

## **MOTOR CITY CELEBRITIES**

*John Kelly and Marilyn Turner*

*Lou Gordon*

(Press Release)

From the Emmy winning independent producer and author of *TV Land Detroit*, Gordon Castelnero is proud to present *Motor City Celebrities*...an original documentary series showcasing the biographies of Detroit's most recognized names and faces of yesterday and today. Featuring up close and personal interviews with the celebrities and those who know them best, this program will open a window of intimacy into their private lives from their childhood beginnings all the way to their illustrious careers we've come to embrace.

The first installment of this exciting new series premieres on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM on WTVS Channel 56 as it spotlights Motown's most famous married couple, John Kelly and Marilyn Turner. The news anchor and weather girl whose love story we literally watched on TV is retold through the collective memories of John and Marilyn along with friends Jerry Hodak, Ray Lane, Doris Biscoe, Florine Mark, and others. In addition to these fresh interviews, Kelly and Turner's legacy is resurrected through vintage photographs and video clips that help depict the lives they shared with us every day in our living rooms. Discover who John and Marilyn were before they came to the Motor City and the circumstances that joined them together as husband and wife. Revisit their days on the evening news and the morning magic of *Kelly & Company* that catapulted their popularity to the top of Motown's A-list. Find out why they were chosen by ABC to host a network experiment, *Good Afternoon Detroit*, and relive their heavily publicized cameos on *All My Children* and *General Hospital*. Catch all of this and more as we look back at the couple who endeared their way into our hearts by exhibiting everything positive about Detroit!

Immediately afterward, at 9:30 PM, comes a sharp contrast to John and Marilyn as we profile the dynamic persona of Lou Gordon. The man who fate and circumstance cast into the role of the people's advocate is brought back to life through an oral history by his children as well as former Michigan attorney general Frank Kelley, former state Supreme Court justice Charles Levin, and Amyre Makupson among others. Old photos and classic clips from the *Lou Gordon Program* aid in the reconstruction of a clothing salesman who was determined to become a force in local politics by expressing strong opinions while exposing elements of phoniness in an endless pursuit of the truth. See how this journey led him into pioneering the hard hitting talk show filled with controversial "gotcha" moments that had audiences talking everywhere. Detroit has never before or since encountered a flamboyant character like Lou Gordon who became a kingmaker by championing the causes of the little guy.

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