



KVCR & FNX

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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Says Who? Says You!

On January 25, KVCR hosted a live performance of the public radio quiz show **Says You!** at the historical San Bernardino Valley College Auditorium. KVCR invited our members to join us for a Meet & Greet panel before the show in the KVCR studio.

Sixty of our radio members gathered together for a fun and engaging Q&A session, refreshments, and a chance to meet the **Says You!** talent. Among the guest panelists were Carolyn Faye Fox, Nat Segaloff, Barry Nolan, Sabrina Wind, musician Bill Marx, host Dave Zobel, actress Deb Hiatt, and actress Wendie Malick.



L-R: Rick Dulock, Lillian Vasquez, Carolyn Faye Fox, Deb Hiatt, Barry Nolan, Wendie Malick, Sabrina Wind

Following the Meet & Greet, the panelists were shuttled to the San Bernardino Valley College Auditorium across campus for the main event, where they answered difficult questions, joked, and bluffed their way through two games of **Says You!** in front of a live audience. We welcomed an audience of over five hundred, a remarkable turnout, with KVCR members front and center for the live show. The auditorium was buzzing with laughter and excitement throughout Game 1 and 2 as the audience engaged with the talent on stage to navigate the complexity of the English language.

During intermission, following Game 1, we offered concessions in the lobby. KVCR staff and volunteers offered ice cold water, heart-shaped cookies, and a variety of chips for a small donation, to audience



members who were eager to snack and return to their seats before the next Game.

On their way out after the show, members were able to catch up with

on-air staff, offering enthusiasm and words of appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the **Says You!** live performance. Kishore Mukherjee of Riverside told KVCR's Lillian Vasquez, "I didn't think there was as much interaction with the audience or that they make as many mistakes (lol). You get to really see the personality of each of the voices".

Karin Marriott from Yucaipa said, "It has been absolutely hilarious being able to see the sideways glances and the funny hand gestures that you can't see when you're listening to it on the radio. I've been a longtime listener so it's a real joy to watch the show in real life." Tinka Friend of Riverside enthused that she and her husband love listening to **Says You!** on KVCR. "Every week we listen and listen to it when it's repeated again. We've been subscribers for years and years and so when



this came available, this was our Christmas present to each other."

Thanks to the combined effort of KVCR staff, volunteers, Says You! production, and the dedication of our KVCR radio members, we had an outstanding, successful live event.

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BEAT REPORTER HIGHLIGHTS

Habitat for Humanity Breaks Ground On Three-Home Building Site In San Bernardino - Affordable housing continues to be an ongoing issue in the Inland Empire and the state of California as a whole. With that in mind, Habitat for Humanity has broken ground on a three-home building site in San Bernardino designed for low-income residents.



How Pit Bull Rescue Reflects Social Inequality - Pit bulls are generally thought to be aggressive animals, better suited to fighting than being good pets. But UCR professor Katja Guenther says that reputation may tell us more about ourselves than the dogs.



Governor Visits Homeless Shelter In Riverside - Governor Gavin Newsom visited Riverside as part of his weeklong tour addressing homelessness across California. In his state budget proposal, Newsom also announced more than \$1 billion in homeless response funding.

Riverside Art Museum Hosts Pop-Up Of Cheech Marin's Art Collection The pop-up preview of The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art, Culture & Industry – nicknamed The Cheech – showcased more than half a dozen large pieces from Marin's personal collection of Chicano art.

KVCR Announced the Deadline To Register To Volunteer - The Point-in-Time Count is a surveying of all the homeless people in Riverside County. Volunteers use an app to survey the homeless.

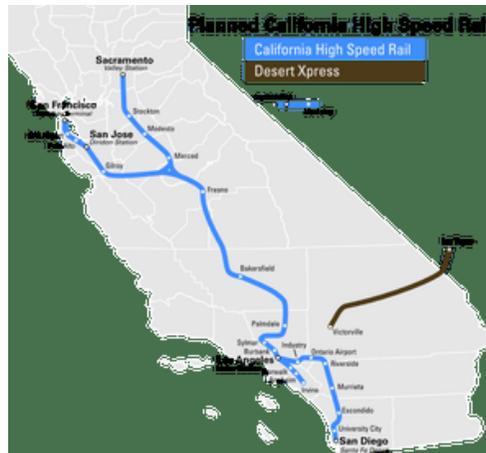
MIDDAY NEWS SEGMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Tribal Health Program - Representative Pete Aguilar announces \$720,000 to establish a new tribal health program for the Inland Empire.

IE Physician Shortage - The number of physicians in the Inland Empire needs to double to reach the recommended amount to serve the population.



High-Speed Rail - Construction could start



next year for a high-speed train between Las Vegas and Victorville.

E-Cig Ban - The American Medical Association calls for an immediate ban on all e-cigarettes and vaping devices.



CA Out of Dry Category – Recent heavy storms in California wipe out much of the state's abnormally dry conditions.

