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Rocky Mountain PBS Strengthens Colorado Arts and Culture Focus with Revamped “Arts District” Series, New Personalities and More Local Content

DENVER — Sep. 10, 2018 — [Rocky Mountain Public Media](#), Colorado’s largest statewide, member-supported, multimedia organization and parent of Rocky Mountain PBS and [KUVU](#) radio, announced today it is increasing its focus on Colorado arts and culture through several new programming initiatives, including a refresh of “Arts District,” its award-winning half-hour arts and culture series.

“Rocky Mountain Public Media is deepening its longstanding commitment to arts programming so we can reflect the inspirational arts and culture found in every corner of our state,” said Amanda Mountain, president and CEO of Rocky Mountain Public Media. “This effort includes doubling our local arts coverage, which features a range of topics from communities across Colorado.”

The seventh season of “[Arts District](#)” premieres Oct. 4 and will include:

- a new format and time slot at 7 p.m. Thursdays Oct. 4 – May 23 (tentative, subject to pledge drives and other pre-emptions);
- new co-hosts Kate Perdoni, an Emmy-nominated producer and director with Rocky Mountain PBS, writer and rock musician, and Michael Gadlin, an award-winning contemporary artist who has exhibited in select galleries, museums and institutions in Colorado, the U.S. and internationally;
- a doubling of Colorado content, including segments from KUVU radio featuring live studio performances and content produced by our Regional Innovation Centers from around the state;
- new beat reporters Eden Lane, Tamara Banks and Sebastian Powell contributing vibrant local segments; and,
- a wide range of topics from ten beats, including food & drink, film & photography, civic/social, design, performing arts, visual arts, music, fashion, crafts and edgy: out of the box.

“We are excited to introduce Arts District’s new look and feel to viewers,” said Jennie Castor, executive producer. “We also believe they will enjoy our dynamic new co-hosting duo, Kate and Michael, and our engaging beat reporters, who are all passionate about the Colorado arts and culture scene.”

RMPBS is also adding the series “In Focus with Eden Lane” to grow its arts programming lineup. Created, produced and hosted by Lane, a freelance journalist based in Denver, the long-running series will celebrate local arts and culture with 10 episodes airing Sept. 21-Nov. 23.

In addition, RMPBS will feature “Articulate with Jim Cotter,” an award-winning series about the big ideas that define us all, which will air Saturdays at 10:30 p.m. Sept. 8 - Nov. 24, then moving to Fridays at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 - April 5 (tentative, subject to pledge drives or other pre-emptions.)

About Rocky Mountain Public Media

Rocky Mountain Public Media is Colorado’s largest statewide, member-supported, multimedia organization and the parent company of Rocky Mountain PBS and KUVO Jazz. Rocky Mountain Public Media has more than 85,000 members representing every county in Colorado and reaches 98% of the state’s citizens through television, radio and digital platforms. A non-commercial media organization by and for the people of Colorado, we create high quality local and multimedia content through Regional Innovation Centers in Denver, Colorado Springs, Durango, Grand Junction and Pueblo. Our enriching journalism, educational and cultural programming connects and engages citizens for lifelong impact. RMPBS, started in Denver in 1956 as Colorado’s first public television station, is now a statewide television network, with stations in Denver (KRMA), Pueblo/Colorado Springs (KTSC), Steamboat Springs (KRMZ), Grand Junction (KRMJ) and Durango (KRMU). Visit us at www.rmpbs.org.

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