

UEN Channel 9 Programs and Issues Report July 1-September 30, 2024

Listed below are programs that **KUEN** Channel 9, Utah Education Network, deems to be of importance in the **KUEN** viewing area. Education is the primary focus of this station, serving educators and all citizens of our service area. These programs are indicative of **KUEN's** commitment to provide the citizens of Utah access to the highest quality and most effective instructional experiences.

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K-12 Instructional Programming

KUEN approved a comprehensive schedule of instructional programs for use in Utah's elementary and secondary schools. These programs were selected and scheduled in cooperation with staff of the Utah State Board of Education. A representational list of these programs includes:

A History of the U. S. Constitution: It is our nation's most revered document and a creation of mankind's enduring search for liberty and freedom. It resonates with the spirit of the times during which it was conceived and serves as a guide to an unknown and rapidly changing future. It is the United States of America's Constitution. This series shows how this document has protected the American people from the abuses of power and tyranny—and how—for over two centuries. The principles set forth by the U.S. Constitution have empowered Americans to excel and aspire to greatness—great art and great literature as well as excellence and leadership in science and technology. The Constitution has enabled the United States to become the world's most prosperous and most powerful nation. This series aired Fridays at 11:30 a.m. on **KUEN**.

Picture Books: Modern storybooks, adapted to video, help capture young children's imaginations and encourage a love of reading. Viewers will learn about the world around them with stories that explore many cultures, explain the past, examine different environments, and encourage good social and emotional skills. Each program includes beautiful, iconographic animation, engaging narrators, original music, and dramatic effects. **KUEN** aired this series Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning August 13.

Teen Kids News: **Teen Kids News** is a dynamic news program for teens and pre-teens by teens. The half-hour weekly program provides information and news to students in a way that's educational as well as entertaining. The focus of the program is young people, so all the stories are in their words. This program inserts the clear, informed voice of students into the adult-dominated media and provides a unique perspective that is not currently available on network news programs. **KUEN** aired this series Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Camp TV: **Camp TV** provides a day camp experience in every living room. An enthusiastic head counselor, played by Zachary Noah Piser, guides “campers” as they learn through play. Content partners include the New York Public Library, the New Victory Theater, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Bedtime Math, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Memphis Zoo, and more. This series aired Monday through Friday at 1 p.m. on **KUEN**.

Infinite Art Hunt: Freddie is on a mission to become a great artist. With the help of her cousin Ty and their Grandma Tilly, an eccentric art teacher with friends all over town, the kids go on art quests around their neighborhood. The cousins learn about art spaces (big and small), hear from local makers, and get a chance to create original pieces for themselves. **The Infinite Art Hunt** invites elementary school-age viewers to join Freddie on a virtual field trip covering a range of artistic mediums and styles, from public art and sculpture gardens to museums and airports. Each episode is shot on location in real spaces with real guests, including curators, photographers, educators, and artists, and inspires kids to explore art in their own community. **KUEN** aired this series Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

Job-Centered Learning: Though there has been much discussion about a strengthening the U.S. economy, many economists, business owners, and labor leaders have raised alarms about a rising skills gap between the jobs that are available and those with the skills needed to fill them. **Job-Centered Learning**, produced by Bob Gliner (Lessons From the Real World, Schools That Change Communities, Walk the Walk) takes a critical look at the role high schools play. Schools sometimes perpetuate this gap, but some offer a wide range of career education as a way of closing the gap while making education more meaningful and relevant for students. This 60-minute program aired Wednesday, August 14 at 10 a.m. on **KUEN**.

Public Affairs Programming

DW News: A daily newscast from the heart of Europe. As one of the world’s largest international broadcasters, Deutsche Welle provides public television viewers the unique opportunity to see our world from another perspective. Global economic crises, war throughout the world, and the worldwide campaign to combat global warming are issues that affect viewers on both sides of the Atlantic. On **DW News**, reporters and presenters from our Berlin studios provide your viewers depth and clarity as well as a unique European perspective on the day’s events. **KUEN** airs this series Monday through Friday at 7 p.m.

Scattered Denial: The Occupational Dangers of Radiation: Every day across the globe, heart doctors and their teams risk their own lives to save patients by exposing themselves to the deadly occupational hazards of radiation exposure in their modern-day operating rooms. **KUEN** aired this one-hour documentary on Thursday, July 10 at 9 p.m.

