Dear Listeners:

When times are hardest, our public radio crew steps into the storm. I have never been prouder of the dedication, skill, and hard work of our staff in bringing you this essential public service during this extraordinarily challenging year.

On the near horizon, several changes are taking place, both across the national public media system and here at home. New programs are being tried even as some older programs are being retired. Please let us know what you think when you hear something new. Our board has been developing a new strategic plan to assure that SPR remains viable and sustainable into the future. Much of the plan is already underway, and we look forward to seeing the results.

The station remains guarded in our public events and broadcasts. We have been judicious and careful in our in-person interviews, live broadcasts and concerts from our studios, and other SPR-sponsored events—although we’ve managed a few pre-recorded concerts, a live broadcast here and there, and even a very brief fund drive. The Record Sale will be postponed yet again—perhaps in May. But most importantly, SPR continues to bring you the latest news of the pandemic as well as news and information from around the region and the world.

We live in interesting times: COVID cases across the world continue escalating. The economy continues to struggle, and here in our own broadcast home, SPR lost considerable traditional revenue—even as our service is most needed to keep our citizens informed, enlightened, and entertained. To meet these challenges, SPR has been proactive—and successful for the moment—in finding extra support and operational funds from national, state, and local sources. Our listeners have also been wonderfully generous in stepping up with extra funds to keep us going. (Thank You!)

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Coming Up with Spokane Public Radio

KPBX 42nd Anniversary
Thursday, January 20, 2022
KPBX went on the air in 1980 just 18 hours a day. 42 years later we have 3 stations broadcasting 24/7 to thousands of listeners in our region, including our digital coverage area. Thanks to everyone who has been involved in SPR for your hard work and support that made this possible.

KPBX Kids’ Concert: Western Reunion
January 22, 1 p.m. on KPXB 91.1 or online
Step back into the Old West through original Cowboy Songs and Poetry. This encore performance is from a concert with Dunn Holladay, Bill Siems, Michael Gilford and Don Thomasen recorded at the Bing Crosby Theater in April 2010.

KPBX Kids’ Concert: Floating Crowbar
March 12, 1 p.m. on KPXB 91.1 or online
Floating Crowbar performs their annual Celtic dance party Live From The Studio, hosted by Verne Windham. Jigs, reels and horn pipes are the foundation of Celtic dance music played by Rick Ruben, Don Thomasen, Morgan Anderson and James Hunter.

SPR Media Partner: The Fox presents
Chris Botti in Concert
May 28, 8 p.m. at The Fox Theater
Trumpeter, bandleader and composer Chris Botti plays a May 28, 8 p.m. at the Fox Theater SPR Presents: Chris Botti in Concert

KPBX and KSFC Program Highlights

Concert of the Week: Spokane Symphony & EWU Music Students Featured
Performances from the Inland and Intermountain Northwest can be heard on KPXB from 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday, January 24 will feature the return of Eckart Preu to the Spokane Symphony as Conductor Laureate with Masterworks 4. Also, catch live in-studio performances by EWU music students! That’s on a special day and time...the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. to Noon, beginning January 18th through May.

Movies 101
Join Dan Webster, Mary Pat Treuthart and Nathan Weinbender for the latest KPXB movie review! Listen Friday 6:30-7 p.m. on KPXB and Saturday 1-2 p.m. on KSFC.

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