

You Call That Art?! premieres on Seattle PBS station KCTS 9, November 22 at 7:30 p.m.

University of Washington Professor John T. Young hops on his Harley and takes viewers on a journey to demystify works of public art and reveal that everyone has an opinion about the art that surrounds us. Some public art you may have taken for granted, some you may have considered an eyesore, some you may not even have known *was* art. To anyone who has ever muttered the words [**You Call That Art?...**](#) this show's for you.

The pilot episode tours a dozen works of public art in Seattle, Washington, a Public Art Capitol of America, with over 400 works on display. Professor Young cruises Seattle's neighborhoods exploring serious works of art such as Barnett Newman's minimalist masterpiece *Broken Obelisk*, and Henry Moore's *Vertebrae* as well as fun pieces like the *Dance Steps on Broadway* and the cartoonish *Troll* under the Aurora Bridge.

"The people of Seattle understand public art as a way to define and identify a community, and to create an interesting and unique environment for its citizens and visitors," says Professor Young. "Public art can be fun, or it can be serious; representational or abstract; useful or whimsical; popular or controversial. I want viewers to look at public art where they live and ask themselves the question, 'You Call That Art?'"

"In this program we are searching the land for Public Art, answering the questions you always wanted to ask like: What is it? what does it mean? who's responsible for it, and we paid for THAT?!"

The purpose of **You Call That Art?!** is to:

- Explain how public art is funded and chosen
- Encourage the public to find and explore public art in their communities
- Engage people in the discussion of public art, good and bad

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See the [**KCTS-9 promo for You Call That Art?!**](#)

Production Credits

Host **John T. Young** is a Harley riding art professor and public artist. He taught Sculpture and Public Art at the University of Washington in Seattle, the Public Art Capital of the world, for 25 years. He is also a nationally renowned sculptor, having created over 35 large scale outdoor public commissions for cities, counties, and national universities. His work has been exhibited at OK Harris Gallery in New York City since 1986 and written about in the New York Times, the *Wall Street Journal*, Andy Warhol's *Interview Magazine*, among many others. An author too, he wrote [**Contemporary Public Art in China.**](#) the only book in the English language on the subject. He is the expert, writer, and host for the public TV series entitled, "[**You Call That Art?!.**](#)" . You can view [**John T. Young's work**](#) at: <http://faculty.washington.edu/jtyoung/>

Producer/director **Timothy J. Lorang** is an award winning writer, producer and director with over years in television production. Tim has written and edited for the popular public television series *Rick Steves' Travels in Europe* and wrote, produced and directed programs for *Smart Travels with Rudy Maxa*. Most recently he wrote and produced *Richard Bangs' Adventures with Purpose: Norway, Quest for the Viking Spirit*. For his efforts he won the Lowell Thomas Gold Award for Broadcast Travel Journalism. He is the owner of [Tim Lorang Productions](http://www.timlorang.com) (<http://www.timlorang.com>) and a media consultant and owner of [Image Media Partners.](http://www.imagemediapartners.com) (<http://www.imagemediapartners.com>)

Director of Photography and Editor **Peter Rummel** is our award winning HD videographer and editor with over 25 years of experience in television production.

Assistant Editor **Hayley Lauren Young** is a recent graduate of Whitman College with B.A. in Rhetoric and Film Studies.

Original Music: **Kevin Jones** is a Northwest based producer, singer songwriter, guitarist and vocalist.
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About **You Call That Art?!**

This program is the passion and brainchild of Professor John T. Young in collaboration with television writer and director Timothy J. Lorang. After years as a sculptor, public artist and university professor Young wanted to make a television program that made public art more accessible to the public who see it every day. Based in Seattle, Washington, Professor Young and Tim Lorang, along with the exceptional shooting skills and HD Camera of Peter Rummel, have labored for over the past year to produce and air ***You Call That Art?!*** Their goal is to acquire funding to produce a national series exploring public art across North America for air on Public Television.

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