

# QUARTERLY PROGRAMMING REPORT

## The Current

October 1 to December 31, 2013

### In studio performances

#### **Cold War Kids perform live in The Current studios**

October 2, 2013

Before playing in First Avenue's mainroom, Cold War Kids stopped by to play a few songs off their fourth studio record, *Dear Miss Lonelyhearts*, released earlier this year. They chatted with host Barb Abney about Billy Bragg, about touring non-stop for the past year, and about a missed connection with Brian Eno.

#### **Black Joe Lewis performs live in The Current studios**

October 3, 2013

Last time Black Joe Lewis performed in the Twin Cities, he was opening for Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings. Before his headline show at First Avenue, he and his band (formerly known as the Honeybears) stopped by to play a few songs off the new record and chatted with Barb Abney about aliens, his connection to Minnesota and what touring with Spoon was like.

#### **Polica perform an intimate live show in the UBS Forum**

October 9, 2013

Before heading out on an extensive tour in support of their second record *Shulamith*, Polica stopped by The Current to perform before a small live audience in Minnesota Public Radio's UBS Forum. Between songs, frontwoman Channy Leaneagh talked to Jill Riley and Steve Seel from The Current's Morning Show about the new album, the story behind its album art and how it relates to the cycle of a woman.

#### **Blitzen Trapper perform live in The Current studios**

October 9, 2013

On tour in support of their seventh studio album, the appropriately named VII, Portland, Ore., band Blitzen Trapper stopped in to The Current's studios to play some songs and to chat with Bill DeVille.

#### **Phantogram perform live in The Current studios**

October 18, 2013

They were only five shows in on their 24-date tour, so the bus still smelled fresh when the now four-piece came into The Current studios to play a few songs off their new self-titled EP and to chat with host Mary Lucia about the just-announced full-length. They also talked about why core members Josh Carter and Sarah Barthel think The Current is better than other radio stations.

### **King Khan and the Shrines perform live in The Current studios**

October 22, 2013

King Khan and the Shrines stopped by The Current after their show at the Turf Club to play songs off the new record, *Idle No More*, and to chat with Mary Lucia about what movie aesthetics influence their sound, how the album reflects on frontman Arish Ahmad Khan's recent losses, and to tell a few stories about moments he's shared with the Mighty Hannibal, Arthur Lee and Dickie Peterson.

### **Lucius perform live in The Current's studios**

October 24, 2013

Ahead of their show tonight at the 7th Street Entry, the Brooklyn, N.Y.-based indie-pop band fronted by singers Holly Laessig and Jess Wolfe stopped into The Current's studios to chat with Mary Lucia and to play a few songs off their album, *Wildewoman*.

### **Lizzo performs for The Local Show**

October 27, 2013

There is perhaps no greater local success story over the past year than that of Lizzo's. A transplant from Houston and Detroit, she made a splash in the Twin Cities first with her band Lizzo and The Larva Ink, and then as a member of The Chalice and GRRRL PRYTY. All of these bands have grown her profile substantially, and a slew of guest spots on other local records from the likes of Caroline Smith, as well as her connection with the Totally Gross National Product and Doomtree crews has only helped in that growth.

### **Sun Gods To Gamma Rays performs for The Local Show**

October 27, 2013

Sun Gods To Gamma Rays have made quiet strides over the past year, first as a vehicle for frontwoman Brianna Kocka's solo project Caetani, and now as a fleshed out quintet.

### **The Head and the Heart perform in The Current's studios**

October 27, 2013

Between Saturday and Sunday shows at First Avenue in Minneapolis, Seattle-based The Head and the Heart stopped in to The Current's studios to chat with Mac Wilson and to play some songs of their new album, *Let's Be Still*.

### **Frank Turner performs live in The Current studios**

October 29, 2013

Before his show at the Varsity Theater, UK hardcore/punk turned folk singer-songwriter Frank Turner stopped by The Current studios to play a few songs and chatted with Mary Lucia about what band got him through boarding school with a certain royal prince, why a eucalyptus smelling Koala has to do with his single "The Way I Tend To Be" and what it was like performing with The Hold Steady at the Toronto Urban Roots Festival.

### **Okkervil River perform live in The Current's studios**

November 1, 2013

On the way to their show tonight at First Avenue, Okkervil River stopped by The Current's studios to talk about and to play some songs off their new album, The Silver Gymnasium.

