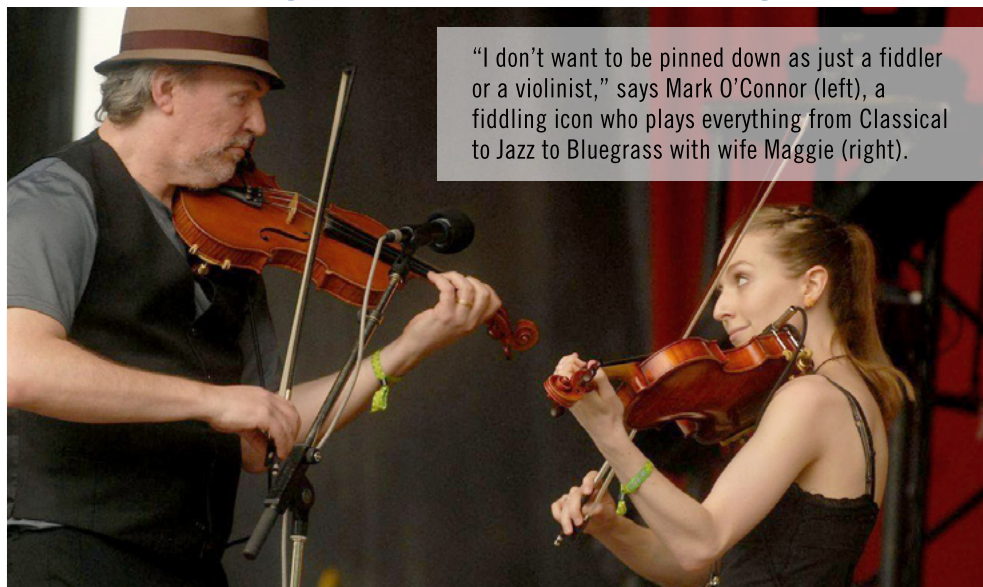


SPR to Bring Mark O'Connor to the Bing this Fall



"I don't want to be pinned down as just a fiddler or a violinist," says Mark O'Connor (left), a fiddling icon who plays everything from Classical to Jazz to Bluegrass with wife Maggie (right).

Mark O'Connor's continued journey from fiddler to composer and concert-hall virtuoso has been called "one of the most spectacular, if underpublicized, journeys in recent American music." (NY Times) Today with his wife, Maggie, he performs a variety of musical styles – bluegrass, jazz, swing, pop, and classical – in concert halls throughout the U.S. and beyond.

The pair visits the Northwest this fall in a benefit concert for Spokane Public Radio. *Mark and Maggie O'Connor – American Classics* takes place Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Bing Crosby Theater. Tickets are available through TicketsWest beginning July 20.

O'Connor calls himself the product of America's rich aural folk tradition. He hails from Seattle and grew up listening to his mother's classical LP collection and watching *The Johnny Cash Show*.

"I started begging for a violin, because there was something about the way Doug Kershaw played that struck a chord in me. I could imagine myself holding it and making music with it," he told writer Geoffrey Himes. "I had an innate sense that if I got hold of a fiddle, the whole music world would open up to me. I begged for three years, and when I finally got one, it turned out to be true."

His violin teacher also happened to enjoy classical and folk music, and suggested her pre-teen student visit the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser, Idaho. That led to legendary Texas fiddler Benny Thomasson (who had retired to Kalama, near the Washington/Oregon border) hearing O'Connor practicing. He invited the impressive kid to learn an old-time fiddle style.

The following year, at age 13, O'Connor became the youngest person ever to win the Grand Master Fiddler Championships competing against all ages, amateur and professional. Forty years later that record still stands.

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Coming up with Spokane Public Radio



July Membership Drawing: John Cleese and Eric Idle/Monty Python Package

Deadline to Enter: Thursday, July 29

Your pledge to SPR now through July 29 automatically enters you into a drawing to see *John Cleese and Eric Idle, Together Again At Last... For The Very First Time* live in Spokane this fall, and a DVD of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Details and full rules are online.



KPBX Kids' Concert: Meshugga Daddies

Friday, July 15, Noon – FREE at the SCC Lair Auditorium, at Greene St. & Mission Ave.

