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KCPT Earns Four Regional Emmy Nominations

KANSAS CITY, MO, August 7, 2013-- KCPT received four nominations for the 2013 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Mid-America Regional Chapter EMMY® Awards. The nominations are based on outstanding cultural, educational, technological, entertainment, news and informational achievements in television.

“KCPT’s team of producers and journalists tell important local stories and dig deep into issues that face our community. Its work that is made possible by the incredible support from KCPT members and our major donors,” says KCPT CEO and President, Kliff Kuehl. “ Although we do this each day as part of our service to the region, it’s a great honor to be recognized with Emmy nominations.”

The KCPT nominations are as follows:

- **Arts/Entertainment – program feature segment:**
[TOPPER JOHNTZ – DRIVEN TO COLLECT](#), Randy Mason, Don Mayberger
 - It is always fun to find a story close to home that you'd somehow managed to miss completely. Like this next one about a local attorney and theatre buff named John "Topper" Johntz. Topper and his wife, Linda, have been quietly amassing a world-class art collection which they open up to various visitors from time to time, including us. Randy and Don the Camera Guy Mayberger headed out to Prairie Village to see the amazing art-filled home the couple has occupied since the 1960s.

- **Historic/Cultural – program feature segment:**
[LIGHTS ON AT THE FOLLY](#), Randy Mason
 - In recent years, you may have dropped by the Folly Theater downtown for a performance by the Heartland Men's Chorus or City in Motion Dance Theater, or perhaps to hear a concert in the Harriman Jewel series. Decades ago, Kansas City came perilously close to losing the Folly to the wrecking ball, a fate that befell all of its contemporaries. Against all the odds, this 112-year-old theater at 12th & Central is very much alive and well.

- **Politics/Government – news story/program:**
[THE TRIPLE PLAY](#), Sam Zeff, Eric J. Smith
 - Sam Zeff reports on how Kansas picks judges and its direct relation to education funding.
- **Interview/Discussion – program:**
[MEET THE PAST with CROSBY KEMPER III featuring Thomas Jefferson](#),
 Pamela James, Henry Fortunato, Crosby Kemper III
 - Meet the Past continued when Crosby Kemper III interviewed President Thomas Jefferson, as portrayed by Patrick Lee.

About **NATAS Mid-America Chapter**: The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry. It recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy Award. For more information please visit www.emmymid-america.org.