### **Of Montreal perform live in The Current studios**

November 4, 2013

Before their show at The Cedar Cultural Center, of Montreal (who are from Athens, Ga.) stopped by The Current studios to play a few songs off the new record, Lousy with Sylvianbriar, and to chat with host Mary Lucia.

### **No Bird Sing performs for The Local Show**

November 10, 2013

It's been two years since No Bird Sing stopped by The Current studios, and a lot has changed in that time. The trio is releasing new record "Definition Sickness" on their new label home Strange Famous Records, Joe Horton started hip-hop collective FIX with Kill The Vultures and Kristoff Krane and drummer Graham O'Brien built Bellows studio in downtown St. Paul.

### **Amos Lee performs live in The Current studios**

November 10, 2013

Amos Lee came by The Current studios before his show at the State Theatre and chatted with United States of Americana host Bill DeVile.

### **Mason Jennings performs live in The Current's studios**

November 12, 2013

On the day of the release of his new album, Always Been, Mason Jennings stopped by The Current's studios to talk with Jill Riley and to play some songs off the new record.

### **Sebadoh perform live in The Current's studio**

November 12, 2013

Touring in support of their new album (their first since 1999), Sebadoh stopped by The Current's studio after playing the Turf Club last night to chat with Mary Lucia and to play a few songs before hitting the road for Indianapolis.

### **Gloss performs for The Local Show**

November 17, 2013

Gloss had played 43 shows at the time of their recording for The Local Show. That's a lot of live performances for a band that's only been around for one year. And that consistent exposure correlates with the amount of press the young quintet has received since forming.

### **Minor Alps perform live in The Current's studios**

November 18, 2013

Shortly after landing at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Minor Alps — Juliana Hatfield and Matthew Caws — stopped in to The Current's studio to chat with host Mark Wheat and to play some songs off their album, *Get There*.

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### **Gary Clark Jr. performs live in the UBS Forum**

November 27, 2013

Austin, Texas, guitar player Gary Clark Jr. paid a visit to the UBS Forum at Minnesota Public Radio to play an intimate show for a live audience before his sold-out show that night at First Avenue. Between songs, he spoke to Jill Riley about his trajectory thus far and about his approach to music-making.

### **Caroline Smith performs for The Local Show**

December 8, 2013

Caroline Smith has had a monumental year. She's been a Twin Cities mainstay for the past few years ever since beginning a routine solo gig at the 400 Bar. Many Minnesota musicians got their start at that venue before it shut the doors, and Caroline met her band through connections she made at those performances.

### **The Cactus Blossoms perform live in The Current's studios**

December 8, 2013

Brothers Page Burkum and Jack Torrey of The Cactus Blossoms stopped in to The Current's studios to play a few songs and to talk with Bill DeVille as part of the fourth-anniversary show of United States of Americana.

### **Darkside brings minimalist dance music to the spotlight for New Hot**

December 9, 2013

Darkside makes dance music. That's their motto, even if their string of usually sub-100bpm tracks might make for a more intimate affair, rather than club bangers. But the duo of Nicolas Jaar and Dave Harrington have a high-profile history of reimagining the way dance music sounds, and we imagine that the genre in 2014 will follow suit with the band's ideas.

### **Grammy winner Miguel stops by The Current studios**

December 16, 2013

Few people expected Miguel's song "Adorn" would be such a sleeper hit. But in 2012, it surpassed the one million mark in sales, as well as receiving a Grammy. That unexpected rise to the spotlight allowed Miguel to snag loads of year-end honors, including one of the best reviewed records of last year.

### **Nicholas David performs live in The Current studios**

December 27, 2013

Ahead of his show at First Avenue on Saturday night, The Voice finalist and St. Paul, Minn., native Nicholas David stopped by The Current studios to chat with Barb Abney and showed his versatile songwriting abilities with three original tracks.

## **Features on The Current**

### **NEW HOT INTERVIEWS**

#### **Waxahatchee Interview**

October 7, 2013

Rising singer-songwriter Waxahatchee stops by New Hot for an interview in advance of her appearance on Wits.

#### **San Fermin Interview**

October 14, 2013

Williamsburg trio San Fermin stop by New Hot to discuss their new, debut album.

