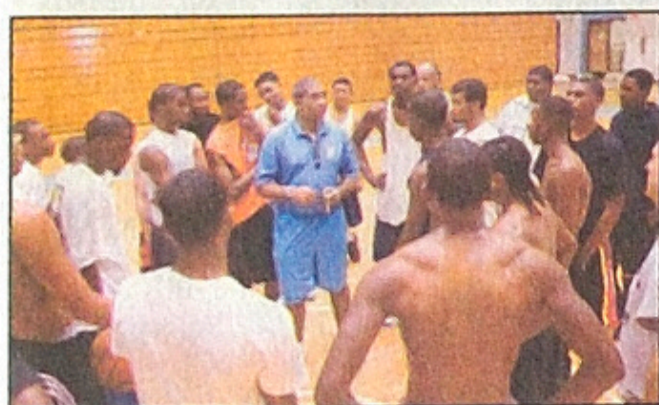


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ART ATTACK HOST — Lee Sandstead stands in the classic entrance to the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, Massachusetts.

## 'Art Attack With Lee Sandstead' To Premiere On The Travel Channel

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When South Boston resident Lee Sandstead stood in the lobby of Middle Tennessee State University's agriculture building, he never thought his life would change forever.

But that was the very building where he took his first art-history class; a class that showed him a world he never knew existed. Ever since, Sandstead has been on one grand art adventure after another, scouring the world for great art.

But on November 30, Sandstead starts what may be his grandest art adventure of all—the first season of "Art Attack with Lee Sandstead" airs on the Travel Channel.

And as he promises, this first season is one heck of a raucous ride through America's top museums.

The premise of "Art Attack" is to visit museums and look at five must-see pieces in a high-impact, high-energy fashion. Upbeat music, quick cuts, great camera moves—the show has it all.

When asked what this means to a small-town Southern boy, Sandstead said, "When growing up, I never saw myself as a TV show host—let alone one about art. I was raised in a house trailer, and we were certainly not sitting around talking about art and high culture. We were wondering if the water pipes were going to freeze during the winter or if an open oven door was a satisfactory work-around for a broken furnace."

But, as Sandstead explains, with the support of a beautiful French girlfriend he met in college, he not only discovered art, he turned it into his career and highest passion.

"Looking at art is not one of the 'coolest' things a young man in Middle Tennessee could be doing with his time. And when my friends would visit my house, I would catch quite a bit of flack—because I covered the walls from floor to ceiling with prints of famous art works.

"Yep, down came the NASCAR posters and up went the Rembrandts! And that's where the support of my French girlfriend helped—she told me it was okay I was such a complete dork!"

And ever since, he has been entertaining his university students with these early stories from his life to persuade them to give art a chance.

Here's where "Art Attack" comes in. It is his own blue-collar, country background that

Sandstead hopes will draw the average American and get them out to the museums.

Will the viewer like every single artwork on the show?

"Heck no!" exclaimed Sandstead. "But tune in, give art a chance, and I guarantee that I can get you fired-up for art!"

And all this from a guy, who doesn't even own a TV.

The show will premiere on the Travel Channel Sun., Nov. 30, at 9 a.m. featuring Smithsonian American Art Museum, D.C. and at 9:30 a.m. featuring National Gallery of Art, D.C.

On Sun., Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. the show will feature The Frick Collection, N.Y., and at 9:30 a.m. Brooklyn Museum of Art, N.Y.

Sun., Dec. 14, at 9 a.m. — Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, 9:30 a.m. — Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Sun., Dec. 21, at 9 a.m. — Norton Simon Museum of Art, Pasadena, Ca., 9:30 a.m. — Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Ca.