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Explore The Missourian Behind The Mouse: Walt Disney
KCPT Airs American Experience Documentary, Walt Disney

KANSAS CITY, Missouri - Sept. 1, 2015 - KCPT will be highlighting Walt Disney throughout the month of September by featuring a special sneak peak of the documentary, *American Experience: Walt Disney*; an on-air screening of the documentary; and a special segment of Arts Upload featuring Walt Disney and his connection with Kansas City.

Few creative artists before or since Walt Disney have left as deep an imprint on our culture. Nearly a half-century after his death in 1966, the man who gave us Mickey Mouse, the first feature-length animated film (*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*), and Disneyland remains an American icon.

We will pose several questions at the preview: What imprint did Disney's early years in Marceline, Missouri, and Kansas City leave on him? On the morals and messages in his creations? Join Steven Watts in a 20-minute sneak preview, in which Watts is one of the featured historians, followed by remarks by the University of Missouri professor and author of "The Magic Kingdom: Walt Disney and the American Way of Life." *Thank You Walt Disney, Inc.* will also share updates on the restoration of the Laugh-O-Gram Studios.

The screening and discussion of *American Experience's* new documentary will take place Wednesday, September 2 at the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library. To register for the event, visit [KCPT's events webpage](#).

Arts Upload, KCPT's half-hour exploration of the many-splendored ways that art manifests itself in our town, airs Thursdays at 7:30. To learn more, or to watch, visit [Arts Upload](#) on our website. Tell us what you think and learn about upcoming episodes on the KCPT Facebook and Twitter.

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