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Newsletter

September 26, 2021

Our fall pledge drive was a success! Thanks to your generous support, we raised over \$12,000 in 4 days! While all of the on-air programmers at KOPN are volunteers, we do have a small paid staff, rent, and a hefty utility bill to pay each month. The funds from our pledge drives keep KOPN on the air. **It's not too late to donate and receive a limited-edition lapel pin (pictured below on a bulletin board, but you can also use it to adorn your jacket or backpack)!** Thank you for keeping us going strong for almost 50 years.

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Fall for KOPN
and Support Community Radio

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After assembling a programming committee

KOPN's fall events include Giving Tuesday (November 30), and we will be participating in CoMo Gives during the entire month of December.



and getting feedback from our listeners, KOPN is pleased to launch an updated program schedule, effective last Monday!

There is now local music each afternoon between 3 and 5 p.m., and we offer several new local music shows, including **Femme FM**, **Movies & Moods**, and **Stories & Songs**. The schedule is always available [here!](#) Tune in to catch some shows you have never heard before!

An update from the New Wave Corporation Board of Directors:

Those of you who attended the annual NWC meeting held via Zoom in February know that we have been searching for almost two years for an accessible, affordable property to purchase for KOPN. Our timing coincided with things that have made this a very difficult time to be a buyer in the local commercial property market: tax laws further increasing benefits to real estate investors and developers, increased wealth among local investors, and a new medical marijuana industry in the market for real estate.

In spite of all that, we may finally be on our way to success. **We believe we have found a property that will work and are in the process of having inspections and appraisal. So, think positive thoughts and picture KOPN in an accessible space, with parking (!), sometime in mid-2022.** Stay tuned! We will keep you posted as things progress.

In other good news, we qualified for a Community Service Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for our fiscal year 2022 that will help support programming of national and local news, news analysis, and community affairs. And we were approved for an award for the fiscal year 2022 through the Annual Arts Funding program of Columbia's Office of Cultural Affairs.

Though these last two years have been strange and difficult ones, we are feeling optimistic and constructive as we enter fall. We hope you are as well.

Staff Spotlight: Dylan Martin



Dylan is KOPN's new **Operations Manager!** He comes to us from Lincoln University, where he was an institutional repository librarian. He has volunteered on KOPN's engineering committee in the past, and all of our volunteers, staff, and listeners will benefit immensely from the skills he has to offer the station. If you see Dylan at the station, say welcome! **Here are some fast facts about Dylan:**

Coffee or tea?

Coffee (preferably espresso)

Train or airplane?

Train

Night or morning?

Morning

Who are your favorite musicians?

As a bassist, one of my all-time favorite musicians is Charles Mingus. Particularly his performance on the 1963 album *Money Jungle* with Duke Ellington and Max Roach. That trio can't be beat. This is showing my age, but my first live concert ever was The Dead in 2003 in St. Louis. The last concert I attended was Dead and Co. at the same venue. My parents have been "on the bus" for as long as I can remember, and they brought me, too.

In a perfect world, how would you spend your day?

Wake up at dawn, make coffee, and wander through the woods in the Ozarks. Come home, listen to music, and fix or tinker with something.

What excites you about your new role with KOPN?

In short, the chance to help our community of programmers and volunteers bring their ideas to fruition is what excites me most. In the last few years, I really missed being hands-on with audio engineering and repair, which was something that I did for several years as the manager of live sound at Cafe Berlin.

Thank you to Tim Pilcher, our outgoing Operations Manager, for his years of support and service to KOPN. We wish him the best on his new projects!

Ask a Programmer: Dustin Lambeth

Tune in to **MAXIMUM AMPLITUDE** every Friday night between 10 p.m. and midnight. You can hear Dustin spinning live, improvisational music with detours into funk, soul, punk, country, pop, metal, or anything else you can think of!



How long have you been a programmer on KOPN's airwaves?

I hosted my first show by myself at 3 a.m. on January 2, 2002. Aside from the worst days of the pandemic, when we went to doing the show every other week (I feel like pre-recording goes against the spirit of my show, so I didn't do that), I've been programming a weekly show ever since.

What are you up to when you are not in the studio between 10 p.m. and midnight on Fridays during Maximum Amplitude?

