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New arts and culture series, ARTS UPLOAD premiers on KCPT Thursday, September 25 at 7:30pm

Is Kansas City a theatre town, an incubator for music-makers, a haven for visual artists? Does it blaze trails in animation, the spoken word and creative ways to preserve the past?

KCPT's **ARTS UPLOAD** says "yes" to all of the above, and we're building the show to prove it, led by National Emmy Award winning KCPT Executive Producer for Cultural Affairs, Randy Mason.

It's a half-hour exploration of the many-splendored ways that art manifests itself in our town. Naturally, there will be timely updates from the heaviest hitters-- Symphony, Ballet, Lyric Opera and the Nelson-Atkins. But it's also the kind of loose-limbed show that's equally likely to peek in on what's playing at the Fishtank, visit with an indie filmmaker, or an aspiring aerialist.

In addition to local broadcast, each of these highly-produced features will be fed to the national arts collaborative where they can be accessed by all of the participating major market stations for inclusion in their local arts shows allowing local arts and culture institutions and local funders to present Kansas City stories to a national audience.

ARTS UPLOAD will take full advantage of The Bridge 90.9 and its goal of showcasing homegrown music and the people who create it.

ARTS UPLOAD airs Thursdays at 7:30pm on KCPT.

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ARTS UPLOAD Episode Summaries:

#101 9-25-14

- Bird's Birthday Celebration – a new organization called Jazz Alive pays tribute to Charlie Parker.
- Bread KC – the crowd funding entity that micro-granted the filmmakers of “We Are Superman” chooses this year’s winner from finalists that include a woman who wants to teach more kids to weld, a baking aficionado and historians of the local drag queen scene.
- Poet Gustavo Adolfo Aybar performs his salute to Latino and African-American ball players, “Baseball’s Travelin’ Men.”

#102 10-2-14

- Plains Indians: Artist of Earth & Sky returns from Paris for a run at the Nelson-Atkins Museum before it ventures on to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.
- Former Wilders fiddler Betse Ellis spends some quality time with her 97 year old mentor, Violet Hensley of Mountain View, Arkansas.
- KC’s Air Guitar Championships at the Record Bar reveal exactly who gives the best air.
- My Favorite Fountain #1

#103 10-9-14

- Moon Drop Circus flings bodies elegantly upward, walks tall, breathes fire and lets the imagination soar.
- Furniture maker David Polivka’s builds graceful, gorgeous modern pieces from local materials.
- Poet Natasha Ria-El-Scari performs her poem “100 Strong.”

#104 10-16-14

- KC Symphony hits the road and ends up in the strangest place—the Bowlus Center in Randy’s home town of Iola, Kansas!
- The Puppetry Institute, based in Independence, holds a huge collection of the puppets that shaped our childhoods and intrigue/haunt us to this day.
- My Favorite Fountain #2



Media Announcement

#105 10-23 to 30-14

- Owen-Cox Dance Company has carved a niche in the modern dance community, with Jennifer Owen in charge of the motion, and her husband Brad running the musical side.
- Architexture is a women's clothing line based in the Crossroads that revolves around another creative couple, John and Christina Moncke.

#106

- As part of the Harriman-Jewel series, the Kronos Quartet performs an original piece inspired by the centennial of World War One, and visits the museum devoted to preserving its place in history.
- Kansas City crime writer Joel Goldman changed careers, beat an illness and puts a lot of local landmarks in his works.
- My Favorite Fountain #3