



**MEDIA ALERT**

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**A NEW EPISODE OF KQED'S SPARK FEATURES BAY AREA DANCE,  
SCULPTURE, AND MUSIC**

Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30pm

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17, 2009– *Spark* presents more of the Bay Area's great local artists with Mary Sano, Ron Nagle, and Sandow Birk in a new episode airing Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30pm on KQED 9HD. In this episode, *Spark* explores the legacy of modern dance pioneer and San Francisco native Isadora Duncan through the story of Mary Sano, who came to the Bay Area from her native Japan to dedicate her life to the preservation of Duncan's work. The Mary Sano Studio of Duncan Dancing celebrated its tenth anniversary season last year. Then, *Spark* joins Bay Area artist Ron Nagle in two studios. Nagle shares his passion for ceramics as well as rock and roll, two dramatically different forms of art that have taken his career in unique directions. *Spark* also follows visual artist Sandow Birk as he takes puppetry to a whole new level in his filmic adaptation of Dante's epic "The Divine Comedy." Watch a preview online at <http://www.kqed.org/spark>.

- WHAT: New episode of KQED's arts program *Spark*
- WHEN: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:30pm
- WHERE: KQED 9HD
- Segments: Mary Sano, modern dance choreographer  
Ron Nagle, ceramic artist and rock and roll musician  
Sandow Birk, visual artist

About *Spark*

*Spark*, a production of KQED Public Television, is a three-part initiative in the arts that combines a weekly television series airing Wednesdays at 7:30pm on KQED 9, an extensive website, and a multifaceted 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. Find more art tips and resources online at [www.kqed.org/spark](http://www.kqed.org/spark).

About KQED Public Television

KQED Public Television 9 ([www.kqed.org](http://www.kqed.org)), a service of Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (NCPB), is the nation's most-watched public television station. KQED produces local weekly series in high definition and available on Comcast On Demand including: *QUEST*; *Spark*; *Check, Please! Bay Area* and *This Week in Northern California*; and national series: *Jacques Pepin: More Fast Food My Way* and *Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures*. KQED's digital television channels include KQED HD, KQED Life, KQED World, KQED Kids, and KQED V-me, and are available 24/7 on Comcast. Download programs for viewing and video podcasts at [www.kqed.org](http://www.kqed.org), featuring unique content on one of the most-visited station sites in public broadcasting.