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NPR Ends Production of Tell Me More

We are sad to announce that *Tell Me More*, the NPR news-talk program currently heard at 10:00 weekday mornings on KIOS, will end production in August. Since 2007, the show has become a well-loved part of midday programming for many KIOS listeners. Hosted by award-winning journalist Michel Martin, the show covers a broad range of issues, using an interview-style format to feature diverse voices. Martin is not afraid to ask important questions even if it means engaging in difficult conversations. *Tell Me More* has been commended for covering issues which are otherwise underrepresented in news including race, gender, family and faith. Topics are drawn from recent headlines but coverage goes beyond the normal talking points, bringing in experts of many backgrounds to further analyze themes and weigh in on the broader implications of current events.

NPR's decision to cut the show is a part of their effort to end a budget deficit.

They have eliminated 28 positions but are keeping Martin on staff to continue producing coverage of these subjects which will be aired on NPR's other newsmagazines like *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*. The show's executive producer, Carline Watson, will also remain on staff. In discussing the cancelation of the show, Watson has said that NPR continues to be strongly committed to serving diverse audiences and feels optimistic about its ability to do so going forward. "We're in a different era than we were, even five or six years ago," she says. "There is in fact an opportunity to reach a larger audience across platforms ... not simply through principally a once-a-day broadcast show."

Tell Me More listeners will surely miss its multiple special segments which have become fan favorites over the years. These include Muses and Metaphors, a



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celebration of National Poetry Month which invites listeners to share their short poems on Twitter, some of which are selected and read on air. Also sure to be remembered fondly are Barber Shop and Beauty Shop: candid weekly discussions of news featuring all-male and all-female panels.

On August 4th, KIOS will begin airing a second hour of the live news-analysis program *On Point* with Tom Ashbrook in this timeslot.

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KIOS Launches Generation Listen

Last month, KIOS officially launched Generation Listen, a new initiative geared toward public radio fans ages 21 to 40. The group aims to connect young public radio listeners, creating a platform for community engagement and the sharing of ideas. The group will collaborate with local organizations to facilitate opportunities for networking through social, cultural and educational events as well as forums for discussion. Becoming a part of the group is free, requiring only that participants sign up for a monthly e-newsletter which will contain group updates and event information.

Generation Listen was started on a national level in 2013 by NPR's Danielle Deabler. The initiative aims to ensure the future health of public radio by building relationships with younger audiences now. KIOS is one of the first stations to implement the project locally. Development associate Chelsea Balzer is managing the local group alongside membership manager

Molly Nicklin. Deabler and her team are assisting KIOS in building a framework which aligns with the national vision and which is customized to emphasize Omaha's assets as a community.

The group will host monthly events, the majority of which will involve partnerships with non-profits and other community organizations. So far, collaborations have included Listening Project training with community development group inCOMMON as well as upcoming partnerships with experimental music festival Under the Radar in July and a panel discussion with Humanities Nebraska for their



series on The Creative World in August.

If you are a young public radio fan, and would like to get involved, learn more about Generation Listen and sign up for the e-newsletter at kios.org. You can also find us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/kiosgenerationlisten>.

Meet the Voices: Mary Marchio

Mary Marchio joined the KIOS staff in 2006 as the Sunday night host. She now works two weekday evening shifts as well. This is not Mary's first radio "job;" she was a volunteer newspaper reader for Radio Talking Book in the late 1970's. A longtime KIOS listener and volunteer, Mary was thinking about looking for a part-time job after her retirement from the Omaha Public Library when she heard that jobs might be available at the radio station – she applied and was hired. "It is still surprises me when people recognize my voice during conversations and ask me if they have heard me on the radio – even my cat's

veterinarian brought it up during an appointment," Mary says.

Mary's library career included work as a cataloger and manager at Creighton



University, the Western Heritage Museum, and OPL. She continues to work in local libraries on special projects, and as a volunteer and teacher. She also sews, knits, bikes the local trails, sings with the Omaha Symphonic Chorus and with her church choir, and researches foolproof methods for

getting rid of her husband (also known as reading mysteries!) Her family includes husband, Ric, two sons, one daughter-in-law, and one delightful grand-daughter.

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Want more KIOS news and information? Sign up for our e-newsletters! KIOS Connections and KIOS Jazz Journal are each emailed monthly. They'll keep you up to date on what's new at Omaha Public Radio, including the scoop on upcoming special programs and events. Sign up at www.kios.org today.

Also at www.kios.org you'll find descriptions and links to all of the programs you hear on KIOS-FM.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
4 AM	MORNING EDITION					BBC World Service			
6 AM						Only a Game		Inside Europe	
7 AM						Weekend Edition			
9 AM									
10 AM	ON POINT					Car Talk	Krista Tippett on Being		
11 AM						Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!	On the Media		
NOON	THE TAKEAWAY					This American Life	Marketplace Weekend		
1 PM	NOON FORUM					Studio 360	Thistle and Shamrock		
2 PM	Blues in the Afternoon	JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON				The Splendid Table	Folk Sampler		
3 PM						Whad' Ya Know?	River City Folk		
4 PM						Bluegrass Review			
5 PM	ALL THINGS CONSIDERED					All Things Considered			
5:30 pm									
6 PM						MARKETPLACE			
7 PM	FRESH AIR					A Prairie Home Companion	American Routes		
8 PM	AS IT HAPPENS								
9 PM	Beale Street Caravan	Song Travels with Michael Feinstein	Night Lights	Jazz Profiles/Jazz from Studio One	JazzSet	Jazz Junction	Sound Opinions		
10 PM	JAZZ WITH BOB PARLOCHA				Jazz with Bob Parlocha		Brazilian Hour		
11 PM							AfroPop Worldwide		
MIDNIGHT							Last Call	Music from the Hearts of Space	
1 AM (to 4 AM)	BBC WORLD SERVICE				BBC World Service		BBC World Service		
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