

A Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Listeners,


What an eventful, successful year here at KBUT. We realized a years-long goal to fully upgrade our studios, set our sights on a new Strategic Plan, and held two record-setting pledge drives in a row. I'm proud to be a part of it all, and thankful for the community support that makes it happen, including yours.

New Studio Our Audioarts A50 Console was installed in the main studio in August 1999. It ran continuously, with less than 48 hours of being powered down, for almost 24 years. The IRS depreciation schedule lists its useful life as 10 years. Like everyone here at KBUT, this equipment went above and beyond what was expected. The console played music from hundreds of KBUT DJs in its time and brought world news to the Gunnison Valley for decades. The years took their toll, and we've been working toward upgrading the console for as long as I've been working here and way before I started. On July 14, 2023, at 2pm, Lonesome Bob signed on in a completely upgraded studio as Staff, Board Members, luminaries from KBUT's long history, and the public watched. He came through loud and clear, and we cut the ribbon on our new studios, a culmination of years of planning and months of work by our staff, patience from our volunteers, and expertise from our installers. The Audioarts A50 will be displayed in a place of honor on the wall at KBUT.

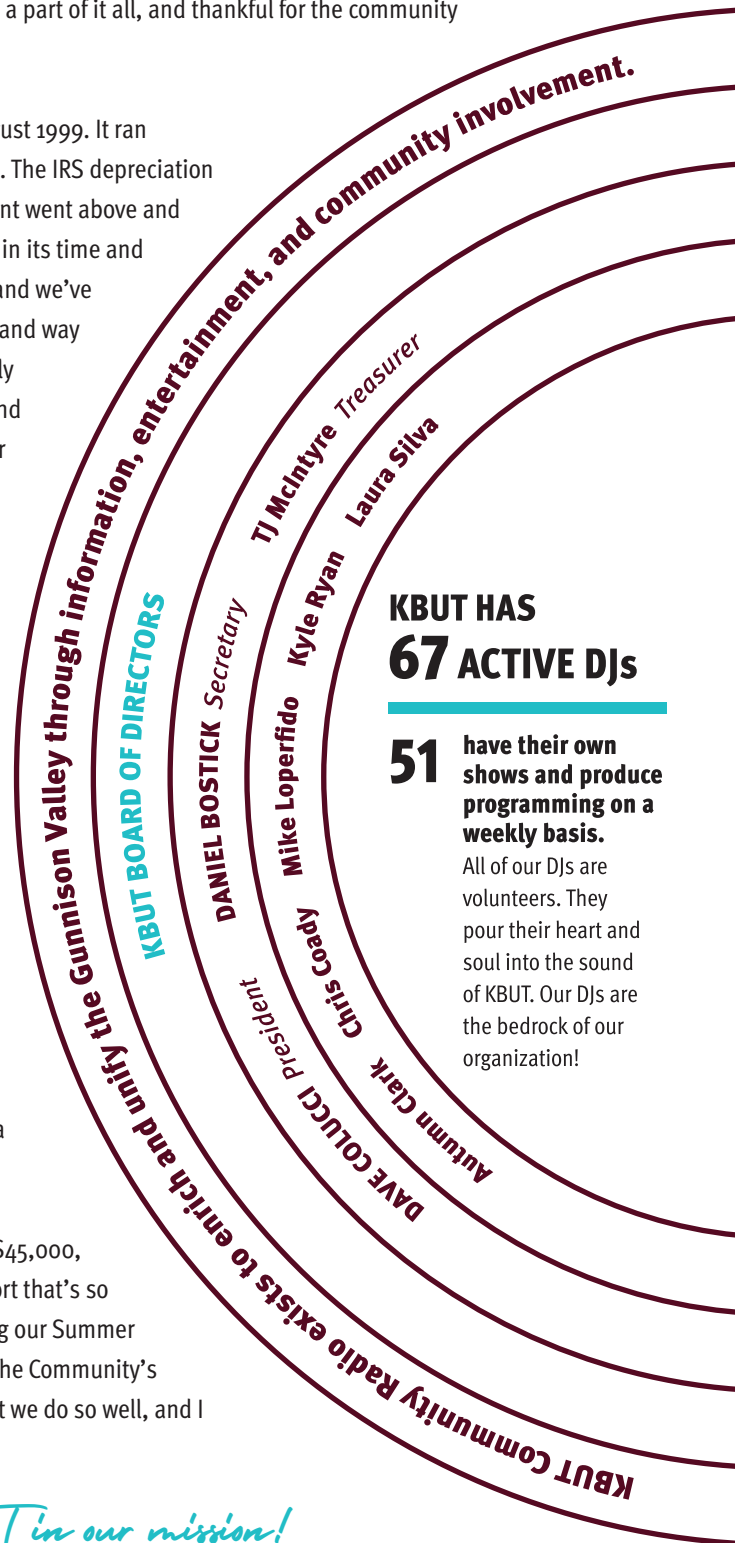
Strategic Plan KBUT's administration sat down in June, after extensive interviews with Staff, Board Members, former Board Members and other stakeholders, to discuss a vision for the future of KBUT. At the September board meeting, we adopted KBUT's new Strategic Plan. *The strategic priorities we identified are as follows:* intentional program development and growth; strong fiscal planning and management; building an infrastructure to support KBUT's mission; deliberate unification of the Gunnison Valley; and enhancing and expanding community awareness of KBUT. The process enhanced our collective understanding of, and appreciation for, this amazing organization we get to be a part of. The plan itself gives a detailed roadmap towards those goals, which everyone at KBUT is excited to implement. One exciting project in the coming year is relocating a translator to better serve CB South, Skyland, and other communities along the north end of Highway 135 with a clear radio signal to show off the amazing sound quality from our new studio.

