Anne Garrels In Spokane: A Unique View On Foreign Reporting and The Real Russia

Former NPR foreign correspondent Anne Garrels visits Spokane on Nov. 15 for an SPR benefit at the Bing Crosby Theater. She plans to share some of the experiences from her most recent book, Putin Country: A Journey into the Real Russia and her unique perspective on reporting and international conflicts.

Garrels had an early interest in Russia, which led to her journalism career. Before joining NPR in 1986 she was ABC’s chief correspondent in Moscow and Central America. She went on to set up NPR’s bureau in Moscow – the first fully-functioning overseas bureau for the young radio network. She arrived in Baghdad six months before the 2003 U.S. bombing campaign and continued to cover Iraq for the next six years.

Fall Folk Festival Live Broadcast Celebrates Dan Maher

Back in 1982, a young broadcasting student and musician answered KPBX’s call for volunteer folk music hosts. Dan Maher is still host of Inland Folk 35 years later, but he says the anniversary is just another number.

“Thirty-five years is great, but I intend to keep going,” Maher told Tara Roberts of Inland 360.

KPBX celebrates Maher’s milestone with a special segment during the annual Fall Folk Festival live broadcast, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Nov. 11. Music Director Verne Windham and former Nacho Celtic Hour host Carlos Alden co-host, and Dan will perform some of his favorite songs.

“Dan is that rare music producer who can bring a genre of music into a larger context and humanize it,” Verne says. “He understands the essence of all music, including what we call ‘folk.’ He proves its importance,
**SPR Presents: BeauSoleil**

*Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox, 1001 W. Sprague Ave.*

Michael Doucet's Grammy Award-winning Cajun band entertains with a unique blend of zydeco, western swing, calypso, blues, and traditional New Orleans jazz. Tickets available at TicketsWest. Proceeds benefit SPR.

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**KPBX Kids’ Concert: SPARC Oktoberfest**

*Saturday, Oct. 7, 1 p.m. – FREE at River Park Square, 808 W. Main Ave. in Downtown Spokane*

Celebrate Oktoberfest with traditional German brass music and a few German dances from the Silver Spurs Youth Folk Dancers.

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**SPR Fall Drive**

*October 19-25 on KPBX 91.1, KSFC 91.9 & KPBZ 90.3*

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**KPBX Broadcasts Live from the Fall Folk Festival**

*Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. – FREE at SCC Lair Auditorium, Mission at Greene.*

Verne Windham and Carlos Alden host a sampling of musical artists, and celebrate 35 years of Dan Maher’s *Inland Folk*. Be part of the audience in the Lair Auditorium as the event is broadcast live on KPBX.

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**SPR Presents Anne Garrels**

*Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W. Sprague Ave. in Downtown Spokane*

The former NPR Senior Foreign Correspondent and author (*Putin Country: A Journey into the Real Russia and Naked in Baghdad*) takes the stage with SPR’s Doug Nadvornick and Steve Jackson for a discussion about foreign reporting. Tickets available now at TicketsWest.com.

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**KPBX Kids’ Concert: Hot Club of Spokane**

*Saturday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m. – FREE at SFCC Music Auditorium, 2410 W. Fort George Wright Dr.*

Explore the history and iconic performers of the Jazz Age at this edu-taining free concert for all ages.

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**Open House & On-Air Call-In**

*Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 1229 N. Monroe Street, Spokane 4-6 p.m.: Open House 6-7 p.m.: Live Call In*

What do you think of programming on KPBX, KSFC, and KPBZ? Tell us in person or during a live call-in program (call 1-800-328-5729). Come to the station and see where staff and volunteers make radio.

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**BBC World Service**

- NPR’s Morning Edition
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- Morning Classical with Verne Windham
- NPR’s All Things Considered
  - Local News at 4:44p, 5:04p, 5:44p, 6:04p
- The Bookshelf
- Movies 101

**KBPX Program Grid / October-December 2017**

- Eckart Preu conducts the Spokane Symphony Orchestra; Classics Concerts are repeated 10 days later on *Concert of the Week*, Monday nights at 7 p.m. on KPBX.

**Anne Garrels**

Over a span of 20 years, Garrels followed residents of Chelyabinsk, a military-industrial center in Russia’s eastern half. She compares the region’s industrial sections to Detroit and the nuclear military zones to Hanford.

Her first book, *Naked in Baghdad*, was a much more personal telling of her experience as one of the last Western journalists in that city during the Iraq War. Books will be available in the lobby during the event, courtesy of Auntie’s Bookstore. Garrels will autograph books after she chats on stage with SPR Program Director Doug Nadvornick, taking questions from the audience.

Tickets for the evening event are now on sale at TicketsWest.com, TicketsWest outlets, and 1-800-325-SEAT. Student tickets are available. Proceeds benefit Spokane Public Radio.

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**Election 2017** will see several races for state legislators, city council members, judges and school board members. SPR covers them all during *Inland Journal* Thursdays at Noon on KPBX, 5 p.m. on KSFC.

**Holiday Specials** will air around Hanukkah (Dec. 12-20), Christmas (Dec. 25) and the New Year (Jan. 1). Listings will be online at SpokanePublicRadio.org/holiday.

**Dan Maher** Continued from front panel

relevance, and its meaning in his lovely conversational way. He’s absolutely central to our folk offerings.”

From KPBX’s beginning as a public radio station, folk music came on Sundays at 6 p.m. after NPR’s *All Things Considered*. By fall ‘83 Maher was the sole host of *Inland Folk*, recording each episode at Washington State University in Pullman and sending reel-to-reel tapes on a bus up U.S. Route 195. When he went from student to staff at WSU, their radio station began airing the show too.

*Inland Folk* grew from one hour to two, then expanded to three hours in the early 2000s. By then he was his own producer, engineer and editor, and *Inland Folk* was a staple for listeners across the Northwest.

Maher will also be live in the KPBX studio during the Pledge Drive Folk Special on Oct. 22 from 1-4 p.m. The first hour of *Inland Folk* airs Sundays at 3 p.m., with two more hours later that evening from 8-10 p.m.
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