

KQED Presents

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Major public television distribution services (PBS, APT and NETA) often recommend that producers hire a “Presenting Station” to help facilitate delivery of content for national distribution.

The Presenting Station is a local PBS affiliate that *charges independent producers a fee* to help them navigate broadcast and digital distribution of their program in the national public media marketplace.

Your Presenting Station also vets your program for adherence to PBS and FCC content and technical guidelines, ensuring that all necessary deliverables arrive on time and at the quality needed for the program’s premiere.

Why do you want your project broadcast on public television?

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PRESTIGE

Public media is known for high-quality programming that engages with relevant cultural topics across platforms.

INTEGRITY

PBS continues to rank high in public trust and confidence, with 68% of viewers reporting that PBS is in touch with today's culture.¹

AUDIENCE

PBS boasts 44.7 million primetime broadcast viewers and 15.3 million unique digital visitors each month.²

PBS consistently outperforms major cable networks in serving a multicultural audience.³

RECOGNITION

A public television broadcast opens up avenues for awards consideration, including Emmy eligibility, the Peabody Award, and others.

FUNDRAISING

Brands want to be associated with the trusted name that public media offers.

Fundraising for broadcast can help you recoup the costs of your production via corporate underwriting.

How do I choose a Presenting Station?

Here are a few questions to consider...

- **Local Relevance.** Does your content have a connection to the local or regional market that the station serves? While not necessary, this can open up additional avenues of support and interest across the station.
- **Station Rank.** What is the top-ranked station in your market?
- **Previous Programs.** What other programs has the station presented? Is your program similar or different from these past presentations?
- **Level Of Guidance.** Are you a seasoned producer who has worked in the public media system before, or do you need more step-by-step guidance through the process?

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There are no right or wrong answers!

But considering these questions before submitting will help us understand the needs of your project and how we might work together.

Why choose KQED?

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- KQED boasts 3.1 million digital users each week across our platforms.⁴
- KQED consistently ranks in the top 10 most-watched PBS affiliate stations.⁵
- KQED has over a decade of experience presenting diverse, award-winning content with a variety of public television distributors, including:

Taste of Malaysia with Martin Yan,

Jacques Pepin: Heart & Soul,

Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out,

Roadtrip Nation,

and many more!

- KQED has a robust staff of in-house experts on everything from digital distribution to educational content to fundraising. By connecting with KQED, you connect with a wealth of knowledge that extends beyond broadcast television.

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KQED Presents has partnered with Artemis Independent, bringing together decades of public media distribution experience under one roof. Together, KQED and Artemis shepherd your program through the intricacies of public media distribution.



Artemis Independent

While KQED handles contracting and finances, Artemis Independent handles day-to-day communications, reviews all aspects of distributor deliverables, and can offer a full suite of station relations promotional and marketing support to supplement KQED distribution services.

And together, both Artemis Independent and KQED combine their expertise to vet content against public television standards and practices, as well as offer recommendations on release schedules, potential audience, and more.

Learn more about [Artemis Independent](#).

What services do we offer?

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Letters of support. KQED can provide a letter signed by our Chief Content Officer after our first meeting and initial assessment of your content. It expresses our support of your project and our interest in broadcasting, pending review of a rough or fine cut of the content.

Distribution Pitching. Artemis and KQED will work with you to create a distribution plan within public television, then we will pitch your program to leading public television distributors, acquisition programs, and other emerging platforms within the system based on our collaborative vision for distribution.

Delivery Management. Our staff negotiates deadlines with the distributor and ensures that everything arrives on time and to standards to avoid any delays or added costs. We will also work with you to find trusted vendors to supplement our services for technical packaging, stations relations, impact campaigns, and more.

Program Performance Analysis. Expert number crunchers examine the broadcast performance of your program, providing reports that you can use to demonstrate the value of your content to current and future funders.

What do you need to submit?

While we will consider programs in any stage of production, a few key items will help us best understand the needs of your content and how we can serve you:

- ***Pitch Deck.*** This includes a synopsis of the program, aesthetic examples of the look and feel, and short bios of major above-the-line cast and crew.
- ***Production Timeline.*** Only necessary if you are still in production.
- ***Production Budget.*** The who/what/where of how you are funding your production.
- ***Audience Snapshot.*** What niche audiences do you have in mind for your content?
- ***Rough Cut Screener.*** We cannot commit to presenting a program before seeing a rough cut, but we will provide guidance to programs in the pre-production phase.

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Ready to start the conversation?

Submit your program via our online portal! A staff member will be in touch two to four weeks from the date of your submission.

[Submit your project.](#)

Audience & Demographic Sources

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