THIS MONTH ON KVC-ARTS



KVC-Arts #300 in conversation with Riverside's **Eva Mikhailovna**, with music from **Eva and the Vagabond Tales**. | Riverside guitarist **Peter Curtis**, and his recent release, "Christmas With Your Jewish Boyfriend," | In conversation with emcee/host **Wink Martindale** | Seasonal tunes from Songbird - the duo of KVCR's **Benjamin Purper** and **McCall Potter**. | In conversation with Redlands' **Ryan Berk** | Radio essay from **Miles Johnson** talking about Frank Ocean's "Blond." | In conversation with actor and comedian **Mark Christopher Lawrence**. | A conversation with Riverside's **Ben Stewart** | A focus on things to see or do in the Inland Empire, with local author **Larry Burns**.

Lifestyles

with Lillian Vasquez

Lifestyles takes a fresh look at arts, culture and issues across our unique region. If it's interesting and it's here in the Inland Empire, it's Lifestyles with Lillian Vasquez.

Actress **Donna Mills** talks about her many roles over the years, including as the antagonist of the TV night time soap opera *Knots Landing*.

Violinist and maestro **Andre Rieu**. Andre Rieu is celebrating 32 years with his Johann Strauss Orchestra.

100th SHOW with a look back into the archives for all things *Says You!*, the popular public radio quiz show. *Says You!* Executive Producer **Laura Sher** followed by *Says You!* panelist **Barry Nolan**.

Dr. Columbus Batiste representing the American Heart Association, shares how to keep our heart healthy AND author **Amada Irma Perez** who was inspired to write bilingual books about the immigrant experience when she noticed a need for it.

Writer, illustrator, and snowman expert **Bob Eckstein**. He's the author of *The History of the Snowman* and talks about his journey uncovering the snowman's origins.

Actress **Lee Purcell** about her career and her newest role AND **Jennifer Becker**, spokesperson for the Chinese Lantern Festival,

Local TV Production In Progress

Programs In FEBRUARY

NEW Series In Production

21st Century Dialogues: Episode 1: Primary Sources

Local historian Hardy Brown II takes six SBVC students on a journey of historical empathy by presenting them with artifacts from Pre-Civil War slavery. As the group handles shackles that held children and reads over laws that treated human beings like used cars, they engage in a dialogue that compares the past with the present, and breaks down how human bondage was one of America's original sins. Episode is set to air February 7th for Black History Month.

I Remember Television Presents: Doctor Who (4 Episodes)

KVCR's Jessica Greenwell, hosts television special for *Doctor Who*



L-R Host Jessica Greenwell and Adam Ferry

Who. The series welcomes five super-fan experts to discuss four episodes from the original *Doctor Who* first season. All five guests use cosplay and humor to discuss the evolution of the show and the progression of the ever-changing actors who helped carry the torch of *Doctor Who*.

I Remember Television Special: Presents Doctor Who

— KVCR's own local production takes a look at the very first episodes of this science fiction classic from England.

February 23 at 7:00pm

Afropop: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange — An innovative documentary series on contemporary life, art and pop culture in the African Diaspora. Four films introduce powerful stories.

Thursdays at 10:00pm

After Parkland: Healing a Community and a Nation

— Seven minutes and nine seconds was all it took for an active shooter to take 17 lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. This chronicles the year following the shooting and illuminates the strength of the Parkland community.

February 13 at 8:00pm

Groveland Four

— In 1949, when a white farm-wife alleged she was assaulted by four black men on the rural roads of Lake County, Florida, town Sheriff Willis McCall identified four suspects. This documentary chronicles the injustices faced by defendants at the hands of the Jim Crow-era U.S. criminal justice and court systems, employing historical re-enactments, witness accounts.



February 20 at 8:00pm

Aretha Franklin Remembered

— Celebrate the legendary Queen of Soul and the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame with her greatest hits from television appearances spanning the 1960s-2000s.

February 29 at 7:00pm

Great Performances: Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert

— Experience composer Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock opera starring pop stars John Legend as Jesus and Sara Bareilles as Mary Magdalene with rock legend Alice Cooper as King Herod.

March 1 at 3:30pm



New Graphics Promoting Empire KVCR

Happy Holidays

We designed a short animation of a snowman on vacation in the mountains, sliding up to the screen to dance to the musical accompaniment and wish our viewers a happy holiday season. This was broadcast on the air and on social media platforms for TV and Radio.



New Year 2020

For the new year, we made an animated interstitial wishing our viewers a happy new year in 2020. This was used for social media as well.



Community Engagement

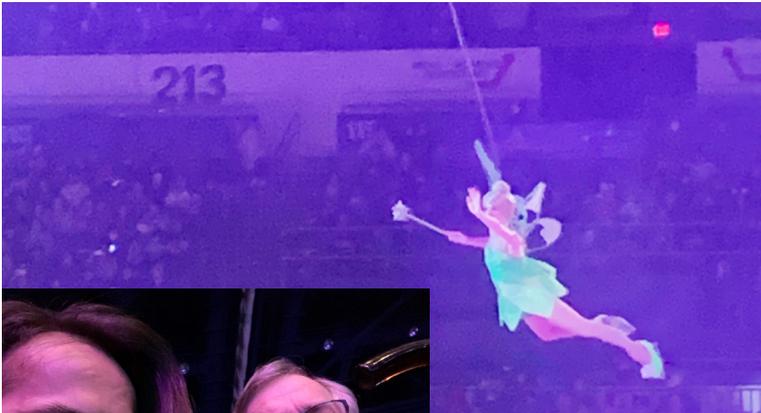
Here is a work in progress for our station's presentation video. The design thus far has been fitting with the theme of interconnectivity between the station and viewers.