Historic Support As recently as 2022, we set the goal of our Pledge Drives at \$45,000, which was an ambitious ask. Since then, we've recognized the potential for support that's so obvious in this Community's love for KBUT. In August, we asked for \$70,000 during our Summer Drive, a historic goal to follow another historic goal successfully met in February. The Community's support for KBUT is palpable and historically high. We're going to keep doing what we do so well, and I can't wait for another year of watching KBUT flourish.

Thanks for everything you do to help KBUT in our mission!



JACKSON PETITO Executive Director, KBUT



What's your favorite album of all time?



Bob Dylan, *Desire*
~ **Jackson Petito** Executive Director



The Beatles, *Abby Road*
~ **Tyler Lucas** Development Director



Talking Heads, *Stop Making Sense*
~ **Kate Gienapp** News Director



Rusted Root, *When I Woke*
~ **Courtney Welsh** Development Coordinator



Simon and Garfunkel, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*
~ **Kelley Dole** Program Director and DJ Coordinator



Joni Mitchell, *Blue*
~ **KT Folz** Events Director



News and Programming

KBUT is deeply connected to the Gunnison Valley community - we know the people, the issues and the history. KBUT broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is the most reliable source for timely information about local news, weather, arts and culture, political issues, recreation, the environment and emergency information.

From the News Desk

KBUT Community Radio is the only daily news produced in the Gunnison Valley. When the Lowline Fire was reported earlier this summer, KBUT produced daily updates on fire activity, road and trail closures and information regarding public lands.

- » The KBUT News Department produces daily newscasts including the noon newscast, River Report, and newscasts within All Things Considered.
- » The News Department covers local elections including this year's Gunnison Watershed School District board elections. KBUT broadcasts live forums and candidate debates in partnership with the Gunnison League of Women Voters, *The Gunnison Country Times*, and the *Crested Butte News*.

Snow, Trails + Water

- » In partnership with Crested Butte Mountain Resort, Monarch Mountain, CB Nordic, Gunnison Nordic, and Gunnison Trails, KBUT provides a daily Ski and Snow Report.
- » The Avalanche Report airs daily during ski season in partnership with the Crested Butte Avalanche Center. We provide critical information for backcountry ski, snowshoe, and snowmobile users.
- » The River Report is aired daily from April to September and informs local river users about changing flows in local rivers.
- » We regularly host leaders of Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association, Gunnison Trails, and High Country Conservation Advocates to discuss trail status, etiquette, and issues affecting trail all trail users.
- » Headwaters, produced by Stephanie Maltarich, KBUT's 5-part series addressing issues about being a headwater community at a pivotal time for water in the West, won a 1st place award with Top of the Rockies.

Western Colorado University three-month news internship with student Ethan Simon. He had hands on journalism experiences in an active newsroom.

KBUT increased its local news coverage this year, including coverage of wolf reintroduction, affordable housing updates, climate marches, grocery mergers, book bans, snowmelt studies, the post office problems, and more.

We increased arts and culture coverage,

including performances at local theaters including the Mallardi, the Center for the Arts, and the Majestic Theater.

