

## April Newsletter 2024



### KPFA: America's First Listener Sponsored Radio Station Celebrates 75 Years

From [KPFA](#) Management:

*KPFA's 75th Birthday is not just a commemoration; it reaffirms our enduring mission and the deep connections we've forged with our listeners. Our rich history as the*



### For Williamsport's WXP I, Dreams Come True at The Pajama Factory

The pandemic almost shut down [WXP I](#). Volunteers at the ten-year-old full-power station were pulled to other urgencies; and, for three years, the

*nation's first listener-supported radio station, founded by visionary [Lew Hill](#), has been unwavering in our commitment to broadcasting ideas freely, without fear or favor. This legacy, shaped by our listener-only support, inspires, and excites us. From April 15th, 1949, to today, we've forged deep connections with our listeners...For 75 years, KPFA has featured progressive voices and heroes who presented their initiatives and spoke truth to power. Today, our ultimate goal is strengthening KPFA's partnership with its listeners and like-minded supporters. In the next 75 years, we will continue providing thought-provoking, fact-based information to encourage positive social change.*

[Read more on KPFA from Ursula Ruedenberg](#)



## **Neil Young Partners with Rev. Billy & Choir for LOVE EARTH Tour**

They are rocking for a free earth.

[Reverend Billy & the Stop Shopping Choir](#) say they are honored to be the

Williamsport, Pennsylvania, station ran almost exclusively on auto DJ.

Then, in November, 2023, a small group of newly-engaged local volunteers, inspired by committed WXPI President Curtis Musheno, decided to save the station. They took quick action—applying for and winning an LPFM license, launching a diverse selection of local music programs, renewing affiliation with Pacifica, planning fundraising activities, all with the support of the wider community and particularly with the support of the entrepreneurs and artists who work out of Williamsport's Pajama Factory, a 300,000 square foot historic industrial building turned community hub that the station calls home.

Read [Diane Reinhardt's interview](#) with Station Manager/Program Director Michael Lundy, Chaos Coordinator Cita Waltz, and Associate Manager Justin Mackenzie.



## **Solar Powered Radio Discussion**

RF Engineer [Pete Tridish talks](#) about solar power and more in our April round-table meeting.

opening act for classic rocker Neil Young and Crazy Horse's [Love Earth Tour](#).

According to Rev. Billy's press release, *"During the Love Earth tour, Reverend Billy and the Stop Shopping Choir plan to dedicate their time on stage to delivering radical environmentalism to the masses through song, humor, love, and a healthy dose of faux-religiosity. They also plan to connect with local activists along the tour path, getting involved in direct actions to truly embody their love for the earth and the people that live on it."*

You can find the first dispatch from the tour under Earth Riot Radio, in [AudioPort](#). Episode 115.

In a place where energy is scarce, Tridish has built a partnership with [KCAW](#), a station in Sitka, Alaska, where most electricity is run by generators. Together, they are working to bring power to local radio stations via solar, wind, and modernized transmitters, often in towns that can only be reached by boat or plane.

Tridish is heartened by a recent amendment to the [Inflation Reduction Act](#) which allows non-profit organizations to get a 50-70% refund from the IRS for solar power installation.

## Featured in AudioPort



### Understanding Israel Palestine [Half Hour](#)

*"Understanding Israel Palestine is a weekly radio program that educates listeners about the realities behind the headlines."*



### Modern Jet Set [Hour](#)

*"Come fly the fancy skies! Modern Jetset is a weekly round-the-world trip through music from soul to synthpop, reggae to R&B, Latin to lounge, and more. With*



### What a Long Strange Trip its Been [Hour](#)

*"Americana music that includes Folk, Rock, Blues, Country."*

*"Interviews scholars, policy experts, journalists, activists and human rights experts to elicit informed perspectives about a conflict often ignored or misrepresented in the mainstream media."*

Produced and hosted by Margot Patterson and co-hosted by Eamon Ormseth at [KKFI](#) in Kansas City, MO.

*a strong focus on new and recent releases, Modern Jetset also connects the dots between fresh new favorites and the vintage sounds and retro selections that inspire today's independent music landscape."*

Produced and hosted by DJ & Operations Manager Iris Berkeley, at [KGNU](#) radio in Boulder, CO,

*Bluegrass, Reggae and more."*

*"This is the show that has some new music, some old music, some songs from artists you've never heard of before and a few that'll trigger a flash from the past."*

Produced and Hosted by Wally Bowen, from [KOCF](#) in Fern Ridge, Oregon



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