I'm the Produce Manager at a local grocery store, where I've been for the last 12 years or so. That takes up a lot of my time. As you might guess, I enjoy listening to music. Covid threw a big old wet blanket over going out to see live music for quite a while, but I did travel to Indiana in early August to catch Phish's run at Deer Creek, and I'm hoping to get back into the habit of seeing live music on a regular basis. I'm an avid reader (mostly science fiction and fantasy, but I'm open to anything that tells a good story). I'm not really a huge sports fan, except for baseball (go Cards!). Like a lot of my favorite music, baseball asks for patience and attentiveness. If you pay attention to the rhythms and flows of baseball, you can see that it's all building up to what makes those big payoff moments so sweet.

If you could have a dinner party or spend quality time with 5 musicians from any point in history, who would you invite?

Man, this question has challenged me! I couldn't tell you how many times this lineup has changed before I actually sat down here to type my answer. Even at this moment, my answer is in flux! Do I just want to talk about music? Or should we discuss the answers to life, the universe, and everything? Here's my answer at 12:20 PM on Saturday, September 18th, 2021: Jerry Garcia. John Lennon. Tina Weymouth. Frank Zappa. Henry Rollins. I think that there's a fun conversation in there somewhere.

Are you from Missouri, or did you move here from somewhere else?

I was born in Joplin in 1974 but grew up primarily in the Branson area (Hollister!). Aside from a 4-year stint in the Air Force, I've lived my whole life in Missouri. I've lived in Columbia since October of 1999.

Do you have a favorite anecdote or a connection you have made in the community because of your show on KOPN?

Ha! For several years, I had a show that ran from midnight until 3 a.m. On nice nights, I would often leave the back door of the station open to let in the night air. I had to stop that after a while, as it turns out that an open door with music coming out of it at two o'clock in the morning in downtown Columbia leads to unsolicited interactions with "the public". There are several stories there! On a serious note, I have made several friends through my involvement at KOPN.





Ice Cream Social

Our volunteer programmers, board of directors, and staff met at Stephens Lake Park for an ice cream social on Saturday, September 11!

*At the table on the left, you can see [Bruce Gordon](#), who hosts **Morning Ayre** on Mondays; [The Jazz Broker, Sharif](#), host of **The Jazz Exchange**; and [Kevin Walsh](#), host of **Roots + Blues = Soul** and **The "So-Called" So-Called Good Life**.*

At the back table, national programming announcer [Shawn Wilcox](#) talks with his partner, while board members [Gordon Rogers](#) and [Martha Daniels](#) stand to the right.

*At the table on the right, you can see board treasurer and host of **Evening Edition** and **The Grateful Dead Show**, [Laura Wacker](#); board president [Linda Day](#) (who also hosts **The Grateful Dead Show**); and board vice president [Diana Moxon](#) (host of **Speaking of the Arts**). Standing to the far right, you can just make out [Pippa Letsky](#) (host of **Music of the World** and **World Woman**).*

**Special thanks to the West Broadway HyVee
for providing our ice cream!**

Upcoming Events in Our Broadcast Range:

Columbia:

- September 26: Roots N Blues Fest wraps up today. KOPN is a community media sponsor of the 2021 Roots n Blues festival. Attendees may hear some familiar KOPN voices introducing bands!
- October 1: Stroll the North Village Arts District during First Friday!
- October 6: Sensory-Friendly Touch-a-Truck at the Rainbow Softball Center at Cosmo Park; free and open to the public
- October 23: Night of the Living Shred Skateboard Competition at Douglass Skate Park between 3 and 6 p.m.; ages 11 and up, free

- October 30: Nclusion+ All Hallow's Eve festivities! (Details below)

Lupus:

- October 3: Lupus, MO in the Afternoon: the village of Lupus is hosting an afternoon of live music and BBQ. Lee Ruth, host of Radio Omega on KOPN, and other local musicians will be playing music. Proceeds from the afternoon will benefit repairs at Lupus City Hall.

We are happy to be a community media sponsor of Nclusion+'s All Hallow's Eve festivities. On Saturday, October 30th, enjoy a full day of activities, beginning with Bingo and Brunch at 11 a.m., followed by an all-ages costume contest and dance party at 2 p.m. At 5 p.m., the venue will shift to 18+ activities, including a dinner show by Zero Tucks Given, an adults-only costume contest, a Drag2Nite show (including some nationally-known performers), and a dance party. Ticket and more information are available on their [website](#).

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