Rocky Mountain Community Radio

- » Rocky Mountain Community Radio (RMCR) is a coalition of non-commercial radio stations in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. collaborates to produce news and enterprise journalism that connects our communities.
- » RMCR is committed to the coverage of issues and public policy and employs a reporter at the Colorado State Capitol. Capitol Coverage by reporter Lucas Brady Woods is broadcast across the Rocky Mountain Community Radio network.
- » This past year was the beginning of working with Managing Editor Maeve Conran, who helps coordinate news collaboration and content distribution through our region. That includes weekly communication regarding collaborative story coverage and educational opportunities for radio journalists.



New Soundboards

We are very proud and excited to announce that our new soundboard installations were a huge success. Kelley Dole trained all our 50 plus DJs on how to operate the new equipment. Both our Production and On Air Studios are now outfitted with brand new, state of the art soundboard systems. The sound quality of our broadcast has significantly improved. Can you hear the difference?

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KBUT's Commitment to Live Music + Performing Arts

- » We gave away more than 160+ tickets to shows at venues including the Almont Resort, Center for the Arts, I Bar Ranch, Mt. Crested Butte stages, Public House, and other regional festivals and venues.
- » KBUT's Entertainment Calendar is an inclusive list of all the performing arts happening in the Valley. It airs three times daily and is available at GunnisonValleyCalendar.com.
- » We hosted interviews and live performances with bands coming to town, including memorable performances from Grammy Award winning New Orleans based Cha Wa, the all-female band Big Richard, urban folk legend G-Love, and bluegrass royalty Sam Grisman Project.

Music + Local Current Affairs until 5pm

Listeners asked for it. KBUT responded! KBUT made the decision to provide listeners with music up until 5pm Tuesday through Friday. On Mondays from 4-5pm we rotate every other week with Community Matters, featuring interviews with local Gunnison Valley leaders and Rocky Mountain Community Radio Regional Round Up, a collection of current stories reported by our RMCR member stations across Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Montana.

KBUT Youth Programs

The KBUTeens and KBUT Kid Radio Club are in their fourth year of youth programming. Both groups are collaborative projects with the Crested Butte Community School Enrichment Program. The KBUTeens Radio Show can be heard every Saturday at Noon and every other Monday at 4pm with RMCR Round Up. The KBUT Kid-produced radio promotions are aired throughout the week between morning and evening shows.

Lizzy Plotkin's Music School Lessons started its third year at KBUT. The Third Annual Children's Holiday Showcase featuring a live winter recital performance by Lizzy's fiddle and guitar students will air in late December during the holidays.

Turnstyles Late Night

Catch Turnstyles overnight programming from 11pm-4am every night. It's a genre-defying eclectic music show with a unique freeform music mix produced by radio veteran DJs based in Boulder. They spin a handmade mixtape of underheard and overlooked recordings just for you!

Our Partners in Programming



Event Recap

Halloween Parade

More than 120 community members gathered to watch a special dance performance by the CB School of Dance Mountain Movers youth dance company, listen to a spooky Halloween poem by Sherrie Vandervoort, and parade down Elk Avenue where treats were handed out by local businesses.

Holiday Auction

The Holiday Auction raised over \$13,000 for KBUT. Thank you to the 80 businesses and individuals who donated items to this auction.

Family Jammy BINGO

This sold-out event hosted more than 75 family members wearing pajamas and costumes at Tully's for dinner and BINGO.

Yurt Bingo

More than 100 people skied out to the Magic Meadows yurt to share in dinner and play rowdy games of bingo under a starry and snowy sky. Everyone made it home safely during one of the biggest snowstorms this valley has seen in a long time.

Disco Inferno

KBUT hosted an All Ages Disco for more than 300 children, teens, and adults, and the late night 21+ Disco Inferno adult party hosted more than 500 people throughout the night. DJ Triple L and Turnstyle played disco, soul, funky tunes, and videos for more than 8 hours that night. Wild Hare Aerial Dancers twirled and grooved up high, while the CB School of Dance Mountain Movers youth company boogied on the floor.

Fish Fry

The 2023 Fish Fry was, as always, a wonderful start to the summer with many community members coming together to share in this fabulous traditional meal provided by local caterers, savory Cajun music spun by KBUT DJs, along with lawn games, a fun summer raffle, only a tiny bit of rain, and big smiles from our 25 years veteran host Androux Hadley.

