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Iowa Public Radio Launches New Podcast *Caucus Land*

DES MOINES, Iowa (July 11, 2019) – From the newsroom of Iowa Public Radio, we're bringing you a podcast called Caucus Land. Join Iowa Public Radio Reporters Clay Masters and Kate Payne to get a view into Iowa – into Caucus Land – ahead of the 2020 caucuses. The goal of this podcast is to bring a statewide, in-depth look at the importance of the Iowa caucuses, how they define a candidate's campaign in other states, and how it all helps shape the national political conversation in advance of a presidential election. Contributing IPR reporters will create sound-rich scenes supplemented by analysis from people who live and work in Caucus Land to bring an informed and thoughtful approach to the podcast listeners.

The first five weeks (7/11/19 through 8/8/19) of Caucus Land episodes will feature historical and contextual background into the Iowa caucuses. And then through Caucus Day, we'll highlight the real-time happenings around 2020 political candidates, with detailed analysis and discussion on a bi-weekly basis from IPR's own Clay Masters and Kate Payne.

"Every four years, all eyes in the political world are on Iowa," says IPR executive producer Katherine Perkins. "The national media spends significant time here in advance of the caucuses, but it's not the same as living in Iowa, experiencing multiple caucus campaigns and talking with Iowans about the issues they care about every day. That's what we do. And that's why we feel IPR is in a strong position to help people new to the process, or from outside the state, understand how seriously Iowans take this duty, and just how surreal it can be to live in Iowa during a caucus campaign."

Since the first candidate dropped into Iowa ahead of the 2020 caucuses, Iowa Public Radio reporters have been gathering information, stories and context, and are ready to share knowledge and analysis as the road to the White House begins.

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