

Roadtrip Nation Hits the Road for Their Sixth Season on PBS

Roadtrip Productions is proud to announce the premiere of the sixth season of *Roadtrip Nation*, a documentary series released on PBS member stations across the country. In over 30 conversations with inspirational leaders, two teams of students – one from Australia, and one from the United States – travel halfway across the world in search of individuals who follow their own path in life on their way to successful and fulfilling careers.

Costa Mesa, CA (Roadtrip Nation) – July 2009 – Roadtrip Productions and KQED are proud to announce the premiere of the sixth season of *Roadtrip Nation*, a weekly half-hour documentary series that is released on PBS stations across the country, premiering October 1, 2009. This season finds two teams of young people heading halfway across the world to help discover their own roads in life. Ray, Fawna, and Allison, three Americans, journey to New Zealand, where they spend four weeks traveling in a camper van, interviewing New Zealanders from all walks of life. Meanwhile, three Australians – Camilla, Mariana, and Su-Yin – travel to the United States and meet up with inspirational Americans on a six-week RV journey.

In nine episodes and more than thirty interviews, the roadtrippers gain insights and perspectives about finding their road in life from a wide range of people with unique paths in life, including marine documentary filmmaker Celine Cousteau, activist and entrepreneur Augie Nieto, inventor Ray Kurzweil, and *Austin City Limits* producer Terry Lickona.

The philosophy that drives Roadtrip Nation is the search for eclectic individuals who have resisted pressures to conform and who have become successful by following their own paths. This remarkable movement has spawned this fast-moving, free-spirited documentary series that follows the adventures and discoveries of roadtripping students as they cross the nation in search of enlightenment.

To find local airtimes for this remarkable series, please check www.pbs.org/roadtripnation for station information and broadcast times.

About Roadtrip Nation

In the summer of 2001, recent college grads Mike Marriner, Brian McAllister, and Nathan Gebhard decided to take a roadtrip to discover their place in the world. The idea behind the roadtrip was simple: If you don't know what to do with your life, go out and talk to people who are doing what they love, then ask them how

they got there. The trio hit the road in a mechanically unsound green RV, and three months and 17,000 miles later had interviewed 85 eclectic individuals including the chairman of Starbucks, the scientist who decoded the human genome, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a lobsterman from Maine, the director of *Saturday Night Live*, and a stylist for Madonna.

Since then, Roadtrip Nation has evolved into a movement to help individuals define their own lives: a PBS series, three books, an online community, and a student network on over 350 campuses. Roadtrip Nation's "Behind the Wheel" and "Independent Roadtrip Grants" programs enable students to hit the road to interview their own list of leaders across the country. These experiences are shared online at www.roadtripnation.com.

"We send people on the road who are interested in exploring the world outside their comfort zone, talking with individuals who chose to define their own road in life, and sharing their experiences with our generation," says Marriner. In the fall and spring, Roadtrip Nation's fleet of green RVs tours campuses across the country holding grassroots events, film screenings, and recruiting sessions to empower other students to hit the road and discover their own paths in life.

KQED

KQED (www.kqed.org) is a service of Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (NCPB). KQED Public Television, the nation's most-watched public television station, is the producer of local and national series such as *QUEST*; *Check, Please! Bay Area*; *Jacques Pépin: More Fast Food My Way*; and *Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures*. KQED's digital television channels include 9HD, Life, World, Kids and Vme, and are available 24/7 on Comcast. KQED Public Radio (88.5 FM in San Francisco and 89.3 FM in Sacramento), home of *Forum* with Michael Krasny and *The California Report*, is the most-listened-to public radio station in the nation with an award-winning news and public affairs program service. KQED Education Network brings the impact of KQED to thousands of teachers, students, parents and the general public through workshops, community screenings and multimedia resources. KQED Interactive offers video and audio podcasts and live radio stream at www.kqed.org, featuring unique content on one of the most-visited station sites in public broadcasting.

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