

Headline: ***Roadtrip Nation: Season Nine to Premiere***

In an exciting and new season on public television, *Roadtrip Nation's* weekly half-hour series includes three in-studio episodes. Using a transformed 1972 Winnebago as a stage, *Roadtrip Nation* will host Leaders and film their interviews in front of a live audience.

Another five episodes follow the self-discovery journeys of three recent college grads looking to define their own Roads in life. Brooklyn, a self-proclaimed dreamer who left an unfulfilling job in New York City to move back in with her parents and eight siblings, hopes this Roadtrip will “jumpstart” her life. Elliott, a former high school English teacher, gets out of the classroom to explore a life around education, community, and creativity. Nekeed escaped a rough childhood in Yonkers, N.Y., where he lost a brother to gang violence. Now, as the first male in his family to graduate college, Nekeed wants to define his next steps in life.

Starting in Portland, Maine, the Roadtrippers will travel across the country in a Green RV, stopping at cities along the way—such as Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and St. Louis—to interview Leaders they admire and learn the steps that they took to get to where they are today.

Several of the Leaders interviewed include: world-renowned expedition photographer Jimmy Chin; an MIT researcher whose work focuses on human-robot interaction; Grammy Award-winning children's folk singer Ella Jenkins; Griffith Observatory curator Laura Danly; and City Museum creator Bob Cassilly.

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