Open Mic Newsletter
December 17, 2023

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Happening today:

Winter Miracle
A Missouri Christmas
A Holiday Concert Event
PRESENTED BY SHELTER INSURANCE
Sunday, December 17th at 2:00 PM at The Missouri Theatre!
MOSY continues their tradition of bringing you singing, dancing, and joyful noise-making in celebration of the holidays with Winter Miracle: A Missouri Christmas, a medley of holiday celebrations conducted by MSO Music Director Wilbur Lin. Youth 17 and under get in for free. For more information and tickets: MOSY Winter Miracle

CoMoGives 2023!
The 2023 CoMoGives Campaign is in full swing and we are so grateful for the support that you, our loyal listeners, have shown to us. As the year of our 50th anniversary celebration comes to a close we find ourselves so thankful for the memories we have shared, for the opportunities to reunite with volunteers and programmers from the past who helped to create and sustain KOPN, and of course, ever thankful for the listeners and supporters who have joined us on this incredible journey of bringing opportunities to the community for volunteering, teaching, learning, and belonging. KOPN is proud to be your community radio station and we strive every day to make you
Thank you!

Recap: Square Dance at Cafe B!
We had so much fun enjoying good music, good food, and dancing the night away at the KOPN Giving Tuesday Square Dance on November 28th. 32 Bar Tenders provided the music and Jim Thaxter called the shots, while also thoroughly and patiently teaching beginners how it's done. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us and join in the fun!

Both experienced dancers and beginners assembled on the dance floor to enjoy the experience together.

Thank you Jim Thaxter for making the night so special.

How could we not be smiling when Cafe Berlin were such great hosts?!

There was plenty of room and everyone that wanted to dance got to dance!
32 Bar Tenders kept us moving with their excellent music.

Interim Executive Director Tim Pilcher spoke from the heart while thanking the audience for their generous support of KOPN.

We are so grateful to Cafe Berlin for partnering with us and helping to ensure that this event was a success. Next time you stop by please be sure to thank them for being such good friends to KOPN!

Shout out also to Jim Thaxter and 32 Bar Tenders. We had so many people ask when we are going to have our next square dance that we are already looking at dates in 2024. What do think - shall we do it again?

Don’t forget: Mochi Mochi is now open at 2507 Bernadette and they are offering a free donut to our listeners who visit and mention KOPN until December 31st (no purchase necessary). See their full menu at MochiMochiColumbia
Celebrating Sarah!
Some of the many hats Sarah Catlin has worn at KOPN over the years are Volunteer, Programmer, Interim General Manager, and most recently Director of Underwriting. Thanks to her outgoing personality and love of community, Sarah has cemented her place as a beloved member of the KOPN family. It is now, however, time for Sarah to move on to new challenges as the Executive Director for Access Arts in Columbia, MO. Please join us in wishing her all the best as she pursues this new and exciting development in her professional career. Happily, Sarah will continue as one of the hosts of the popular program *Women's Issues, Women's Voices* on KOPN so it's not goodbye, it's we'll see you again soon...

The Votes are In....
First of all, a big thank you goes out to everyone who voted on the window covering they felt would be the best choice to share the KOPN vibe with the community. As you know,
the choices were:

**A**: artwork that covers the entire window space and can be changed out occasionally if desired.

**B**: lettering that used to hang at the previous location on Broadway that spells KOPN in red neon.

Now that all the votes have been counted and verified, we can share that the winner is:

**B: The red KOPN neon!**

We appreciate the input of our members and look forward to sharing our latest look with you all once the installation has been completed in 2024.

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**Learn with KOPN!**

Have you ever wanted to explore electronics repair or tinkering? Don't know where to start? Join engineering team volunteer Gerry Novak and operations manager Dylan Martin for a crash course on soldering. Participants will learn the fundamental techniques of soldering and build a small LED circuit that will plug in to common phone charger power adapters or PC USB ports.

Two sessions will be offered: January 11th and January 18th - both from 5:30PM to around 6:45PM at the KOPN studios on Bernadette Drive in Columbia.

Take your first step towards becoming a mad scientist with a soldering iron! That's Thursday, January 11th and 18th from 5:30-6:45PM at KOPN.
A couple of new shows recently debuted on KOPN...

Mad Man Mike on the Mic is hosting *The Temporary Music Show* on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm while Let’s Learn More with Andrew Grabau is on hiatus. Each week you can expect an eclectic mix of music tied together by a common theme. Are you enjoying the show, and would you like us to find it a permanent place on the schedule? We're listening...

email: contact@kopn.org

*Mr. Sunshine’s Musical A.D.D* first aired just a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Sunshine has recently joined us from way, way east of Missouri so prepare to hear some tunes you might not be expecting.

This show replaces Ozark Highlands Radio. If you are missing your Ozark fix let us know...

email: contact@kopn.org
If you enjoyed listening to KOPN: The First 50 Years when the series originally aired we have some great news! Those episodes are available to listen to anytime on the KOPN Mixcloud page: KOPN MixCloud: First 50 Years.

Trevor Harris, who compiled and presented that project, has been diligently preserving more KOPN history for posterity. His most recent project is an interview from December 2022 where Aaron Krawitz interviewed Nola Ruth, who was station manager from 1981 to 1984. You can view this on Trevor's Recollection Agency YouTube page: KOPN Oral History: Nola Ruth. Trevor is passionate about preserving stories of Missouri and Missourians and you can see more of his work on the Mo' Curious Podcast.

Thank you, Trevor, for the many hours you have spent bringing this valuable project to life!

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**New Wave Corporation 2024 Election of Directors**

The 2024 election for the New Wave Corporation/KOPN Board of Directors will take place by mail in February. If you are a member of the New Wave Corporation/KOPN who is interested in the future of the station and willing to work to help make positive things happen, please do consider running for one of the positions coming open on the board. Three elected positions will come open, each for a term of 3 years. Terms will begin on February 20, 2024.

The Board typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, usually at the station. Meetings are occasionally held via Zoom. Board members are expected to prepare for (by reviewing, and sometimes preparing, distributed materials) and to attend all monthly meetings. Access to a computer with email, an internet connection, and audio/video capacity is necessary. Additional information is available in the NWC Bylaws posted on the KOPN website. If you have questions and/or would like to request a meeting with a current board member, please email: board@kopn.org.

Candidates' statements will be mailed in mid-January with ballots to current members of the NWC. Completed ballots will need to be returned by mail or delivered in time to arrive at 401 Bernadette Drive, Columbia, MO 65203 by 5:00 pm February 14, 2024. Election results will be announced at the annual meeting and posted on the KOPN
How to Become a Candidate

To become a candidate for Director please prepare a brief statement (200 words or less) providing your reasons for wishing to serve on the board and how you see yourself contributing to its work, along with a brief background summary of relevant knowledge, skills, and experience. Please submit your statement to: election@kopn.org by January 4, 2024.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Members Meeting of the New Wave Corporation has been scheduled for 2:00 pm on February 18, 2024, location TBD.