Klezmer music from Rick Singer, Eugene Jablonsky, Liz Dreisbach, Steve Reich and Larry Weiser.



SPR at Art on the Green

Friday, Aug. 5 - Sunday, Aug. 7 – FREE at the North Idaho College Campus in Coeur d'Alene

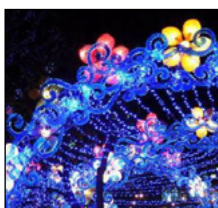
Look for the SPR booth to meet with station staff and volunteers, find out about upcoming fall events, and enter the drawing for one of the following: *John Cleese and Eric Idle, Together Again At Last... For The Very First Time*, Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival, and *SPR Presents: Mark and Maggie O'Connor – American Classics*.



SPR at the Season Arts Preview

Monday, Sep. 5, 4-7:30 p.m. – FREE at Comstock Park

Join SPR staff and board members at this fun, family-friendly arts showcase before the Spokane Symphony's free Labor Day concert. Enter the drawing for either *The Chinese Lantern Festival* or *SPR Presents: Mark and Maggie O'Connor – American Classics*.



2nd Annual Chinese Lantern Festival

Sep. 23 - Oct. 30, 2016 at Riverfront Park, Spokane

The cultural event features all-new light displays, live performances and authentic food. Tickets available at TicketsWest. Spokane Public Radio is proud to be a media sponsor of the five-week event.



KPBX Kids' Concert: Heartbreak Pass

Saturday, Oct. 1, 1 p.m. – FREE at Riverpark Square, 808 W. Main Ave.

Spokane-based bluegrass band with Bonnie Bliss.



SPR Presents: Mark and Maggie O'Connor – American Classics

Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W. Sprague Ave.

Grammy-winning violinist/fiddler Mark O'Connor and virtuoso violinist wife Maggie perform a mix of American classics, swing jazz, classical music and more. Tickets available at TicketsWest beginning July 20.

More Event Information Online at SpokanePublicRadio.org

KPBX Program Grid / July-September 2016

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun			
Mid	BBC World Service					Brazilian Hour	Live Wire			
1a						BBC World Service				
2a										
3a										
4a										
5a	NPR's Morning Edition Local News 6:44a, 7:04a, 7:44a, 8:04a, 8:44a Weekday Arts Calendar 6:20a, 7:20a, 8:20a, 2p, 6:29p					NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday Morning Essay 9:34a Weekend Arts Calendar 6:18a, 7:18a, 8:18a, 9:18a, 11:55a				
6a										
7a										
8a										
9a	Morning Classical with Verne Windham					Classical Music Jan Munstedt				
10a										
11a	Harmonia	Piano Bench	Footlight Parade	Guitar Hour	Spoletto Music	Classical Music Leonard Oakland				
Noon	Living on Earth	Public Forums	Zorba Paster	Public Forums	This American Life	From the Top	Radiolab			
1p	Fresh Air with Terry Gross				Jazz for a Friday Afternoon with Brian Flick	Fascinatin' Rhythm	Front Porch Bluegrass			
2p	Performance Today					Wait Wait Don't Tell Me	Nacho Celtic Hour			
3p						A Prairie Home Companion	Inland Folk			
4p						Marketplace				
5p	NPR's All Things Considered Local News 4:44p, 5:04p, 5:44p, 6:04p					NPR's All Things Considered				
6p										
7p	The Bookshelf				Movies 101	Car Talk	A Prairie Home Companion			
8p	Summer: New Releases Concert o/ Week	L.A. Theatre Works	World of Opera	Chamber Music	Swingin' Down the Lane	Saturday Cafe Michael Patoray	Inland Folk with Dan Maher			
9p		This American Life		The Score	Chicago Symphony Orchestra			Friday Night Jazz		
10p	Jazz 'til Midnight	Jazz 'til Midnight	Afterglow	Jazz Night in America	Jazz Odyssey	Backwater Blues	Soundspace with Zan			
11p	Jan Munstedt	Brian Flick	Night Lights Jazz Review	Jazz-O-Rama		Beale St. Caravan	Hearts of Space			



Korva Colman provides newscasts from the cities of the Republican and Democratic Party Conventions in July during *Morning Edition*, weekdays starting at 5 a.m.



