KOPN welcomes Tim Pilcher as Interim Executive Director!

Tim has previously served as both the Operations and General Manager of KOPN between 2018 to 2021. He has agreed to lead us once more while we conduct a nationwide search to secure a permanent replacement.

Welcome back, Tim, and thank you for your continuing commitment to KOPN!
KOPN SoundStage Concert:
Reggae Party with Deepa Reality & Ras Shumba!
On August 12th, Deepa Reality headlined KOPN’s third SoundStage Concert, broadcast live from Orr Street Studios. Before their set began, the audience was treated to a special performance by our very own Ras Shumba. If you attended the concert or listened to the live broadcast, you already know what a great party it was. If you missed it, or would like to relive the experience, it will be available on the KOPN archive for the next two weeks:
https://spinitron.com/KOPN/pl/17739903/Reggae-Party

Each Saturday at 6:00 pm Ras Shumba is the host of Reggae Party on KOPN. Here he is sharing his musical talent at our SoundStage Reggae Party.
Once Deepa Reality began playing they soon had the audience on their feet and dancing.

As always, KOPN is grateful to Operations Manager Dylan Martin for his commitment to excellence and dedication to producing quality broadcasts, whether in the studio or remotely. He makes it look easy, but we know how hard he works!

Let's talk ratings!

Do you mind if we take a moment to pat ourselves on the back? According
to the latest topline Nielsen ratings, KOPN has more than doubled its listenership since the Fall of 2021. We are so proud of our staff and programmers for putting in the work to make KOPN one of the top ten radio stations in the Columbia metropolitan area. And to our listeners and supporters we offer our heartfelt thanks for being members of the KOPN family. This achievement is only possible because of our shared commitment to community radio!
Check out the numbers here: **Nielsen Topline Ratings.**

Friends of Historic Boonville are hosting the 48th Missouri River Festival of the Arts on August 24, 25, and 26th at Thespian Hall in Boonville. Performances begin at 7:30pm each evening. Thursday, August 24 will feature The Schumann Piano Quintet, featuring Hyejin Cho, piano; and other stellar Classical selections chosen by Artistic Director David Halen. Friday, August 25 is themed “Date Night! Music for Fun and Romance.” Cree Carrico and Aaron McCallister take the stage for a magical evening of music making. Saturday, August 26 will be the grand finale, with Stephanie Childress returning to conduct Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 5, Le Corsaire by Berlioz, and Rondo Capriccioso by Sant-Saëns, featuring Hann Ji, violin soloist. Tickets for individual nights or the whole shebang are available at [tix.com](http://tix.com), or by calling 1-660-882-7977.

**KOPN is proud to be a media sponsor of the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre's 2023 season**
For more information: [lyceumtheatre.org](http://lyceumtheatre.org) or 660-837-3311

A love letter to his early career as a TV writer on Sid Caesar's *Your Show of Shows* alongside the likes of comedy legends Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks, Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* follows the rollercoaster antics of a not-your-average
1950's writers' room, as they frantically attempt to please their larger-than-life boss. Frantically scrambling to top each other with hilarious gags while battling with studio executives who fear the show's humor is too sophisticated for Middle America, the writing and fighting of the team expose the social and political undercurrents of the 1950's.

Runs August 18 - 27

Monkswell Manor welcomes a group of strangers in the midst of a snowstorm and on the heels of a murder in town. It soon becomes clear that the killer is among them, and the strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects: the newlyweds running the house; a spinster with a curious background; an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef; a retired Army major; a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift; and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate. Will the identity of the murderer be revealed before they strike again?! The Mousetrap's riveting plot will have you on the edge of your seat from start to finish! Runs September 8-17, 2023
Enter to win a pair of tickets for opening night: kopn.org/win

Inspired by a true story and featuring the Tony nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Broadway's Bright Star tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s. When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past - and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives. With beautiful bluegrass melodies and powerfully moving characters, Bright Star unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep emotion. An uplifting and nostalgic theatrical journey that holds you tightly in its grasp. Bright Star is as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful. Runs September 29-October 10, 2023 and KOPN will have tickets to give away for opening night!

On September 1st
Beatles tribute band
The Fab Four
will perform at the Capital Region MU Healthcare Amphitheater.
For more information: crmuamphitheater.com

The Emmy Award Winning Fab Four is elevated far above every
The Boone County History and Culture Center presents the following:

- **8/23 1:00-2:00 pm** Artist Talk: Marilyn Cummins. Be Inspired by Marilyn Cummins' watercolor demonstration as she shares how her art is a creative outlet for processing experiences - illness, loss, isolation and even new opportunities.
- **8/25 6:00 pm** Storytellers: Ruth Acuff. Steeped in both ancient traditions and modernist indie-folk, Ruth Acuff’s music is trained and ethereal, unique and enchanting. This Columbia native will share the stories behind her music in the intimate setting of the Montminy Gallery.
- Heroes Among Us: shares the stories of Boone Countians who bravely served in the armed forces overseas, as well as first responders who keep our community safe by serving on the frontlines here at home.

**For more information:** [boonehistory.org](http://boonehistory.org)

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Elder Blossom View Winery is hosting the following events:

- **8/19 6:00 pm** Buddha Blue
- **8/26 6:00 pm** Hart Creek Ramblers
- **9/02 6:00 pm** Blue Grassland
- **9/09 6:00 pm** Apostle’s Creek
- **9/16 6:00 pm** Sarah & Mark
- **9/23 6:00 pm** Buddah Blue
- **9/24 2:30 pm** The Bel Airs
- **9/30 6:00 pm** Hart Creek Ramblers

**For more information:** [ElderBlossomView.com/events](http://ElderBlossomView.com/events)

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Hexagon Alley is hosting the following events:

- **8/13 5:00 pm** Poketails
- **8/16 6:00 pm** We Teach Wednesday: Wingspan
8/17 6:30 pm Flesh And Blood: Armory Night
8/18 7:00 pm Commander Night at the Alley
8/19 1:00 am Commander Night at the Alley
8/20 5:00 pm Poketails
8/23 6:00 pm We Teach Wednesday - Azul
8/24 6:30 pm Flesh And Blood: Armory Night
8/25 7:00 pm Commander Night at the Alley
8/26 1:00 am Commander Night at the Alley
8/27 5:00 pm Poketails
8/30 6:00 pm We Teach Wednesday - Camel Up
8/31 6:30 pm Flesh And Blood: Armory Night

For more information: HexagonAlley.com

The Missouri Symphony presents:

- 9/9 7:00 pm The Marriage of Figaro
- 9/10 2:00 pm The Marriage of Figaro

For more information: TheMosy.org

KOPN is happy to support the Odyssey Chamber Music Series' 20th season:

- 8/18 7:00 pm Summer Music at the First Baptist Church of Columbia featuring the Intercultural Music Initiative Chamber Players from St Louis.

For more information: OdysseyMissouri.org

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