

A CELEBRATION OF DISABILITY CULTURE

KQED Public Television Programming Highlights

In October 2011, KQED hosts a Celebration of Disability Culture, airing a selection of programs on KQED 9, KQED Plus, KQED Life, and KQED World channels that explore a complex web of experiences and issues faced by people with disabilities—some joyful, some humorous, some inspiring, and some painful.

PROGRAMMING SYMBOLS

R This program or episode will be repeated on the date/s noted.

D Descriptive video information for the sight-impaired is available on televisions with stereo capability.

Tuesday 4

7:30pm **KQED 9 | Spark** *Youth Speaks, East Palo Alto Mural Art Project, Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company.* Meet Emiliano Bourgois-Chacon who has cerebral palsy and competes in the Youth Speaks spoken word competitions. | R (KQED 9) 10/5 1:30am, 10/7 11:30pm, 10/8 5:30am; (Life) 10/9 6:30pm

Wednesday 5

1:30am **KQED 9 | Spark** *Youth Speaks, East Palo Alto Mural Art Project, Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company.* | R (KQED 9) 10/7 11:30pm, 10/8 5:30am; (Life) 10/9 6:30pm

Friday 7

11:30pm **KQED 9 | Spark** *Youth Speaks, East Palo Alto Mural Art Project, Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company.* | R (KQED 9) 10/8 5:30am; (Life) 10/9 6:30pm

Saturday 8

5:30am **KQED 9 | Spark** *Youth Speaks, East Palo Alto Mural Art Project, Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company.* | R (Life) 10/9 6:30pm

3pm **KQED World | Laughing Matters with Brett Leake** places viewers in the audience of Brett's live comedy routines and includes one-on-one interviews.

4pm **KQED World | In Their Boots** *Broken Promises.* In an innovative treatment facility, three Iraq War veterans find help that transforms their lives.

4:30pm **KQED World | In Their Boots** *Fractured Minds.* Four soldiers suffering from traumatic brain injury struggle to re-learn basic life skills.

5pm **KQED World | Following Dreams** tells the stories of ordinary Americans pursuing extraordinary dreams across the United States and South America.

6pm **KQED 9 | Original Minds** Five teenagers stigmatized by being in special education discover they are smarter than they thought. | D | R (World) 10/9 11pm

Sunday 9

6:30pm **KQED Life | Spark** *Youth Speaks, East Palo Alto Mural Art Project, Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company.*

8pm **KQED World | Autism: Coming of Age** is an intimate look at the lives of three adults with autism, including interviews with their families. | R (World) 10/15 3pm

9pm **KQED World | Decoding Autism** This look at the neurodevelopmental disorder highlights research, and includes interviews with several families. | R (World) 10/15 4pm

11pm **KQED World | Original Minds** | D

Tuesday 11

7:30pm **KQED 9 | Spark** *Headlands Center for the Arts, Creative Growth Art Center, Artship.* Visit the Creative Growth Art Center where artists with developmental, emotional, and physical disabilities are given the tools and guidance to develop their talents. | R (KQED 9) 10/12 1:30am; (Life) 10/16 6:30pm

Wednesday 12

1:30am **KQED 9 | Spark** *Headlands Center for the Arts, Creative Growth Art Center, Artship.* | R (Life) 10/16 6:30pm

8pm **KQED 9 | Through a Dog's Eyes** Meet Jennifer Arnold of Canine Assistants who trains dogs to assist people with a variety of disabilities. | R (KQED 9) 10/13 2am; (Life) 10/13 7pm; (World) 10/15 11pm, 10/16 11pm

Thursday 13

2:00am **KQED 9 | Through a Dog's Eyes** | R (Life) 10/13 7pm; (World) 10/15 11pm, 10/16 11pm

7pm **KQED Life | Through a Dog's Eyes** | R (World) 10/15 11pm, 10/16 11pm

Saturday 15

3pm **KQED World | Autism: Coming of Age**

4pm **KQED World | Decoding Autism**

6pm **KQED 9 | Get Off Your Knees: The John Robinson Story** A congenital amputee uses talent and faith to overcome challenges and live the life of his dreams.

11pm **KQED World | Through a Dog's Eyes** | R (World) 10/16 11pm

Sunday 16

- noon** **KQED 9 | Right to Risk: A 15-Day Journey Through Arizona's Grand Canyon**
Individuals with disabilities overcome challenges rafting down 225 miles of the Colorado River. | D
- 1pm** **KQED 9 | Rolling** Three Californians in wheelchairs shoot video diaries that capture their struggles and triumphs. | D
- 6pm** **KQED 9 | The Way Bobby Sees It** Bobby McMullen, a blind mountain biker, races the most demanding downhill course in the country. | D
- 6:30pm** **KQED Life | Spark** *Headlands Center for the Arts, Creative Growth Art Center, Artship.*
- 8pm** **KQED Life | Independent Lens** *For Once in My Life.* Musicians and singers with mental and physical disabilities make up the Spirit of Goodwill Band. | R (Life)
10/18 9pm
- 9:30pm** **KQED Life | Laugh at Us: The Merry Pranksters Theatrical Troup** follows a courageous group of mentally challenged adults as they struggle to perform and present a full-length theatrical production.
- 10:30pm** **KQED Life | Dreamers Theater** Cognitively challenged teens and young adults stage the original musical, *Assuming Assumptions.*
- 11pm** **KQED Life | Phoenix Dance** This film by Karina Epperlein shows us the beauty and strength of dancer Homer Avila, who defies expectations of what it means to be disabled.
- 11pm** **KQED World | Through a Dog's Eyes**