#### **Willy Mason Interview**

October 21, 2013

Willy Mason stops by New Hot to tell us about the whirlwind year he's had since signing with Communion Records.

#### **Dresses Interview**

November 4, 2013

For this interview on New Hot, lead vocalist Timothy Heller talks with David Safar about the Portlandia stigma, why she's listening to a lot of Drake and the pros and cons of experimenting with genres for their first album.

#### **La Luz Interview**

November 11, 2013

Seattle four-piece La Luz sound like they're straight out of the '60s. They've managed to capture the jangly cross-section of that era's garage rock scene, the surf rock sounds of the west coast, as well as the punk movement which followed it. The influences are obvious, yet the band manages to defy easy categorization by combining them all at once — that's why new record *It's Alive* feels fresh and uninhibited.

### **Cults Interview**

December 2, 2013

Couple Brian Oblivion and Madeline Follin were discovered by Columbia Records after posting a series of demos of their band Cults to Bandcamp. The ensuing hype machine created one of the more successful debut records of 2011. The two have since broken up, and as with all good musical relationships that come to an end, the ensuing creative energy has spawned a darker collection of pop songs for their sophomore album *Static*.

## **MORNING SHOW INTERVIEWS**

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Spoilers**

October 1, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley about what the rules should be about spoilers, and the new Kinect which is apparently much better than the original.

### **Jeremy Messersmith - Tourniquet**

October 1, 2013

Jeremy Messersmith - Tourniquet, from the his forthcoming album on Glassnote Records.

### **Eating and Drinking with James Norton: Noodles and Boar**

October 2, 2013

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, James Norton gave Jill Riley a preview of the Oct. 8 Brasa Beef and Beer dinner, and a taste of the amazing sweet potato soba noodles at Verdant Tea.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Far From Ordinary**

October 3, 2013

MPR News' Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about to talk about an art event and two productions that present the extraordinary in seemingly everyday people.

### **Cube Critics: 'Gravity'**

October 4, 2013

MPR News' Cube Critic Euan Kerr joins Steve Seel and and Jill Riley to review the new space adventure film directed by Alfonso Cuarón and starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Twin Cities Marathon**

October 7, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Twin Cities Marathon, Gopher football coach Jerry Kill's seizure this weekend, and the Lynx dominating the WNBA finals.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: The Silk Road and Wildcat Robots**

October 8, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the Silk Road and lack of anonymity online, and they discussed the new Wildcat robot.

### **Eating and Drinking with Rachel Hutton: Torpedo Room**

October 9, 2013

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with the Morning Show's Steve Seel, Rachel Hutton spoke about the new tiki bar at Eat Street Social called The Torpedo Room.

### **Interview: Chris Ryding, founder, Minneapolis Underground 'zine**

October 9, 2013

Chris Ryding, founder of Minneapolis Underground 'zine and Compilation Volume One, talks to Steve Seel and Jill Riley about launching a fanzine and digital album in support of local bands known for playing smaller venues. Minneapolis Underground has its release party planned for Thursday, Oct. 10, at Lee's Liquor Lounge in Minneapolis.

### **Interview: Stephen Tobolowsky**

October 10, 2013

Accomplished actor Stephen Tobolowsky talks to The Current's Jill Riley about his career and about his sold-out show tonight in the UBS Forum, The Tobolowsky Files, a storytelling series about life, love and Hollywood.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Spooky Stage Shows**

October 10, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about four productions that capture the spookiness of October.

### **Interview: John Oliver of The Daily Show**

October 11, 2013

Comedian John Oliver took time off from filming The Daily Show and Community to have a lighthearted chat with Steve Seel of The Current's Morning Show about the latest news in Washington, D.C., about filling in for Jon Stewart over the summer and about his show at the State Theater on Saturday, Oct. 12.

### **Movie Maven: 'Blue Caprice'**

October 11, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis talks to Steve Seel and Jill Riley about a new psychological thriller based on actual events; plus a Web bonus video from Cube Critic Euan Kerr that looks at the new Tom Hanks film, Captain Phillips — which has a very strong local connection.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Lynx Victory Parade**

October 14, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Lynx WNBA championship victory parade at 11:30am today, another Vikings loss, and jealousy of Boston fans.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: A Dating Site for Ghosts**

October 15, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about Google using your photos and comments in advertisements, and a dating site for ghosts.

