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KOPN SoundStage Concert: Chris Hatfield
Whether you enjoyed the concert live in the KOPN studio, over the airwaves, or streaming online, what a night! For two hours The Chris Hatfield Band entertained the KOPN family, playing both original songs and covers of some old favorites. KOPN sends a huge thank you to Chris Hatfield for making the premier of the SoundStage Concert Series a night to remember!

Setting up for the concert

The Chris Hatfield Band rocking the Sound Stage at KOPN

Operations Manager Dylan having fun in the performance

...while Executive Director Jet kept things humming in the
The next KOPN Soundstage Concert will feature Rochara Knight and the Honey Doves on Saturday, December 10th at Cafe Berlin.

KOPN was featured in COMO magazine's Celebrations section last month, just in time for the run-up to our own 50th-anniversary celebrations. Here you can see our intrepid staff posing in front of the cd collection. Check out the article here for more photos of the station, taken by Anthony Jinson, and the article by Jules Graebner.

Ask a Programmer:
Adam Archibald
How did you hear about KOPN and get involved?
Before my partner and I moved to Columbia in June, we’d spoken with our family about the area and what was great about the area. My sister-in-law had talked up KOPN, specifically the shows Food Sleuth and Women's Issues, Women's Voices. I’ve always had a love of radio since I was a kid. So when I found out I could come help some of these shows, I jumped at the chance!

What got you interested in radio as a kid?
A few things really got me interested in radio. First, my grandpa was a Ham radio operator. When our family would go camping, he'd always bring his shortwave and we'd listen to broadcasts from across the Pacific, in all different languages. Back at home, I'd sit with him while he talked with folks all over. At around the same time, a local AM station started rebroadcasting the old radio shows like The Shadow and X minus One. Those combined to make radio both accessible and magical at the same time.

Since you've been at KOPN, what's been the biggest challenge? What do you like the most?
While I'd been doing some audio work for personal projects, it's completely self taught. Since I started volunteering, Jet and Dylan have trained me on everything from board operating to production. Tools I've been fumbling with for a long time are now easier to use. I think the biggest challenge is getting over being nervous when I turn on the mic. Still get a bit of stage fright and it doesn't matter if it's live or just a recording. Jitters every time.

What are you hoping to do here at KOPN? Are you making your own show?
Oh, I'm not sure about my own show. Maybe something short like the History Minute? Like a "Poetry Moment" or something
You mentioned you're new to Columbia. Where are you coming from?
Originally I'm from California, the San Joaquin Valley. Less than an hour's drive from the giant Sequoias. But I've moved around a lot since then. Most recently, my partner and I lived in Boulder, Colorado. And, yes, it was very hard to leave those mountains. Unfortunately in December there was a giant fire and over a thousand homes were lost. Rent skyrocketed. And it was already pretty expensive to begin with. Especially compared with Columbia. Luckily my wife works remotely, so we were able to move pretty easily.

What brought you to Columbia?
Mainly to be close to the family we have in the area. Partially the cost of living. And, you know, the lack of a year-round fire season. My wife and I met in Saint Louis while in graduate school. We'd been out to Columbia to visit her sister's family regularly. Couldn't think of a better place to move to.

What do you do outside of KOPN?
Since we moved, I've been focused on personal creative work. Well, that and all the things that come along with buying a house! It's our first home and it's a lot of work. You fix one thing on the list and two more get added. But it's our place and that's wonderful. Beyond that, I've been a podcaster for a couple of years now on a few different projects. Also working on a novel. Outside of that, I'm still looking for a regular job. I went to graduate school at WashU for physics but when we moved to Colorado, I transitioned to working with the homeless.

Physics to working with the homeless?
On the surface, it doesn't make much sense, I know. I loved my graduate work. I worked on experiments looking at gravity, trying to make sense of how General Relativity doesn't jive with the Standard Model of Particle Physics. Basically trying to find a way to combine how we think of the largest things and the
smallest things. I love building things with my hands, with solving problems. Working on that very edge of what we don't know. But Saint Louis was eye-opening to me. I hadn't seen that stark of a socio-economic gap like that before. Once I saw it, I couldn't turn away. Started volunteering out there. And then when we moved to Colorado, there was a pretty dire need. The local shelter was hiring and I thought it would be a short-term thing. Three years later I'd been promoted to case manager and then to supervisor.

