

# **A CELEBRATION OF DISABILITY CULTURE**

## **KQED Public Television Programming Highlights**

In October 2009, KQED hosts a Celebration of Disability Culture, airing a selection of programs (on 9HD, Life, World, and Kids channels) that explore a complex web of experiences and issues faced by people with disabilities—some joyful, some humorous, some inspiring, and some painful.

### **KQED 9HD**

#### **Body and Soul: Diana and Kathy**

**Saturday, October 31, 6pm**

When they met 37 years ago, Diana and Kathy faced early death or a restricted life in a nursing home. Instead, they slipped out of the "system," became advocates for all people with disabilities and began a grand experiment in living meaningful, independent lives. This observational documentary explores the remarkable bond that has made that possible.

#### **Cody: The First Step**

**Saturday, October 3, 6pm**

A young wheelchair bound vows to change the prognoses and mindset of paralyzed people.

#### **Get Off Your Knees: The John Robinson Story**

**Saturday, October 10, 6pm**

Born a congenital amputee, John Robinson has no hands. His arms stop at his elbows. His lower legs are attached to his hips without knees. He is 3'9" tall. As a child John's parents had many worries. Yet through his tenacity, talent and faith, John has succeed in business and in building a family in a way that few people may have expected from the outset.

#### **Journey Out of Silence: The Heather Whitestone Story**

**Sunday, October 18, 7pm**

**Monday, October 19, 1am**

The remarkable story of a beauty queen who was the first deaf Miss America title holder, in 1995.

#### **Living with Fragile X**

**Sunday, October 4, 1pm**

An intimate look at families affected by the syndrome, which is the leading known cause of autism.

#### **Outsider: The Life and Art of Judith Scott**

**Sunday, October 18, 6:30pm**

As a woman with Down syndrome, who is also deaf and does not speak, Judith's art is her most complex means of communication.

## **Rolling**

**Sunday, October 4, 7pm**

**Monday, October 5, 1am**

Three Californians in wheelchairs shoot video diaries that capture their struggles and triumphs.

## **Shaken: Journey Into the Mind of a Parkinson's Patient**

**Sunday, October 18, 6pm**

A Parkinson's patient undergoes a radical brain surgery that uses electrodes and neurostimulation.

## **Spark "A Room of One's Own"**

**Wednesday, October 21, 7:30pm**

**Thursday, October 22, 1:30am**

This episode features three places where artists can live, work, and play together: Headlands Center for the Arts, the Creative Growth Art Center, and ArtShip.

## **Spark "Frontiers of Dance"**

**Wednesday, October 28, 7:30pm**

**Thursday, October 29, 1:30am**

*Spark* explores the frontiers of the dance world with some of the Bay Area's most innovative choreographers and performers, including Butoh artist Ledoh, AXIS Dance Company's "Dust," and the Art of Poi, at the Crucible.

## **Truly CA: Our State, Our Stories "The Key of G"**

**Sunday, October 11, 6pm**

A 22-year-old man with a rare disability moves out of his mother's home in San Francisco and into an apartment.

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## **World**

### **Scientific American Frontiers "Growing up Different"**

**Thursday, October 29, 7am**

**Thursday, October 29, 10am**

Hosted by Alan Alda, this episode of *Scientific American Frontiers* investigates a spectrum of absorbing topics.

### **Beautiful Son**

**Saturday, October 3, 3pm**

A family turns to a community of parents and doctors who are experimenting with autism treatments.

### **Bridge Between Silence and Sound**

**Saturday, October 17, 5pm**

Mario Cuomo narrates this exploration of hearing loss and the cutting-edge cochlear implant.

**Charlie's Lake**

**Saturday, October 24, 3:30pm**

Jon Whitmer refuses to allow the challenges of Duchenne muscular dystrophy to slow him down.

**Dakota's Pride**

**Saturday, October 24, 3pm**

A heartwarming and informative look at a father's search for the truth about Down Syndrome.

**History Detectives "USS Thresher/Pete Gray Cartoon/Manhattan Project L"**

**Friday, October 23, 7am & 10am**

This episode includes an investigation of a cartoon comic strip featuring Pete Gray—the first one-armed major league baseball player.

**Including Samuel**

**Saturday, October 24, 5pm**

Photojournalist Dan Habib examines the educational and social inclusion of youth with disabilities.

**Journey of the Heart: The Life of Henri Nouwen**

**Saturday, October 24, 4pm**

Susan Sarandon narrates this thought-provoking life of this spiritual leader and social activist.

**Minds on the Edge: Facing Mental Illness**

**Sunday, October 4, 6pm**

Frank Sesno highlights many challenging issues facing those with mental illness and their families.

**P.O.V. "No Bigger Than a Minute"**

**Sunday, October 4, 9pm**

**Monday, October 5, 3am**

Documentary filmmaker Steven Delano reveals first-hand the mixed blessing of being a dwarf.

**P.O.V. "Life. Support. Music"**

**Sunday, October 18, 9pm**

**Monday, October 19, 3am**

This astonishing journey of a musician who suffered a near-fatal brain hemorrhage.

**Right to Risk: A 15-Day Journey Through Arizona's Grand Canyon**

**Sunday, October 4, 10pm**

**Monday, October 5, 4am**

Individuals with disabilities overcome challenges rafting down the 225 miles of the Colorado River.

**Road to Independence****Saturday, October 31, 3pm**

High school students with physical, social or learning disabilities ease into collegiate life.

**Teachings of Jon****Sunday, October 31, 4pm**

An insightful and humorist documentary by Jennifer Owensby about her brother Jon, a 40-year-old severely and profoundly affected by Down Syndrome.

**Through Deaf Eyes****Sunday, October 25, 8pm****Monday, October 26, 2am**

Explore 200 years of deaf life in America, with interviews with Marlee Matlin and community leaders.

**What Does Normal Mean?****Saturday, October 31, 5pm**

Documents the daily struggles and triumphs of children with disabilities in the public school system.

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**Life****American Masters “David Hockney: The Colors of Music”****Sunday, October 4, 10:30pm****Monday, October 5, 4:30am**

The influential artist and passionate music lover is now going deaf at the height of his craft.

**Following Dreams****Sunday, October 4, noon**

The story of ordinary Americans pursuing extraordinary dreams across the United States and South America.

**Great Performances “Vivere: Andrea Bocelli Live in Tuscany”****Sunday, October 4, 9pm****Monday, October 5, 3am**

The superstar returns to his native Italy for a concert of his greatest hits along some new songs.

**Phoenix Dance****Sunday, October 11, 7:30pm****Monday, October 12, 1:30am**

This film by Karina Epperlein shows us the beauty and strength of one individual who defies our expectations of what it means to be “disabled.”

**We Also Dance**

**Sunday, October 11, 7pm**

**Monday, October 12, 1am**

Five blind Amateur and professional dancers, aged 7 to 80, introduce their world of dance.

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**Kids**

**Postcards from Buster “Step by Step (Hartford Connecticut)”**

**Saturday, October 3, 9am**

**Sunday, October 4, 3:30pm**

He learns Puerto Rican dancing like the *bomba* and modern salsa from a girl who is hearing impaired.

**Postcards from Buster “This Just In! (Alabama)”**

**Monday, October 12, 9am**

**Tuesday, October 13, 3:30pm**

Buster visits the Alabama School for the Blind.

**Maya and Miguel “Give Me a Little Sign”**

**Saturday, October 3, 6pm**

Tito learns American sign-language and works on a school project with a new boy who is deaf.