### **Eating and Drinking with Dara Moskowitz-Grumdahl: Happy Hour**

October 16, 2013

This week Dara spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about happy hours in the Twin Cities. But this isn't a look at the cheapest happy hours in town, Dara looked at interesting, unusual, and foodie appropriate happy hours.

### **Interview: Chris Kluwe**

October 17, 2013

Steve Seel and Jill Riley talk to their favorite punter about his NFL career, about his writing and music pursuits, and about what's annoying him right now. Kluwe is part of the cast in tonight's Wits season premiere.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Dance, Literature and Laughs**

October 17, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about three arts happenings from the diverse areas of dance, literary arts and comedy theater.

### **Interview: MN RollerGirls' Citizen Pain and Scarmen Helletra**

October 18, 2013

Scarmen Helletra and Citizen Pain of the Minnesota RollerGirls stopped by to chat with former RollerGirl Jill Riley of The Current's Morning Show about the opening night on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Roy Wilkins Auditorium.

### **Cube Critics: 'Carrie'; 'The Trials of Muhammed Ali'**

October 18, 2013

MPR News Arts Reporter and Cube Critic Euan Kerr talks to Steve Seel and Jill Riley about a new reimagining of Stephen King's classic horror tale, and about a new documentary that looks at the life of the world-champion boxer.



### **Interview: The Walker's Philip Bither talks Liquid Music Series**

October 18, 2013

Philip Bither, curator of performing arts at The Walker Art Center, stopped by our studios to chat with Steve Seel of The Current's Morning Show about the Jherik Bischoff: Composed. This experimental music show happens tonight, Oct. 18, at the Fitzgerald Theater, and it features Sondre Lerche, Channy Leaneagh of Poliça and other musicians — a perfect spectacle for musical omnivores.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Golden Gophers**

October 21, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Gophers football team's victory over the weekend, Josh Freeman making his Vikings debut, and some World Series prep.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: New iPad**

October 22, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the debut of the new iPads, and Dick Cheney altering his heart implant to thwart terrorists.

### **Eating and Drinking with James Norton: Farm to Table**

October 23, 2013

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, James Norton spoke to Jill Riley about farm to table dining.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Mysterious and Moving**

October 24, 2013

Arts Reporter Euan Kerr (filling in for Marianne Combs) joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about some appropriate offerings in the run-up to Halloween.

### **Movie Maven: 'All Is Lost'**

October 25, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis talks to Steve Seel and Jill Riley about a new film starring Robert Redford as a man alone on the sea, struggling to survive.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Oh, Vikings**

October 28, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vikings hitting rock bottom, the bizarre fashion the World Series ended in over the weekend, and the Gophers giving us a reason to be happy about Minnesota football.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Send Coffee with a Tweet**

October 29, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel about children and technology, and Starbucks letting you buy coffee for a friend via Twitter.

### **Eating and Drinking with Dara Moskowitz-Grumdahl: Taprooms**

October 30, 2013

This week Dara spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the growing taproom scene in Minnesota. Dara helps plan fall roadtrips to all the taprooms around town.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Halloween Treats**

October 31, 2013

MPR News' Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins Jill Riley and Jade to talk about all kinds of ways to celebrate Halloween that combine arts sensibility with ghosts-and-goblins fun.

### **Movie Maven: '12 Years a Slave'**

November 1, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis joins Jill Riley and Jade to talk about a new historical drama starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Michael Fassbender.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Gopher's Streak Continues**

November 4, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Gophers winning three Big Ten games in a row, Vikings lose again, and a look at the truly amazing streak of the Gophers women's hockey team (59 consecutive game wins!).

### **Secretary of State Mark Ritchie on the importance of voting on election day**

November 4, 2013

We invited Minnesota Secretary of State, Mark Ritchie, to join us and answer some questions that people may have about voting in the state of Minnesota.

### **Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Airplane Freedom**

November 5, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Katy Perry being the newly crowned Queen of Twitter, and how you can now use your kindle or iPad everywhere at the airport.

### **Eating and Drinking with The Splendid Table's Lynne Rossetto Kasper: Fall Vegetables**

November 6, 2013

Today, Lynne spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Fall vegetables. She shares her secret to cooking dry beans and other favorites as the weather turns colder.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Three New Stage Productions**

November 7, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about three new stage productions in Minneapolis: Driving Miss Daisy, An Outopia for Pigeons and Enter the R.T. Rybak.

