major league seasons, including 16 with the Chicago Cubs. The left-handed hitter was a six-time All-Star, 1961 N.L. Rookie of the Year and was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987. He is one of six Cubs to have received the honor of his jersey number being retired.

Narrated by actor and Chicago-native Andre Braugher, *Billy Williams: The Sweet Swinger* is the story of the quiet, mild-mannered and underrated star of the Chicago Cubs, whose ability, dignity and perseverance carried him from a small town in Alabama all the way to the Hall of Fame.

In addition to an interview with Williams, *The Sweet Swinger* features extensive footage from the MLB archives and exclusive interviews with MLB teammates, including Fergie Jenkins and Randy Hundley.

Billy Williams: The Sweet Swinger is the fourth documentary produced by MLB Network for Marquee Sports Network Films, following *More than Mr. Cub: The Life of Ernie Banks*, *Mayor of Rush Street* on the life of Harry Caray, and *Glory and Grief: The Ferguson Jenkins Story*. Earlier this month, *Mayor of Rush Street* earned a Chicago/Midwest Regional Emmy Award in the category of outstanding achievement for a sports documentary.

“Billy Williams left an indelible mark on Cubs fans through his on-field performance, always letting his actions speak louder than words,” said Marquee Sports Network SVP Programming and Production, Mike Santini. “We’re grateful to MLB Network for sharing his story so eloquently, connecting with past teammates for exclusive interviews, and uncovering archival interviews with Ernie Banks, to show the full impact of Billy’s legacy that carries to this day.”

A trailer clip from the documentary can be viewed [here](#). For interview requests, or to request a full screener of the documentary, contact Alex Wilcox.

ABOUT MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK: In partnership with the Chicago Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group (Nasdaq: SBGI), Marquee Sports Network brings together one of the most iconic sports franchises in the country with one of the largest television broadcasting companies to deliver unparalleled Cubs coverage, as well as additional local live sporting events and original programming. Marquee Sports Network is available within the Cubs home television territory in portions of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin, and is carried on more than 50 cable providers, as well as streaming platforms DIRECTV STREAM (formerly AT&T TV) and fuboTV. For more information, visit marqueesportsnetwork.com/about.

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