Crested Butte July 4th Parade

This past July 4th parade we had the best turn out ever with an all-ages crew of disco divas shakin' it all the way up Elk Avenue.

KBUT Kampout

This past KBUT Kampout at the I Bar Ranch in Gunnison hosted hundreds of Gunnison Valley community members. It featured music from Ozomatli, Easy Jim, Roka Hueka, Chala, Alternative People, Beer Hunter, Sunny Downpour, Chris Coody, and Sol Chase. We did morning yoga with Juli Colucci and Jackie Just, ate great food, jumped in the bouncy castle and danced all night long.

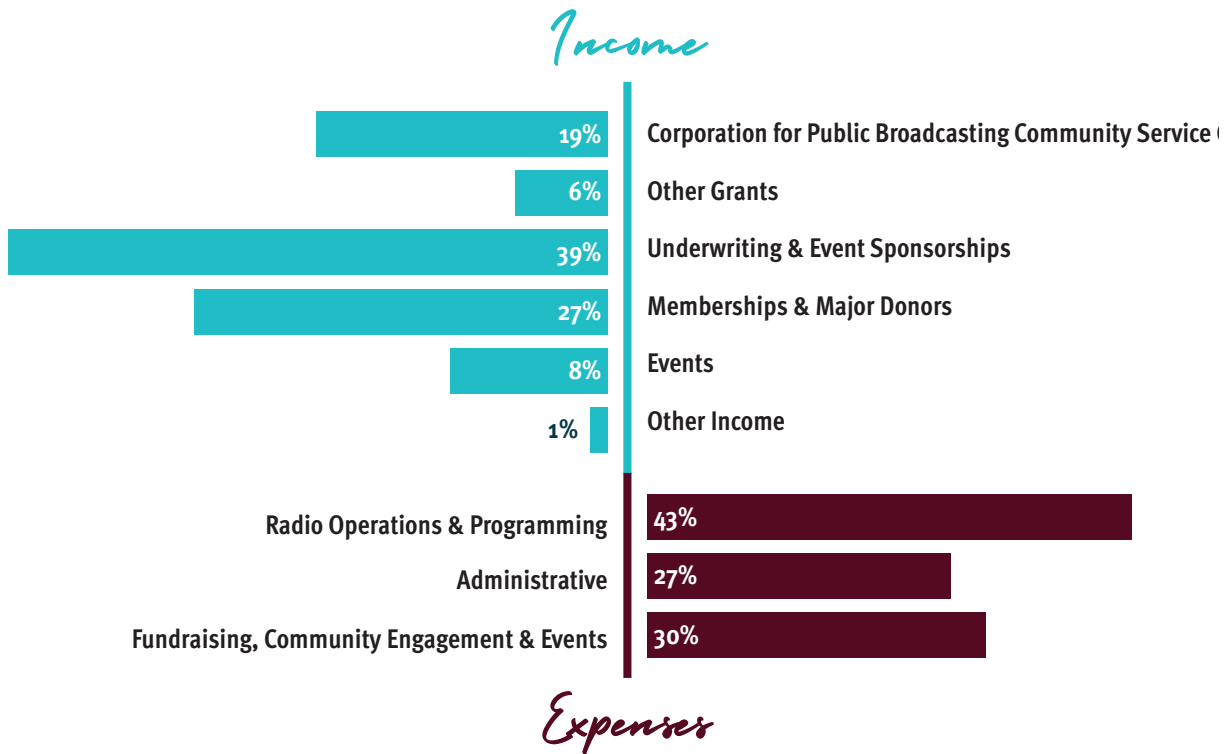




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For Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

KBUT's Annual Budget is \$658,900



By the numbers

90 On-air interviews conducted **9** NEW DJ's trained **45** Live broadcasts

We Value

Bringing our community together to support inclusivity and preserving the heritage of our exceptional community.

Nurturing creative expression to use our imagination to create something that represents who we are.

Serving as a Central Hub for information, news, and entertainment.

Stewardship and preservation of the unique culture of the Gunnison Valley.

Providing equal access to the opportunities of public radio to all Gunnison Valley residents and visitors.

Offering an integral service that **creates fun and joy for our community.**

Members

KBUT Members donate \$50 or more annually

Vote for KBUT's Board of Directors

Get discounts and early access to KBUT events

Eligible to win ticket giveaways to performances and festivals

Do you have what it takes to be a KBUT DJ?

