



## MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Kansas City PBS Removes Ruckus from Program Schedule

Kansas City, MO, June 27, 2020—Station leadership at KCPT, Kansas City PBS, has made the decision to put the long-running show, Ruckus on hiatus. This shift in schedule comes on the heels of the show's 23rd season on air, and is a result of viewer feedback and a need to re-evaluate the resources invested into the weekly program.

“Our goal at KCPT is to aid our community by providing a platform for important and productive conversations,” said Kliff Kuehl, President and CEO of KCPT. “We want to ensure we are utilizing community support in the most effective way and are considering the best use of the resources required by the program.”

KCPT will take this break to evaluate the resources that are allocated to the show's production and discuss options for future programming that could better serve audiences. KCPT is adamant about continuing air programming that brings together ideologically diverse voices and will look to the current position of the station and the community to inform future decisions for the timeslot.

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KCPT is a non-profit multimedia organization located in midtown Kansas City. Founded in 1961, KCPT operates four television channels, as well as working with sister brands Flatland, a digital news and culture magazine, and 90.9 The Bridge, an NPR music discovery public radio station.