

Spring Salutations KVSC Members,

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It's been a very positive and productive academic year at *Your Sound Alternative* and our spring event programming is fast approaching for you to explore. If it's been a while since you've received KVSC newsletter I hope you find this communication informative and helpfull as a listener member in previous years. Please come say hello and join us at any of the following station's supported activities; or stop by our studios for a tour!

We're excited to continue our partnership with the Paramount Center for the Arts for the next presenter in the Midnimo series, funded in part by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art grant. On Friday, April 13 an inspiring one-woman show is coming to St. Cloud State University. **Ifrah Mansour's play "How to Have Fun in a Civil War"** will be presented in the Ritsche Auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m. Her multi-media play includes poetry, puppetry, video and gathered testimony; the story is told from the perspective of a 7-year-old girl in the 1991 Somali Civil War. Mansour recently performed this production at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis. The play is free for all children, students, faculty and staff, and general public tickets are available at [scsutickets.com](http://scsutickets.com). We invite you to listen and look for a pre-event broadcast and podcast with Mansour on the *Untold Stories of Central Minnesota* podcast page on KVSC.org in early April.

KVSC's Minnesota music concert is a return to gritty, youthful rock. We're welcoming **Remo Drive, Bruise Violet** and St. Cloud's own **Goodbye Lucy Grey** to the Red Carpet Nightclub on Saturday, April 14. Remo Drive, who signed with Epitaph Records a few months ago are brothers from Bloomington who are touring nationally with their band. They have a distinct danceable emo rock sound. Bruise Violet is a 3-piece band from Minneapolis and the women of the band met while in a school of rock program in high school a few years ago. The show is 21 and older, and just \$8.00 at the door. It's a chance for you to return to your rock roots—or to pass this concert news along to the younger rockers in your life! 😊

**Granite City Radio Theatre** comes to its 6<sup>th</sup> season finale at the Pioneer Place on Wednesday, May 16, and live on the air at 7:30 p.m. The incomparable singer for the Fabulous Armadillos, **Billy Scherer** will knock the socks off the show with house band Collective Unconscious. Billy has an incredible vocal range and promises a great show. The show is full of comedy sketches, the Shades Brigade drama and Dan Barth's trivia challenge. Tickets are available at [ppfive.com](http://ppfive.com). A grant from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, business sponsors and listener members combine to support the spring concert and Granite City Radio Theatre.

As we celebrated KVSC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, it's important to note it has also been a great year to reflect on the talented and dedicated show hosts on *Your Sound Alternative*. Based on information we can tap into on our Spintron playlist archive (visit KVSC.org in the upper right corner, click on "Playlist Archive" link just below the pulsating speaker) we have data on how many shows our hosts have produced since we started with this tracking service in **July 2010**. What a remarkable group of volunteers and music lovers!

Host	Shows Hosted	Number of Shows
John Drake	Classic Rock, Diversions, more!	780
Carol	Thrivin on a Riff Jazz, Diversions	519
Derek Ehlert	Urban Invasion, new music shows	512
Peter V	Diversions, World programming	430
Woodrow	Morning show Friday 6-9 a.m.	409
Paul H.	Eclectic Breakfast	399
Mike May	Diversions, Granite City Rock	388

DJ Sparky	Beats and Pieces	381
XAkk	Undercurrents Punk Rock	366
Ed Fish	Morning show Thursday 6-9 a.m.	348
Aaron N	Whole Lotta Blues	359
Iowa Jeff	Diversions	343
Justin H.	Frets folk and bluegrass	288
Bobby	Afternoon Progressive Rock, Tuesday	282
Gypsy McGreevy	Diversions, Classic Rock, GCRC	278
Chris G	Morning show Mon 6-9, new music	260
Bridget	Root Cellar, Frets fill-in, World	187

The above is humbling and an honor to review—as I reflect on my 25<sup>th</sup> year as KVSC’s station manager. It is filled with incredible memories and experiences with our community volunteers, student staff and alumni.

Later this spring KVSC’s Director of Operations Jim Gray plans to begin the second phase of our studio upgrade project. In 2016 KVSC completely renovated our main broadcast and production studios, thanks to support from listener members, grants and business sponsors. This next step of work will upgrade the Training and News booth studios. Both have been virtually untouched since 1989 and will allow for networked communications to other studios and audio board and studio design improvements for all types of users.

KVSC’s spring membership drive is April 21-29. We’ll provide innumerable reasons for you to renew your membership during the drive including drawings for concert tickets and other donated items—aside from the year-round diverse programming. We have new pledge premiums this spring. They include a new logo coffee mug, Black berry (Deep purple) T-shirt, a sweet baseball hat and a Henley style shirt with a vintage vibe. We will have images of these items posted soon on KVSC.org’s membership perks page. If you pledged during the Fall 2017 drive and would like a new membership discount card mailed to you (the current card expires April 30) please contact me and I will gladly send a new card to you in early May. You will also receive a membership discount card by renewing your pledge this spring.

As a reminder, we feature several methods to renew your membership. Simply click on the membership link at KVSC.org to view the options. They include the online credit card single payment option, a monthly payment that can be deducted from a savings or checking account or simply return the renewal slip enclosed with this letter.

All pledge payments to KVSC are deposited into the radio station’s account at the SCSU Foundation. If you would prefer to not receive any mailings or calls from the university, please note that on your enclosed pledge form, or email me at [jlmcmullen@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:jlmcmullen@stcloudstate.edu) and I will request do not call or mail on your behalf.

Your feedback and support of *Your Sound Alternative* is truly appreciated. If you have ever considered flexing your musical knowledge or passion for diverse musical ideas please consider entering the free, go-at-your-own-pace KVSC training program. You can email [info@kvsc.org](mailto:info@kvsc.org) to share your interest in training, and we’ll take it from there.

Best,

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P.S. Don’t forget to renew your membership; a form is enclosed if you’re due. Thank you kindly!