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Summary: *UNC-TV to premiere The Carolina Brogue, the new documentary from the North Carolina Language and Life Project.*

***The Carolina Brogue* documentary to premiere**

(March 23, 2009) – *The Carolina Brogue*, a new film by the producers of *Mountain Talk*, *Voices of North Carolina*, and *The Queen Family*, will premiere on UNC-TV on Thursday, April 2nd at 10 p.m.

The Carolina Brogue is a documentary on the life and language of North Carolina's Outer and Inner Banks, in which residents tell the story of their unique culture and dialect. Produced and Directed by award-winning filmmaker Neal Hutcheson and distinguished NC State University scholar and film producer Walt Wolfram, the film is based on fifteen years of fieldwork and community ties.

Wolfram's previous works documenting this community include the video production *The Ocracoke Brogue*, the audio compilation *Ocracoke Speaks*, and the book *Hoi Toide on the Outer Banks*. Hutcheson's documentary film and video work has appeared on History, A & E, the Documentary Channel, the Sundance Channel, and PBS. The North Carolina Language and life Project at NC State University has produced seven films on language and culture in the American Southeast, in addition to four audio compilations. Together Wolfram and Hutcheson produced the acclaimed *Mountain Talk*, *Voices of North Carolina*, and the national PBS special *The Queen Family – Appalachian Tradition and Back Porch Music*. *The Carolina Brogue* adds an important chapter to their collaborative efforts. 'They're quintessential North Carolina programs,' says Scott Davis, UNC-TV's executive producer for external productions. 'For people who are interested in North Carolina, this is really good television.'

Link to press packet with extensive information about the film and filmmakers:

<http://www.carolinabrogue.com/pages/CarolinaBrogueInfo.pdf>

Link to press photos: <http://www.carolinabrogue.com/pages/press.html>

A review screener is available upon request; please call or email Neal Hutcheson at 919/815-2594 or nealhut@bellsouth.net.