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**KQED AND KTEH WIN SEVEN
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA EMMY AWARDS**

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, May 20, 2009 – KQED and KTEH Public Media have won seven Northern California Emmy Awards at the 38th Annual Northern California Emmy Awards ceremony held Saturday evening, May 16. The awards honored KQED local productions *Spark*, in its seventh season exploring the Bay Area arts scene; *QUEST*, in its third season featuring science, nature and environment stories; and *Check, Please! Bay Area*, a local restaurant review show now in its fourth season. Also honored were two documentaries, *Global Focus V - The New Environmentalists* and *A Span in Time*. The KTEH Public Television documentary *Bolinao 52* earned two awards at the ceremony.

INFORMATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL – PROGRAM/SPECIAL

QUEST: State of Thirst: California's Water Future, KQED 9
Josh Rosen, Series Producer;
Christopher J. Bauer, Amy Miller, Gabriela V. Quiros, Producers;
Joan Johnson, Jenny Oh, Sheraz Sadiq, Associate Producers,
Paul Rogers, Managing Editor;
Laurie Lezin-Schmidt, Editor

MUSICAL COMPOSITION/ARRANGEMENT

Bolinao 52, KTEH 54/Rhimp Productions/Center for Asian American Media/ITVS
Mark G. Izu, Composer

PUBLIC/CURRENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – PROGRAM/SPECIAL

Global Focus V - The New Environmentalists, KQED 9/Mill Valley Film Group
John Antonelli, Tom Dusebery, Will Parrinello, Producer/Directors

HISTORIC/CULTURAL – PROGRAM FEATURE/SEGMENT

Spark: San Francisco Opera - The Bonesetter's Daughter, KQED 9
Monica Lam, Fawn Ring, Segment Producers

GRAPHIC ARTS – GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION – PROGRAM

A Span in Time, KQED 9/David L. Brown Productions
Charlie Canfield, Animator

DOCUMENTARY

Bolinao 52, KTEH 54/Rhimp Productions/Center for Asian American Media/ITVS
Duc H. Nguyen, Producer/Director

INTERVIEW/DISCUSSION – PROGRAM/SPECIAL

Check, Please! Bay Area - Show #301, KQED 9
Tina Salter, Series Producer;
Carol Gancia, June Messina Ouellette, Associate Producers;
Katherine Russell, Director;
Leslie J. Sbrocco, Host;
Aaron Drury, Series Editor

QUEST (www.kqed.org/quest) explores the stories and people that impact science, nature, and environmental issues across Northern California. *QUEST* includes a weekly half-hour television program on Tuesdays at 7:30pm on KQED 9HD, weekly radio segments on Mondays at 6:30am and 8:30am on KQED 88.5 and 89.3FM, an interactive website, and educational guides. With the expertise of its partners and the Bay Area community, *QUEST* brings audiences closer to world-class science centers, museums, and the natural beauty of our own open spaces.

Bolinao 52 tells the story of survivors of a traumatic attempt to reach freedom in the Philippines after the Vietnam War. *Bolinao 52* is a co-production of Duc Nguyen and the Independent Television Service (ITVS), produced in association with the Center for Asian American Media (CAAM), and KTEH Public Television.

Narrated by Robert Redford, *Global Focus V -The New Environmentalists* is a half-hour documentary featuring intimate portraits of six passionate and dedicated activists from around the world. All six are recipients of the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize.

Spark (www.kqed.org/spark) is a three-part initiative in the arts that combines a weekly television series airing Wednesdays at 7:30pm on KQED 9HD, an extensive website, and an educational outreach component. *Spark* blazes a trail through the diverse and prolific Bay Area arts community, featuring in-depth profiles of hundreds of local artists and arts organizations.

A Span in Time tells the saga of the 2007 Labor Day weekend Bay Bridge demolition and construction project. This half-hour special was produced and directed by David L. Brown, with animation by Charlie Canfield, both winners of local Emmy Awards for the *The Bridge So Far*.

Turning local diners into food critics, Bay Area residents eager to discover the latest in food trends, from the simplest café to the four-star destination, dish about their favorite dining destinations. Find a new restaurant or rediscover an old favorite on *Check, Please! Bay Area*, Thursdays at 7:30pm on KQED 9HD. Check out www.kqed.org/checkplease to stream or download video, find recipes, restaurant info, and more.

A complete list of all the awardees can be seen on the website of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, San Francisco/Northern California Chapter at www.emmysf.tv.

The EMMY® is awarded for outstanding achievement in Television by The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. San Francisco/Northern California is one of the twenty chapters awarding regional Emmys®. Northern California is composed of television and cable stations from Visalia to the Oregon border and includes Hawaii and Reno, Nevada. Entries were aired during the 2008 calendar year.

Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (NCPB) (www.ncpb.com) is the most-watched public television and most-listened-to public radio broadcaster in the country. NCPB owns and operates public television stations KQED 9HD (San Francisco), KTEH 54 (San Jose), and KQET 25 (Watsonville/Monterey); KQED Public Radio (88.5FM San Francisco and 89.3FM Sacramento); KQED and KTEH Education Network; and the Interactive platforms KQED.org and KTEH.org. Audiences and users can also access NCPB content through: digital television channels 9HD, Life, World, Kids, V-me and KQED PBS Kids Sprout; and stream or download available content on www.kqed.org and www.kteh.org.

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