Aging Matters: Unhoused: Homelessness is on the rise in America, and older adults are the fastest-growing group impacted by this experience. In Nashville, Tennessee, between 2022 and 2023, there has been an 11 percent increase among those experiencing homelessness and its exhausting obstacles. Through moving personal stories, **Aging Matters: Unhoused** explores the challenges and traumatic experiences aging adults face when they live without permanent

housing. The half-hour documentary also speaks with experts about factors driving rates of homelessness, and the organizations and individuals working to address failures in the current system. This program aired on **KUEN** Tuesday, August 13 at 9:30 p.m.

NHK Newslines: **Newslines** is produced by NHK, Japan's leading public news broadcaster, delivering the latest from Japan, Asia, and the rest of the world. It features global news and current affairs, business, sports, science, and technology trends plus global weather forecasts from over 30 news bureaus throughout the world. Their wide network of correspondents around the globe covers breaking news and developing stories, offering a unique Asian perspective. Together with a team of trusted anchors, **NHK Newslines** presents a picture of what's happening now and what's ahead. **KUEN** aired this series twice a day, Monday through Friday, at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Are We Safer Today? In this 90-minute documentary, members of the 9/11 Commission reunite to reflect on the most extensive investigation in U.S. history and the nation's progress over the last 20 years. During the meeting—only their second since their historic 2004 report—the 9/11 commissioners discuss their formation during a divided time, the challenges they faced, and how they overcame them to achieve true bipartisanship. The members reflect on how five Republicans and five Democrats came to a unanimous consensus, what they recommended, and how their work continues to reverberate today. Finally, they address the underlying question: “Are we safer today?” **KUEN** aired this program on Saturday, September 7 at 8:30 p.m.

General Interest Programming

Museum Access: Museums are a vital part of the American landscape, showcasing the greatest achievements of the human experience, past, present, and future. Visitors remember, discover, and learn in museums that present the best of our country's culture, heritage, and accomplishments. **Museum Access** explores these museums in a way that the everyday visitor cannot. It goes behind the scenes where most people don't get a chance to go, talking to the directors, curators, and creative personnel to get an insider's view. Each **Museum Access** episode includes travel, history, education, and fun. This series of 30-minute programs aired Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. on **KUEN**.

Where Neon Goes to Die: For over sixty years, Miami Beach flourished as a Jewish cultural haven with half a dozen Yiddish theatres, scores of choruses and folksinger groups, literary activity, and more. Then one day it vanished in a fog of disco lights. This is the story of America's not-too-distant past, when her ethnic communities were the pride of the world, and why it is important to remember. This documentary aired on **KUEN** Wednesday, July 17 at 8 p.m.

Start Up: This series offers viewers an up close and personal look into the world of the modern American entrepreneur. As complicated as starting a business may seem, this series aims to demystify the process by sharing the real-life experiences of average Americans who are taking control of their own destiny while creating jobs for others. Over 90 percent of all companies in America are small businesses. Those small businesses employ over 50 percent of all people

working in this country. Today's media rarely focus on the stories of those Americans and their hard work, despite small businesses being the backbone of the country. **Start Up** explores the next generation of American business owners and the dreams that drive them. This series aired Mondays at 6:30 p.m. on **KUEN**.

Odd Hours, No Pay, Cool Hat: This series introduces the volunteer firefighters who protect 65 percent of America. These remarkable neighbors provide help most people hope they will never need. The series follows them as they encounter tough challenges and exhilarating triumphs in service to their communities. Inspiring, humorous, and thrilling, **Odd Hours, No Pay, Cool Hat** gives viewers insights into this widespread group. **KUEN** aired this program on Wednesday, September 11 at 8 p.m.

Confluence: **Confluence** explores the enduring and often surprising connections between three essential aspects of the human experience: art, science, and creativity. Throughout the three-part series, an intriguing array of scientists, researchers, and artists work at the cutting edge of creativity in painting, sculpture, robotics, video games, fashion, and music. Creatives such as violinist Joshua Bell, artist Nick Cave, and members of the multi-Grammy-winning vocal ensemble Roomful of Teeth take viewers behind the scenes of their process and find surprising results as they engage with both art and science. This three-part series aired on **KUEN** Mondays at 9 p.m. beginning July 15.

Dream School: A Journey to Higher Ed: This film is the inspiring journey of six bright and ambitious high school students working to get admitted into America's top colleges. Their stories, as well as the advice of nationally respected higher ed and mental health experts, will help families better understand the college admission process. **KUEN** aired this documentary on Friday, August 30 at 9 p.m.