COMMUNITY MATTERS

A SPECIAL THANKS FROM KVC R MEMBER



*Dear KVC R,
You sure made
my holidays! First
time since I was
a kid that I won
anything, then a
rabbit at an
Easter matinee.
Disney on Ice*

*was spectacular. Thank you very much. We
(my ward/care giver, and I) saw it in Long
Beach so we spent the night on the Queen
Mary. Here are some pics of the celebratory
occasion: L100 X Thank you, Ron*

RADIO NEWS

Radio Station Open for Tours

In mid December we welcomed Fontana Unified School District TV Production Teacher, Jhoann Acosta-Idda, who visited Empire KVC R with a group of highly engaged and excited high school students. Their field trip included a production exercise as well as a complete tour of the TV and Radio facilities.

On January 17th Norma Cisneros brought a group of WORC students through the station. WORC stands for Working On Real Careers. These students, on a career tour and exploration field trip, received a warm welcome during their complete radio and TV station tour. Several KVC R staff members spoke to the young visitors about careers in public television and radio.



New Radio Intern Ready to Write Stories for KVC R

In the second week of January, KVC R Radio welcomed our newest local intern, Erika Gomez. Erika hails from UCR and a Political Science Internship class through former Riverside Mayor and now Professor, Dr. Ron Loveridge. Several excellent interns have arrived and worked with KVC R Radio through this particular gateway.

Posted on our Social Media

POST - Empire KVC R:

PBS: Don't miss a NEW EPISODE of Uncovered in the Archives tomorrow on KVC R! #Riverside #inlandempire #rivco #history



NEW EPISODE JANUARY 19 | 9P

NPR: Such a fantastic KVC R crowd for one of our biggest shows—Says You Radio! Thank you to all our local listeners and members that came out to support today's big show!



FNX

IN FEBRUARY

FNX WEEKDAYS KIDS SHOW - BUT GOOD FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Teepee Time – Weekends at 7:00AM This animated pre-school series about a curious little tipi discovering the world one new adventure at a time. For Teepee, every step is a first step, every new experience is a learning one, and there is always lots of fun and adventure along the way!



Lakota Berenstain Bears – Weekends at 7:30AM



The Lakota Berenstain Bears Project is a joint venture of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Lakota Language Consortium, with the goal of bringing the Lakota language to family television sets across all Lakota-speaking communities in North and South Dakota, and well beyond.

Tiga Talk – Sunday thru Friday at 8:00AM

Tiga the wolf pup, Gertie the Gopher and Gavin the Goose are stuffed toys who live with Jodie and Jason, their Dad and Grandmother Kokum. The toys and the kids have a secret. When there are no adults around Tiga, Gertie and Gavin come to life to play with Jodie, Jason and their friends.



Tansi Nehiyawetan – Weekdays at 8:30AM - An interactive educational series that invites children to learn Cree with Kai, Kayla, and Auntie Josephine through games, stories, animation, songs, and adventures in the city. Nehiyawetan provides a rich learning environment where children can explore the world and the strength and beauty of Cree culture and language.



IN THE COMMUNITY

FNX SPONSORS BIGGEST FILM FESTIVAL IN THE COUNTRY



L-R: Steven Paul Judd (Kiowa), TV Personality Alyssa London (Tlingit)

FNX was a sponsor of the Inaugural Indigenous Filmmakers Lounge at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. The event marked the first time a meeting place was established for Indigenous Filmmakers to engage attendees, industry professionals and the general public as well as to convene with each other outside of the scheduled Sundance Film Festival activities.

The lounge was an official partnership between the Sundance Film Festival, Illuminative and the Gateway Entertainment Fellowship Program, but also included the support and contributions from several prominent Native and non-native organizations. Such supporters included the Cherokee Nation Film Office, FNX Television, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Porch Creek Indians, the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, NDN Collective, Paramount Studios, Amazon Studios and more.

Attendees included actor Wilmer Valderrama (That 70's Show, NCIS, Grey's Anatomy) who identifies with an Indigenous Tribe from Venezuela, Actors Martin Sensmeier, Zahn McClarnon and Julia Jones, FNX host and Director of the Sundance Institute's Indigenous Films Program - Bird Runningwater, Film and TV producer Heather Rae, Emmy Award winning host/producer Jennifer Loren and more.

FNX producer/director Frank Blanquet moderated a panel discussion titled "Filming in Indian Country" that dealt with cultural accuracy, the tribal liaison position, the importance of a Native crew, Native Producers and Native Showrunners, film permits on Native Lands, tribal broadcasters and more.

Organizers and sponsors aim to make the Indigenous Filmmakers Lounge an annual mainstay of the Sundance Film Festival and hope to eventually expand it internationally.