



Friday, April 24, 2015

Dear KSUT listeners,

KSUT is making some changes to our programming schedule, effective Saturday May 2, 2015.

We're pleased to announce changes to our daily, evening, and weekend lineup. These changes were crafted with an eye toward costs, staffing, and listener feedback; but also with a desire to stay true to our mission: to enrich, inspire, educate, and connect through exceptional programming.

This new schedule will increase listener access to our most popular national programs, and invite new listeners to try KSUT. Here are more details:

More NPR news...

KSUT is adding more NPR Newscasts. You'll hear headlines from NPR at a minute past the hour throughout most of the midday hours, seven days a week.

A few daily features move around...

We're moving some of the features you hear during the weekday Afternoon Blend. The *Entertainment Calendar* moves to 1:30 p.m. from 3:30 p.m., and the *Community Calendar* moves to 3:30 p.m. from 2:55 p.m. The second broadcast of *The Writer's Almanac* at 3:00 p.m. is being dropped, but you can still hear the program at 9:30 a.m. Weekdays. These changes are being made to streamline the Afternoon Blend, and to allow the adding of more NPR News.

A slightly different approach to Saturdays...

By popular demand, KSUT is adding the NPR news quiz show *Wait Wait, Don't Tell Me!* to Saturday's lineup, just before our other popular comedy program, *The Best of Car Talk*. *Wait Wait!* will be heard at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, as well as the usual time of 2:00 p.m. Sunday. The NPR sports show *Only A Game* moves to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. A significant change is the dropping of the *The KSUT Saturday Blend*. Our reasons for this are twofold: Firstly, we want to make room in a prime part of our schedule for some of KSUT's more popular weekend programs. Also, we want to focus our limited resources on the weekday *Music Blends*. In place of the *Saturday Blend*, we're moving *This American Life* up by a few hours, to 12:00 noon. The companion storytelling program *Snap Judgment* follows at 1:00 p.m., moving from Sunday evening. And at 2:00 p.m., the popular *American Routes* joins the Saturday lineup, moving from late Wednesday evenings.

A few Sunday changes...

The NPR sports show *Only A Game* comes over from Saturday morning and lands at 3:00 p.m., replacing *Big Picture Science*. That program is being dropped, as KSUT already carries science-based programs such as *Radiolab*. The *KSUT Sunday Special*, where we hand-pick documentaries and public radio specials, moves to an earlier time, 5:00 p.m. *Alternative Radio* moves to 7:00 p.m., which pairs it with the existing 8:00 p.m. airtime of *Harry Shearer's Le Show*, another program of political commentary. And, in a nod to a longtime public radio tradition, we'll close out Sunday night with *Hearts of Space* at 9:00 p.m., just before the transition to Southern Ute Tribal music at 10:00 p.m.

New evening schedules...

Monday: Fiona Ritchie's popular Celtic music program *The Thistle & Shamrock* moves to 7:00 p.m. from 9:00 p.m., and the locally produced *A Celtic Journey* moves to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday: *Jazz Night in America* will now be heard earlier, moving to 9:00 p.m. from 11:00 p.m., while *Beale Street Caravan* moves to 11:00 p.m. We're adding the NPR program *Jazz Profiles* at 10:00 p.m. *Jazz Profiles* traces the lives and music of the greats of jazz, including Ella Fitzgerald, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington and Dave Brubeck. *Blue Dimensions* is being dropped. These changes move jazz programming to an earlier time on KSUT.

Wednesday: We're pleased to add the program *Folk Alley* from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. *Folk Alley*

collects the best in traditional and contemporary folk, along with some Americana and roots music. It replaces *American Routes*, which moves to Saturday.

Thursday: *The Grass is Bluer* host Hugh Felt is trimming his bluegrass show to an hour, to have more time performing the music he loves. The show will be heard from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The popular Colorado performance show *E-Town* moves to 8:00 p.m. *Music City Routes* becomes an hour-long show at 9:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m., KSUT welcomes a new show to our lineup, *The Colorado Sound*. The show celebrates the state's music scene in all its forms, playing established and new artists, many of which are heard regularly on KSUT's Music Blend.

Friday: *no changes*

We're excited to announce these changes, and to expand our mission to provide great public radio programming. The changes reflect listener feedback received by mail, email, phone calls, and during membership drives. In the next few months, we'll conduct another survey, so that we may continue to evaluate our programming. In the meantime, we know that making changes requires a leap of faith – from us, and from you, the listener. Thanks for your support of KSUT. If you have comments and questions, please contact us at feedback@ksut.org.

Rob Rawls
Station Manager

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Mark Duggan
Program Director

The changes: at a glance...

A Celtic Journey – Moves to 8:00 p.m. Monday

Alternative Radio – Moves to 7:00 p.m. Sunday

American Routes – Moves to 2:00 p.m. Saturday

Beale Street Caravan – Moves to 11:00 p.m. Tuesday

Big Picture Science – Dropped. Replaced by Only A Game at 3:00 p.m. Sunday

Blue Dimensions – Dropped. Replaced by Jazz Profiles at 10:00 p.m. Tuesday

The Colorado Sound – New show added at 10:00 p.m. Thursday

E-Town – Moves to 8:00 p.m. Thursday

Folk Alley – New show added at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday. Replaces American Routes

The Grass is Bluer – Shortens to one hour at 7:00 p.m. Thursday

Hearts of Space – Second airing added at 9:00 p.m. Sunday

Jazz Night In America – Moves to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday

Jazz Profiles – Replaces Blue Dimensions at 10:00 p.m. Tuesday

KSUT Community Calendar – Moves to 3:30 p.m. weekdays (and stays at 11:30 a.m.)

KSUT Entertainment Calendar – Moves to 1:30 p.m. weekdays, and is added to 8:30 a.m. Weekdays.

KSUT Sunday Special – Moves to 5:00 p.m. Sunday

KSUT Saturday Blend – Dropped. Replaced by This American Life at 12:00 p.m., Snap Judgment at 1:00 p.m., and American Routes at 2:00 p.m.

Music City Routes – Shortens to one hour at 9:00 p.m. Thursday

Only A Game – Moves to 3:00 p.m. Sunday

Snap Judgment – Moves to 1:00 p.m. Saturday

This American Life – Moves to 12:00 p.m. Saturday

Thistle & Shamrock - Moves to 7:00 p.m. Monday

Wait Wait, Don't Tell Me – Second airing added at 10:00 a.m. Saturday. Will still play at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

Writer's Almanac – Airs once per weekday, at 9:30 a.m.