Tuesday 18

- 7:30pm** **KQED 9 | Spark** *205 Ledoh, AXIS Dance Company, Belva Stone.* AXIS Dance Company, made up of dancers with and without disabilities, challenges viewers' assumptions about each of the performers. | R (KQED 9) 10/19 1:30am, 10/21 11:30pm, 10/22 5:30am; (Life) 10/23 6:30pm
- 9pm** **KQED Life | Independent Lens** *For Once in My Life.*

Wednesday 19

- 1:30am** **KQED 9 | Spark** *205 Ledoh, AXIS Dance Company, Belva Stone.*
| R (KQED 9) 10/21 11:30pm, 10/22 5:30am; (Life) 10/23 6:30pm

Thursday 20

7:00am **KQED World | Alan Alda in Scientific American Frontiers** *Growing Up Different*. Meet several kids who are growing up different, along with the doctors and researchers who are trying to mitigate the difficulties they face. | D
| R (World) 10/20 10am

10:00am **KQED World | Alan Alda in Scientific American Frontiers**
Growing Up Different. | D

Friday 21

11:30pm **KQED 9 | Spark 205 Ledoh, AXIS Dance Company, Belva Stone.**
| R (KQED 9) 10/22 5:30am; (Life) 10/23 6:30pm

Saturday 22

5:30am **KQED 9 | Spark 205 Ledoh, AXIS Dance Company, Belva Stone.**
| R (Life) 10/23 6:30pm

5pm **KQED World | Bridge Between Silence and Sound** Mario Cuomo narrates this exploration of hearing loss and the cutting-edge Cochlear Implant. | D

Sunday 23

6:30pm **KQED Life | Spark 205 Ledoh, AXIS Dance Company, Belva Stone.**

7pm **KQED 9 | Independent Lens** *The Eyes of Me*. Four blind teenagers struggle to fit in, prepare for college, and live independently. | D | R (KQED 9) 10/24 1am

10:30pm **KQED World | Independent Lens** *The Horse Boy*. A family journeys halfway around the world in search of a miracle to heal their autistic son. | D

Monday 24

1:00am **KQED 9 | Independent Lens** *The Eyes of Me*. | D

Tuesday 25

7:30pm **KQED 9 | Spark** *Philip Kan Gotanda, Janice Garrett, Jess Curtis/Gravity*. See how Jess Curtis's dance company Gravity creates a piece focusing on the issues of visibility, ability, and disability with disabled and non-disabled performers. | R (KQED 9) 10/26 1:30am, 10/28 11:30pm, 10/29 5:30am; (Life) 10/30 6:30pm

Wednesday 26

1:30am **KQED 9 | Spark** *Philip Kan Gotanda, Janice Garrett, Jess Curtis/Gravity*.
| R (KQED 9) 10/28 11:30pm, 10/29 5:30am; (Life) 10/30 6:30pm

Thursday 27

11pm **KQED Plus | Independent Lens** *Lives Worth Living*. A look at the disability rights movement focuses on one man's struggle after a spinal cord injury. | R (KQED 9) 10/30 6pm

Friday 28

7:00am **KQED World | History Detectives** *USS Thresher/Pete Gray Cartoon/Manhattan Project L* includes an investigation of a cartoon comic strip featuring Pete Gray—the first one-armed major league baseball player. | R (World) 10/28 10am

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Saturday 29

5:30am **KQED 9 | Spark** *Philip Kan Gotanda, Janice Garrett, Jess Curtis/Gravity*. | R (Life) 10/30 6:30pm

3pm **KQED World | Body and Soul: Diana and Kathy** explores the meaningful, independent lives lived by two remarkable women with disabilities.

4pm **KQED World | Beautiful Son** A family turns to a community of doctors and parents who are experimenting with autism treatments.

5pm **KQED World | Brain Injury Dialogues** Rick Franklin explores the impact that brain injury has had on himself and other survivors.

Sunday 30

noon **KQED 9 | Music's Gonna Get You Through** At his New Orleans camp, Blues artist Henry Butler encourages visually impaired teens through music. | D

1pm **KQED 9 | Byron Janis Story** recounts the unusual and inspiring life of one of the great concert pianists of the 20th century.

2pm **KQED 9 | Portraits of Emotion** This documentary follows four years in the life of young Jonathan Lerman, an artistic prodigy who is diagnosed with autism. | D

6pm **KQED 9 | Independent Lens** *Lives Worth Living*.

6:30pm **KQED Life | Spark** *Philip Kan Gotanda, Janice Garrett, Jess Curtis/Gravity*.

9pm **KQED World | Independent Lens** *Marwencol*. A brain damaged man constructs a 1/6th-scale World War II-era town in his backyard as part of his therapy.

10:30pm **KQED World | POV** *Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go*. The daily dramas at Oxford's Mulberry Bush School for emotionally disturbed children are revealed.