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# Check out these locally produced shows this fall

Forget the big studios and cable networks.

Here's a look at some locally produced, family-friendly shows to watch this fall.

► **"The Bunny Show."** The 60-minute variety show is already on the air and is taped in front of a live audience at Access Tucson studios. The show — featuring Latino culture with English and Spanish content — has interviews with local notables and features guest entertainers, singers, dancers and musicians. It airs live at 6 p.m. every other Friday. The next show airs Aug. 31 on Channel 73 (Comcast) and Channel 98 (Cox). For more information, call 624-9833.

► **"Snap Back! Youth TV."** Produced by local teen Andres Cano and hosted by Natalia Guzman and Hector Moreno, this 30-minute show features news segments and interviews with local youth organizations,

health and environmental issues. It airs 8-11 a.m.

► **"Roller Derby Rocks."** Produced and hosted by Don Bombshelter, this sports show gets the latest scoop on the Women's Flat Track Roller Derby Association.

The second season of the show began in early August, and will air biweekly through March.

The show features local skaters from Tucson Roller Derby and includes news about other teams in leagues around the country. The show plans to follow the upcoming national roller derby championships in September.

It airs 2:30 p.m. Saturdays on Channel 73 (Comcast) and Channel 98 (Cox) and repeats at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on Channel 72 (Comcast) and 120 (Cox digital).

► **"The Desert Speaks."** Watch host David Yetman on

this National Geographic-esque show that focuses on the desert regions extending from Arizona and California to the Patagonia region of Argentina.

Yetman, a research social scientist at the Southwest Center of the University of Arizona, has been hosting the series for 17 seasons.

The new season starts next year, but catch repeats of Season 17, starting Wednesday with the episode "Exploring Arizona's Big Empty."

Yetman joins an ecologist and archaeologist as they take a look at early settlements, investigate high-desert plants and learn about The California Condor Restoration Project.

The weekly series airs at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 6:30 p.m. Sundays on the local PBS station KUAT, Channel 6.

## "Prom Queen" delayed

It looks like the premiere of the murder mystery Web series, "Prom Queen: Summer Heat," is being delayed a few weeks.

The Web series — a sequel to the Emmy-nominated "Prom Queen" series — was supposed to debut online Monday, but marketing issues pushed back the premiere date and producers aren't sure when it will air.

Instead, viewers who click on promqueen.tv will see new video blogs of characters featured in the upcoming series. When completed, the series will comprise 15 two-minute episodes over a three-week span.

The "Prom Queen" series is directed by Tucsonan Chris McCaleb, a 29-year-old alumnus of Catalina Foothills High School, and is produced by Vuguru, the new media studio owned by Michael Eisner, the former Dis-

ney CEO. Actor Sean Hankinson, a Tucson High Magnet School alumnus, also plays a feature role.

When the first "Prom Queen" series debuted in April, more than 15 million Web users tuned into the series, which featured 90-second episodes and spanned 80 chapters. It also nabbed the attention of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, which nominated the series this year for an Emmy Award for outstanding broadband drama.

Viewers can still watch the original series free at promqueen.tv or pay \$9.99 for a commercial-free download through Amazon Unbox at unbox.amazon.com.

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