

UEN Channel 9 - Programs and Issues Report October 1-December 31, 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 representative list of these programs includes:

Career Decisions: Nutrition/Dietetics. Career Decisions: Nutrition/Dietetics presents an overview of a career choice in Nutrition and Dietetics and what a person needs to do to become a nutritionist or dietitian, illustrating what makes them a key component of the modern medical team. Topics include the science of nutrition in America, the history of dietetics and the role of the dietician. **KUEN-TV** aired this program December 4 at 9 a.m.

Famous Composers. This series allows students to explore the lives, times and works of some of the world's greatest composers. Each episode focuses on the life and work of one composer. Students see and hear the works of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart and others. This series of seventeen episodes aired Mondays at 9 a.m. on **KUEN**.

Teen Kids News. 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 adult-dominated media and provides a unique perspective that is not currently available on network news programs. **KUEN** broadcast this series Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Steve Trash Science. Steve Trash has entertained millions of kids around the world with his unique brand of eco-magic. Now, Steve brings his act to television in a series for children aged 6-10 that makes science fun! Steve Trash has been studying environmental science for decades to create his live magic show, which teaches kids about recycling using a combination of fun—and funny—magic routines that engage, entertain and educate. This series expands the act, exploring themes including ecosystems, food chains, soils, weather and climate, solar energy and

more. Each thirty-minute episode will examine two science themes. Steve's energy and enthusiasm about science is contagious, which is perfect for a science show for kids. And like the best public television children's programs, **Steve Trash Science** will engage parents as well as children. This series aired on **KUEN** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Highlights for Kids. "Highlights" magazine has always been an essential part of childhood, inspiring memorable experiences for generations of families. Highlights' "Fun with a Purpose" philosophy has helped kids grow to become their best selves—curious, creative, caring and confident. Now, the best Highlights content is on video—from storybook animations to live-action segments. Watch & Learn! videos will entertain and engage young kids while encouraging literacy, self-confidence and joyful learning. **KUEN** aired this series Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Turning Points in U.S. History. This series provides a clear overview of the people and events that became significant, pivotal points in history. Rare archival footage and photographs, authentic recordings and other primary source documents bring history to life, while stunning graphics and engaging narration lend context and clarity to the subject. This series aired on **KUEN** Fridays at 9 a.m. beginning October 24.

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 the world from another perspective. Global economic crises, war in Ukraine 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 the Berlin studios provide 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.

The Chavis Chronicles. Go beyond the headlines and explore important content and diverse conversations with award-winning journalist, civil rights icon and consummate intellectual influencer Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. **The Chavis Chronicles** is a half-hour weekly talk show featuring interviews with famous leaders and politicians, doctors and scientists, cultural leaders and influencers from around the globe. The public affairs program goes beyond the headlines, offering insights on matters that impact the public and providing a unique perspective from a renowned Black living legend. This series aired Fridays at 10 p.m. on **KUEN**.

Open Mind. A half-hour weekly public affairs broadcast, **The Open Mind** is a thoughtful excursion into the world of ideas, exploring issues of national and public concern with the most compelling minds of our times. Hosted by Alexander Heffner. **KUEN** broadcast this series on Monday nights at 11 p.m. and on Friday mornings at 5 a.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. The program 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 Newsline** 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.

Free Exercise: America's Story of Religious Liberty. Host and award-winning author Richard Brookhiser takes viewers on an epic journey spanning 500 years and two continents. The film travels from the canals of Amsterdam to the Quakers of New York. It examines an existential debate over religious liberty in Virginia involving upstart Baptists. It travels to a synagogue in Newport where George Washington made clear that American religious freedom included the Jewish people. It takes a trip up the Ohio River to a stop on the Underground Railroad where Christian faith leaders helped slaves to freedom. It visits the streets of Philadelphia where residents attacked their fellow citizens over their Catholic faith. It takes an epic journey to the mountain desert of Salt Lake where the Mormons sought out a place they could practice their religion in peace. Finally, the film lands in the 20th century and brings us up to the present, as we the American people still grapple with this most fundamental question: What does our Constitution's commitment to the free exercise of religion mean? **KUEN** aired this program Thursday, December 5 at 8 p.m.

General Interest Programming

Refresh Quest. **Refresh Quest** is the search for refreshing travel experiences that aim to uplift the spirit and ignite the imagination. With a team of like-minded friends, charismatic host Jeremy Maupin invites you along on the journey as they explore unique destinations, meet passionate individuals and gain empowering, transformative knowledge that dares to welcome new realities and refreshing possibilities. This 8-part series aired on **KUEN** Tuesdays at 8 p.m. beginning October 15.

Chopin Saved My Life. This moving film explores the incredible transformative power of Chopin's Ballade Number 1, a piece of music that has cast a spell on millions of people around the world. Less than ten minutes long and extremely difficult to play, it demands extraordinary feats of control, speed, memory, power and dexterity. **KUEN** aired this program on Friday, December 13 at 9 p.m.

The Good Road. This innovative, inspiring documentary series follows two best friends who travel the world meeting philanthropists and change-makers who have dedicated their lives to addressing global humanitarian issues. From depressed inner-city neighborhoods to border camps for refugees to rural health clinics, hosts Earl Bridges and Craig Martin explore efforts to help Rohingya refugees, stop elephant poaching, end human trafficking, alleviate poverty and more. This series airs on **KUEN** Fridays at 8 p.m.

Beneath the Polar Sun: Five hundred nautical miles from the North Pole, a research team sets out to measure the world's largest and oldest sea ice floes. Steve is an expedition leader who has led projects in the High Arctic for 40 years. Chris is a polar oceanographer who studies ice floes from a Harvard lab. They know the data, the models, the science. None of that has prepared them

for the truth on the ground. The floes are crumbling and collapsing, the old ice is gone. Caught in a frozen maelstrom, something has to give. **KUEN** aired this program on Monday, October 14 at 9 p.m.

Art Connection. This weekly series highlights four artists and their craft. Travel around the world meeting fascinating people and experiencing the love of art that connects them all. **KUEN** broadcast this series Sundays at 7 p.m.

And Knowledge to Keep Us. Every year at Cape Alitak on Kodiak Island in southern Alaska, Sugpiat kids gather for Akhiok Kids Camp to connect with each other and celebrate the knowledge their ancestors cultivated for more than 7500 years. Unfortunately, a barrier lies between the kids and their ancestors—200 years of colonial suppression that smashed their boats, scattered their technologies and reduced their words to whispers. The Akhiok Kids Camp is part of the race against time to repatriate and reawaken Sugpiat knowledge and culture, creating a path to a more positive future. **KUEN** aired this one-hour program on Wednesday, November 6 at 8 p.m.