Open Mic Newsletter
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Learning with KOPN!
Thanks to everyone who came out to the KOPN studios to learn the theory and fundamentals of creating high-reliability electronic connections with electronics expert, and KOPN engineering team member, Gerry Novak. Participants learned the fundamental techniques of soldering and got hands on training in a friendly, comfortable setting.

Did you enjoy the class? Or are you bummed because you missed your chance to attend? Should we offer more classes like this? Please let us know your thoughts and help us with future planning: contact@kopn.org.

Who knows, KOPN just might be training the next generation of mad scientists..!

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Underwriter Spotlight:
Family Tree Cookie Company
Have you had a chance to taste the treats baked by the Family Tree Cookie Company? Owner Natasha Ballew offers more than 30 varieties of cookies, cinnamon rolls, and more for birthdays, holidays, office parties, and other catered events. Using locally sourced eggs and honey allows Natasha to ensure that her ingredients are as fresh and natural as possible. Learn more at: FamilyTreeCookieCompany.com

KOPN is proud to support Odyssey Chamber Music Series' 20th Season

On Friday, February 2nd, Odyssey welcomes Trio Menil, the Grand Prize Winner of the 2023 Plowman Chamber Music Competition, as they perform at the First Baptist Church. Comprised of pianist Jonathan Mak, violinist Jeongwon Claire An, and cellist David Dietz, the trio is named after the Menil Collection, a museum and neighborhood of art in the heart of Houston, and shares the same mission to attract, educate, and inspire diverse audiences through art. For more information and tickets: OdysseyMissouri.org. You can learn more about the group here: TrioMenil.com, and enter to win a
On Friday, February 9th, Odyssey Chamber Music Series presents *M-Odyssey: "Tenson, Dean and Friends"* at the First Baptist Church at 7pm. This program has been expertly compiled by Odyssey Performance Fellows, and you can expect to hear some unexpected musical gems. On the program will be works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Robert Schumann, Aulis Sallinen, and Caroline Shaw. For more information and tickets: [OdysseyMissouri.org](https://OdysseyMissouri.org).

Enter to win a pair of tickets from KOPN here: [kopn.org/win](http://kopn.org/win)

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**KOPN's Reel to Reel Project**

Since 2018 KOPN has been partnering with the MU College of Education’s School of Information Science and Learning Technology (SISLT), as they digitize audio tapes from the KOPN archives, generate metadata, and prepare the files for inclusion in the American Archive of Public Broadcasting (AAPB).

It’s a fascinating process, requiring both patience and precision. Several graduate students have worked on the project under the guidance of their mentor, Associate Professor Sarah Buchanan. Most recently Kaitlin Howard was assigned to the project, and before she finished her tenure, we visited her in the lab to observe the process.
Some of the old tapes waiting to be preserved. The food dehydrator you see is an important part of the process as tapes need to spend time in it 'baking'.

This is one of two Studer reel to reel tape players used to play the tapes as they are recorded onto a computer. Both players are extremely old and must be handled with great care.

Here Kaitlin demonstrates how the tape is recorded from the reel to reel player onto the computer where it is saved digitally. Notice the second dehydrator in the corner. Thank you, Kaitlin, for all your hard work preserving KOPN’s history!

You can access some of these preserved recordings in an online collection: Feminist Community Radio at KOPN in the American
Annual Meeting

The Annual Members Meeting of the New Wave Corporation has been scheduled for 2:00 pm on February 18, 2024 at Daniel Boone Regional Library, 100 W Broadway, Columbia MO 65203. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ballots are on their way...

The tax letters for your 2023 donations to KOPN have been mailed and you should be receiving them soon.

Current members of KOPN will also receive a voting ballot for the 2024 Election to the New Wave Corporation/KOPN Board of Directors.

A statement of interest from each of the candidates will be included.

Completed ballots need to be returned by mail, or hand delivered, in time to arrive at 401 Bernadette Drive, Columbia MO 65203 by 5:00 pm on February 14th, 2024. Election results will be announced at the annual meeting and posted on the KOPN website.
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