So at this point, I don't know what's next. I'm still looking to make a difference. For now, I'll keep trying to do some good at the station.

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**KOPN Community Advisory Committee**

Are you looking for an opportunity to discuss KOPN programming in a constructive, collaborative environment?

KOPN Community Radio invites interested people in our listening area to serve on the KOPN Community Advisory Committee (CAC). CAC members attend quarterly meetings (which are open to the public) and provide advice to the Board of Directors on whether the station's programming, policies, and activities are meeting the educational and cultural needs of the communities served by the station. The Committee, advisory in nature, makes recommendations to the station's governing body and serves as a valuable resource to the station as it strives to meet the diverse needs of our listening area communities.

Programmers, KOPN staff, and members of the Board of Directors are not eligible to serve on the Committee but are welcome to attend its open meetings.

For additional information or to volunteer to serve as a member of the Committee, email: Linda@kopn.org.

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**New Wave Corporation**

2023 Election of Directors

The 2023 election for the New Wave Corporation/KOPN Board of Directors will take place 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 21, 2023.
The Board typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library at KOPN, 401 Bernadette Drive, Columbia, MO. When necessary because of weather or pandemic, we hold meetings via Zoom. We try to finish by 9:00 pm and usually do. Board members are expected to prepare for (by reviewing, and sometimes preparing, distributed materials) and attend these monthly meetings. Access to a computer with email, an internet connection, and audio/video capacity is necessary.

There are reports to read and sometimes to help prepare, financial reports to review, occasional problems to help solve, easy and difficult decisions to make, and, of course, funds to raise. We try to carry on with good humor in those endeavors knowing that it is for a very good cause: the future of our very special community radio station. If you are considering throwing your hat in the ring but have some questions, please email: Linda@kopn.org with questions or to request to set up a time to talk with a current board member.

How to Become a Candidate

To become a candidate for a position on the New Wave Corporation (NWC) Board of Directors, 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, and a brief background summary of relevant knowledge, skills, and experience. Please submit your statement to: election@kopn.org by January 4, 2023. Candidates’ statements will be mailed in mid-January with ballots to current members of the NWC.

Election and Annual Meeting

Votes by members will need to be mailed or delivered in time to arrive at 401 Bernadette Drive, Columbia, MO 65203 by 5:00 pm on February 14. Election results will be announced at the annual meeting and posted on the KOPN website.

The Annual Members Meeting of the NWC will be held at 2:00 pm on February 19, 2023. As a caution since we don’t know what the public health situation will be in February, our current plan is to hold the meeting via Zoom as we have for the past two years.

KOPN is a proud sponsor of A Very MOSY Christmas at The Missouri Symphony.
The Missouri Symphony annual Holiday Home Tour kicks off the season December 2 - 4, showcasing Columbia homes and businesses decked out for the holidays.

The Symphony of Toys concert will take place December 11 at the Missouri Theater, featuring a performance by Shelby Ringdahl Cox and special guests, Mr. & Mrs. Claus all the way from the North Pole!

The Boonslick Chordbusters present Christmas with the Ambassadors Saturday, December 3rd at 2:00 pm

For more information: 573-529-6821 or chordbusters.com

Upcoming Events:
The Missouri Symphony is hosting the following events:
- 12/2 - 12/4 Holiday Home Tour
- 12/11 2 pm Symphony of Toys
For more information: themosy.org

Elderblossom View Winery will host the following event:
- 12/3 3:30 pm Sarah & Mark
For more information: elderblossomview.com/events

Dive Bar is hosting the following events:
- 11/24 Open for Thanksgiving Dinner
- 11/25 5:00 pm Rocket Kirchner
- 11/25 8:00 pm Kevin Cruise
- 11/26 8:00 pm Mike Davis
- 12/2 5:00 pm Ty Toomsen
- 12/3 8:00 pm Dick Johnson
- 12/13 6:00 pm Como Song Swap
- 12/16 5:00 pm Aimee Marie McGoveran
- 12/17 8:00 pm JG3
- 12/23 8:00 pm Meredith Shaw
- 12/24 8:00 pm Christmas Eve w/ Travis Feutz & The Stardust Cowboys

For more information: divebarcomo.com/events