Alix Spiegel and Hanna Rosin are two of the hosts of NPR's *Invisibilia*, a short-term series during *Radiolab's* July hiatus Sundays at Noon.

Mark O'Connor Continued from Front Panel

Soon after, he joined jazz mandolinist David Grisman's quintet with his second mentor, hot jazz violinist Stephane Grappelli. He joined 'Strength in Numbers' with Bela Fleck, Sam Bush, Jerry Douglas and Edgar Meyer. He played hundreds of recording sessions with James Taylor, Paul Simon, Dolly Parton and others.

But as his collaborator and friend Yo-Yo Ma told the *NY Times*, "This is a person in constant development, hungry to develop." No one style of music could contain him, and that's the way he wants to sound.

"When you hear me play, you hear that culture - the blues phrasing, Hispanic polkas, ragtime, Irish jigs, jazz, the American songbook, the Rock 'n' Roll, the bluegrass. When people hear me, they can hear those aspects in my playing. That's something you would not find in other places," he told *No Depression* magazine.

It's a quality he shares with his wife, also a violinist and American fiddler who began playing at age 7. Unlike her husband, Maggie had a whole family band to work with - her father on guitar and brother on mandolin. Her mother insisted on cultivating that folk tradition with classical violin lessons with a graduate of

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	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Mid	World Radio Network					World Radio Network	
1a							
2a							
3a							
4a							
5a	BBC World Service					Weekend Edition Saturday	Weekend Edition Sunday
6a	NPR's Morning Edition Local News 6:06a, 7:06a						
7a	On Point					Living on Earth	It's Your World
8a						Travel w/ Rick Steves	TED Radio Hour
9a	Native America Calling					Car Talk	Interfaith Voices
10a						NPR's Weekend Edition	
11a	The Takeaway				Science Friday	Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me	You Bet Your Garden
Noon	BBC Newshour					On the Media	Zorba Paster
1p	NPR's All Things Considered					Movies 101 Treatment	People's Pharmacy
2p						Take Five	Innovation Hub
3p	BBC World Service					This American Life	America's Test Kitchen
4p	On Point - Repeat of 9a hour					NPR's All Things Considered	
5p	BBC World Service					BBC World Service	
6p	Marketplace						
	NPR's All Things Considered					Director's Choice	Men In Charge
	Fresh Air with Terry Gross					Fresh Air Weekend	City Arts & Lectures
8p	As It Happens					Live Wire	A Way w/ Words
9p	On the Media	Common-wealth Club	Philosophy Talk	Human-kind	Alternative Radio	Snap Judgment	Selected Shorts
10p	On Point - Repeat of 8a hour				Science Friday	Big Picture Science	Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me
11p	BBC World Service					Tech Nation	Le Show



BBC World Service continues to track the fallout from the "Brexit" vote. Tune in to the British perspective several times during the week on KSFC and overnights on KPBX.



Men In Charge hosts Tony Flinn and Kevin Decker are back with their dry, self-deprecating humor for a series of summer episodes, Sundays at 6 p.m.

the Odessa Conservatory. She was able to combine those styles while continuing her professional training at the Peabody Institute and the Aspen Music Festival/School. Maggie says that the family band was central to her learning improvisation and arrangement. She was a soloist with Atlanta's top three youth orchestras while performing in various bluegrass and rock bands.

Together, husband and wife recorded the CD *Duo*, featuring some of the repertoire of Mark's string music education series, The O'Connor Method. Mark has released more than 40 albums over his career so far, many of them collaborations with some of the world's most renowned musicians including *Appalachian Waltz* with Yo-Yo Ma and Edgar Meyer, *Heartland* with Bela Fleck, and *Jam Sessions* with Chris Thile (who takes over hosting *A Prairie Home Companion* this fall). Public radio listeners might remember his mentoring young musicians on *From the Top* or his guest appearances with Garrison Keillor.

The performance at the Bing Crosby Theater is a fundraiser for Spokane Public Radio and is made possible by event donors **The Cleaning Authority**, **Dodson's Jewelers**, **MTR Communications**, and **Sam Rodell, Architects**.

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