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# New Monthly Series Features Akron's Best and Brightest Entities

KENT, OHIO — Sept. 28, 2016 — A new locally produced monthly series showcasing Akron's businesses, entertainment entities and history will premiere on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEO 49.1) on Monday, Oct. 3, at 9 PM. The half-hour production, "Around Akron With Blue Green," is the work of Akron producer Blue Green, who says, "The goal of the show is to shine a spotlight on all of the good things that Akron has to offer." Additional air dates for the production are available at [westernreservepbs.org/schedule.htm](http://westernreservepbs.org/schedule.htm).

Green noted that the city of Akron is a wonderful place to reside and work, but added, "to truly be a great city, we need our own Akron-based news and local television programming." He hopes this new production will help to tell Akron's story, with episodes featuring segments on dining, arts and culture, history, business, and movers and shakers. The premiere episode spotlights Ms. Julie's Kitchen & Gardens, the history of the rubber duck in Akron, Evan Delahanty of Peaceful Fruits and muralist Jessica Lofthus.

Green has been creating video stories for more than 20 years in the Akron area. He co-founded The Akronist, created TV shows for Time Warner Cable, made several films in the Akron area and worked as a citizen journalist for Akron and Current TV.

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