KBUT facilitates two DJ training courses each year. Get on the list and take the training course. Email Kelley@kbut.org.



Program Schedule WINTER 2024

90.3 FM in Crested Butte

88.7 FM in Gunnison

94.9 FM in Almont

KBUT.ORG worldwide

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
4:00 AM	Syndicated Music Programming								
6:00 AM	NPR's Morning Edition News with host Kate Gienapp					NPR's Weekend Edition			
8:00 AM	Breakfast with The Sandman The Sandman Variety	Bohemian Daybreak Kelley Dole Variety	Cold Frosty Morning Lizzy Plotkin Bluegrass	The Front Porch Melanie Hall Variety	Luigi's Blues Review Luigi Blues	Fresh Air Weekend	A Classical Gas Dave Clayton Classical		
9:00 AM						Radiolab			
10:00 AM	Coffee & Flannel Katherine Hargrave Ska	Live From the 17 th Row Dead Head Ed Live Rock	Rock Hard Radio Shane-O Rock	The Indestructible Beat T-Dub Afro-variety	The Weekend Warmup Special K Variety	In One Ear Gone Tomorrow Jim Michael Jazz / Rock	Sunday Morning Comin' Down Tyler Lucas Variety		
11:00 AM									
12:00 PM	NPR & KBUT LOCAL NEWSCAST					KBUTeens Show RMCR Roundup	eTown		
1:00 PM	The Sugar Shack Adlai McMahon Variety	Midday Mixtape Jackson Petito Variety	Slow Burn w/ Coburn Anna Coburn Indy Variety	Collective Connections KateGienapp Variety + Local Interviews	Smokers Lounge Sebastian Gillim Reggae			Groove Essence Yvette Maes Groove	ADD Radio Dylan McKnight Variety
2:00 PM									
3:00 PM	Any Chance Shadow Dance Jess L Dance	It's Good to be Alive Today Laura Jane Wrzesinski Rock	The Witch's Brew Tracy Hastings Rock	Over Under Sideways Down Paul Mack Blues Rock	Late Afternoon Snack Triple L Dance	The Lonesome Bob Show Bob Brazell Classic Rock	The Aloha Connection Toni Todd Hawaiian	Reveal	
4:00 PM								Planetary Radio	
5:00 PM	Community Matters KBUTeens/RMCR	Après Radio Arly Variety	Après Radio Arly Variety	Après Radio Arly Variety	Short & Sweet DJ Vitamin C	Rock Ride Home Halasa Mama	Global Village	Music Documentaires	
6:00 PM	NPR's All Things Considered								
7:00 PM	Bobby's World Bobby Digital Eclectica	Red Neck Woman Kristi Miller Country	Red Dog Radio Montana Slim Country	Certain Sort of Sound Kevin Hartigan/ Pat O'Neill Classic Variety	Song in the Walls Chris Coady Folk Americana	The Friday Night Fish Fry Androux Hadley New Orleans/Funk	Groove Show Mikey Lep Variety	Haunted Highway Bonnie Jeanne Old + New Alternative Indie	Turtle Island Dan Baynes Native American Music
8:00 PM									
9:00 PM	Fresh Tracks Grant Huning New Music	Radioactive Show El Chino Salsa y Jazz Con Clave	Universal Grooves Valeda Groove Variety	Mozzarella on the Horizon Cole T. Indy Mix	Dave's Not Here Dave Colucci Jam/Rock	Praxis BiSH Variety	Timeless Stereo Brad Keating R&B, Rock		Essential Worker Radio Jake Scott Variety
10:00 PM									
11:00 PM	Syndicated Music Programming				Three Chords and the Truth DJ Hop Country/Folk	Syndicated Music Programming	Syndicated Music Programming		Music From the Other Side of the Fence Bill Racek Zappa & More
12:00 AM									
1:00 AM									



SYNDICATED NEWS PROGRAMMING



LOCALLY PRODUCED PROGRAMMING



SYNDICATED CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

WEATHER REPORT:

AVALANCHE REPORT:

RIVER REPORT:

RIDE LINE:

LOST & FOUND:

PET PATROL:

M-F at 8:00 am and at the top of every hour

Daily at 8:00 am

Daily at 10:00 am

M-F at 9:30 am, weekends at 10:30 am

M-F at 1:00 pm and 9 pm, weekends at 9:00 pm

Daily at 11:30 am

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