

Dear MTPR Listeners – Enclosed is the new MTPR program schedule, effective November 17, 2014.

Montana Public Radio is poised to move into our 50th anniversary year excited by new possibilities – with a new news director, exciting changes to our program schedule and a profound commitment to our mission: to enrich the mind and spirit, inspire a lifetime of learning, and connect communities through access to exceptional programming.

We know that making changes to the program schedule requires that we take a leap of faith together. The MTPR staff is pleased to share the new schedule and new programs: more news integrated throughout the day from MTPR, NPR and BBC; access to the very best national and MTPR programs at 7:00 p.m.; and music from our talented MTPR producers at 8:00 p.m. Here are more details...

A new approach to news

Starting November 17th, we'll no longer group all our Montana news into a separate half-hour *Montana Evening Edition* program, but rather, we'll include our Montana stories and headlines during the two hours of *All Things Considered* from 5:00 to 7:00pm, and during Morning Edition from 6:00 to 9:00am. News Director Eric Whitney is excited about fulfilling our local news mission each morning and evening with timely Montana newscasts at the top and bottom of the hour and longer pieces featuring the issues and voices of Montana placed within *All Things Considered* and *Morning Edition*. Whitney also plans to have more MTPR produced stories featured on NPR, Marketplace and National Native News. Rather than relying on a fixed group of commentators in Montana news programming, he will search out many citizens' views and voices as part of the news gathering process. Finally, we are very happy to add NPR's midday news program, *Here & Now* to the line-up Monday-Friday at 1:00pm.

A new evening schedule

With *All Things Considered* ending at 7:00 p.m., there was an opportunity to place many of our premiere programs at a more accessible time. Program Director Michael Marsolek has created a "Discover More" hour from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, featuring the very best of national and MTPR programs: *Moth Radio Hour*, *This American Life*, *TED Radio Hour*, *The Write Question*, *Musician's Spotlight* and *Radiolab*. Marsolek follows this from 8:00pm to midnight with hand-picked music from our talented MTPR program hosts including some old favorites and some brand new programs. In this evening music block, we are investing our resources in our expert local music producers – in Montana talent and Montana jobs – staying true to our eclectic nature and service rooted in local production.

The difficult and budget driven choices

All of the changes were also crafted and evaluated from a cost and resource perspective. How do we stay true to our mission and standard of excellence with the staff and financial resources available? One of the hard decisions we made, was to end our affiliate status with Public Radio International (PRI). That means we can no longer offer *Selected Shorts*, *Science Friday* or *Afropop*, a very hard choice, but one that nets a savings of nearly \$30,000. We also adjusted staff hours by starting local music earlier in the evening, going to the *BBC World Service* at midnight and eliminating a weekday news host from 5:00-6:00 a.m. That saved about another \$8000. Overall, the program and staffing changes, plus the receptionist position we eliminated in early 2014, recoup the \$75,000 in funding cuts from the University of Montana over the past two years.

This new schedule is designed to increase your access to our best local and national programs, to invite new listeners to try MTPR and to celebrate the talent of our Montana program producers. It reflects listener feedback received during fundraisers, in phone calls, emails, letters and audience surveys from April and October 2014. In a few months, we'll survey again and hold a series of community listening meetings so that you can help us evaluate.

Thanks as always for your partnership in Montana Public Radio. We strive to bring you a great program service, and we trust that you will listen and offer us your counsel and advice.

Feel free to contact us... contact@mtpr.org or call 243-6400.



William Marcus
Station Manager



Michael Marsolek
Program Director



Eric Whitney
News Director



Linda Talbott
Fundraising Director



When is it? If you tell the day and time by what you are hearing on MTPR, you might need to keep your watch handy for a few weeks. Below is a list of all the programs that have moved or changed.

Afropop Worldwide – dropped all PRI programs
All over the Map – Thursday 9pm, see Dancing w/ Tradition
Alternative Radio – moved to Sunday at 7pm
American Routes – dropped for cost saving
BBC World Service – Mon-Fri at 12:30pm, Mon-Sat 12- 5am, Sunday 12-6am Sunday
Blues on the Move –10pm to midnight Wednesday
Chamber Music – now two hours, Sunday 7-9am
Chrysti the Wordsmith – 12:57pm, Mon-Fri
City Lights – 9pm to midnight on Saturday
Commentaries – discontinued. Persons with many viewpoints will be included in Montana news reports
Dance Party – replaced by BBC World Service 12-5am
Dancing with Tradition – 9pm Thu, see All Over the Map
Dimensions in Jazz – 2:30-4pm Sunday
Documentary Specials – moved to Sunday at 6pm
Earthsongs – dropped. Try the new local show Indigenous Expressions 10pm Monday
Echoes – dropped all PRI programs
Ensemble – replaced by BBC World Service 12-5am
Field Notes –Sunday at 12:55
Food Guys – Sunday at 11:52am
From the Top – dropped for cost savings
Front Row Center – Sunday at 11:40am
Get to That – NEW local music - folk, roots, bluegrass and Americana, Tuesday at 8pm
Hearts of Space –dropped in favor of local shows
Here & Now – NEW - M-F at 1pm – NPR's midday news
Homeground – moved to Sunday at 11:10am
In Other Words – discontinued evening talk shows
Indigenous Expression – 10pm Monday - now every week
Into the Groove –NEW local music, R&B, Soul, 11pm Monday
Jazz Archives – 2pm Sunday
Jazz Night in America – Sunday at 1pm
Jonkunnu Express – Saturday at 8pm
Live from the Divide – NEW – singer-songwriters and bands recorded live in Bozeman, Thursday 8pm

Midnight Special – replaced by BBC World Service 12-5am
Montana Evening Edition – changed. Montana news is now integrated into All Things Considered and Morning Edition
Moth Radio Hour – NEW- true stories told live, 7pm Monday
Mountain West Voices – 3pm Monday
Moyers and Company – discontinued– Bill Moyers is retiring
Music Special – 8pm Monday
Musician's Spotlight – moved to Thursday at 7:30pm
National Native News – moved to 1:29pm Mon-Fri
Night Flight –10pm Thursday
Night Train –10pm Tuesday
Oasis – 10pm to midnight Sunday
On Being –moved to Sunday at 4pm
On The Media – moved to Saturday at 4pm
Pazz and Jop – Friday 8-10pm
Performance Today – Mon, Wed and Fri, 2-4pm – no longer carried in the evening
Performing Arts Calendar – Tue & Fri, 10:55am & 10pm, Sat 2pm, Sun 11:48am
Radiolab – moved to Friday at 7pm
Recorded Music – replaced by BBC World Service 12-5am
Reflections West –3pm on Wednesday
Science Friday – dropped all PRI programs
Selected Shorts – dropped all PRI programs
Sojourn - replaced by BBC World Service 12-5am
Stardate - 8pm daily Mon-Sun
Sunday Baroque –replaced with chamber music, cost saving
Sunday Symphony – Sunday 8 to 10pm
TED radio hour –moved to Wednesday at 7pm
The Write Question – Thursday at 7pm
This American Life – Tuesday at 7pm
Thistle and Shamrock – Monday at 9pm
University & Community Activities – Mon, Wed, Thu at 10:55am & 9:59pm
Wait Wait Don't Tell Me – Sunday at Noon
Weekend Edition – Sat & Sun 6-7am and 9-11am
What I Like About Jazz – 8-10pm Wednesday
Writer's Almanac – Mon-Fri at 9am and Sat-Sun at 4pm