



# MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Jonathan Bender Joins KCPT as Food Content Editor

Kansas City Public Television is excited to announce Jonathan Bender as the station's food content editor. In this newly created role, Bender will be producing multimedia content across all of KCPT's platforms. He will delve into the food and drink scene in the Kansas City region in order to make KCPT's channels the go-to source for breaking and in-depth food coverage. He'll also be making regular Tuesday morning appearances on 90.9 The Bridge between 7 and 9:30 a.m. to discuss the latest culinary trends and restaurant openings.

For the past year, Bender has been collaborating with KCPT on stories that have shone a light on Kansas City's chefs, restaurants, breweries, distilleries, bartenders, and food artisans. He worked with the station to create *Burnt Legend* – a 30-minute documentary on burnt ends. He also hosted and helped produce *Mixtapes & Mixology*, a podcast series that married the local music and bartending scenes. And he aided Flatland, KCPT's digital magazine, in producing its first event. FLOAT featured fun takes on root beer floats by creating ice cream pairings for locally made soda, beer, and coffee.

Bender is the founder of the Recommended Daily, a Kansas City digital food and drink publication. With this new role at KCPT, he'll be able to provide the audience of that publication with even more stories across a variety of media. The Recommended Daily will cease to publish new content, but the spirit of that enterprise will be reflected in the content and direction that Bender and KCPT will jointly pursue.

Bender is the author of three books: *Stock, Broth, & Bowl*, *Cookies & Beer*, and *LEGO: A Love Story*. In 2012, he was named Media Person of the Year by the Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association. He lives in Kansas City, Missouri, with his wife and two children.

*KCPT believes in the power of media on every platform and seeks to use that power to enrich, engage and entertain our viewers both on-air and online. We strive to advance conversations through community engagement and social media; explore complicated issues facing our region with ongoing reporting, investigative reports and informed discussions; and share the stories of people, places, and progress in our community.*