### **Cube Critics: 'Dallas Buyers Club'**

November 8, 2013

MPR Arts Reporter and Cube Critic Euan Kerr reviews a new film based on the true story of Ron Woodruff, a Texas electrician who was diagnosed with AIDS in 1985. The film stars Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner, Jared Leto and Minnesota native Steve Zahn.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Packers Quarterback Problem**

November 11, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Packers having worse quarterback problems than the Vikings, the Gophers at 8-2 and looking good, and a look at who the Twins might try to pick up.

### **Interview: Radio Heartland 5th Anniversary**

November 12, 2013

Steve Seel and Jill Riley talk to Radio Heartland's program director Mike Pengra about the music on Radio Heartland and about a five-year anniversary party scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Aster Cafe in Minneapolis.

### **Eating and Drinking with Dara Moskowitz-Grumdahl: Gods of Food**

November 13, 2013

This week Dara spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the problematic issue of Time magazine that features the "Gods of Food."

### **Sound Unseen: A conversation with Festival Director Jim Brunzell**

November 13, 2013

Jim Brunzell, director for the Sound Unseen festival, stopped by to share the news for this year and talked about some of his favorite offerings.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Nov. 14, 2013**

November 14, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jade to talk about a collaborative project between actors and military veterans, the 10-year anniversary concert of a Twin Cities dance company and a panto-style staging of Cinderella that's bawdy fun for all ages.

### **Movie Maven: 'Great Expectations'**

November 15, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis talks to Steve Seel and Jill Riley about a new adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Can the Wild Keep It Up?**

November 18, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the first Gophers women's hockey team lost, Johan Santana possibly coming back to the Twins, and the Wild won, now what?

### **Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Teddy Bear, the Porcupine**

November 19, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Google's new feature on Google Earth called Google Tour, and the new internet animal sensation, Teddy Bear the talking porcupine.

### **Eating and Drinking with James Norton: Secret Atlas of North Coast Food**

November 20, 2013

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, James Norton spoke to Steve Seel about The Secret Atlas of North Coast Food. He edited and wrote a couple of stories for the recently published book. James will be at Common Good Books on Thursday discussing the book and some of the stories in it.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Fun and Laughs**

November 21, 2013

MPR News Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about three shows that can help you forget the stress of the holiday season through hearty, healthy laughter.

### **Interview with Moby**

November 22, 2013

Following the release of his 11th studio album, *Innocents*, Moby chats with The Current's Steve Seel. During the conversation, Moby talks about what it's like to make music in 2013, how he came to collaborate with Wayne Coyne and why he decided to move from New York to Los Angeles.

### **Movie Maven: 'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire'; 'The Broken Circle Breakdown'**

November 22, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis talks to Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the latest adventure featuring Katniss Everdeen and about a Belgian film that looks at friendship and bluegrass music.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: The Vikings Tie**

November 25, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vikings doing something worse than losing --tying, the Gophers losing to the Badgers, and the winning Timberwolves.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Gravity Extended**

November 26, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Gravity companion film available online, and distinguished British actors read YouTube comments.

### **Eating and Drinking with The Splendid Table's Lynne Rossetto Kasper: Talking Turkey**

November 27, 2013

Today, Lynne shared some of her Thanksgiving tips with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley. She gave some starter ideas for seasoning your turkey and shared some of the unlikely questions she's been asked about prepping a Thanksgiving meal.

### **Gulliver Unravels: A conversation with Kevin Kling and Chastity Brown**

November 27, 2013

The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel sat down with Kevin Kling and Chastity Brown to discuss what to expect from the show, the inspiration behind it, and how the music is interwoven into the story.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: A Wild Weekend for the Vikings**

December 2, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vikings wild and wacky game against the Bears this weekend, the even crazier Auburn vs Alabama game, and the Timberwolves road trips.

### **Eating and Drinking with Heavy Table's James Norton: Duluth**

December 4, 2013

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, James Norton spoke to Steve Seel about his trip to Duluth. He raved about the steak at Tycoons Zenith Alehouse, and Northern Waters Smokehaus and their fish sandwiches.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Dec. 5, 2013**

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MPR News Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about everything from postmodern dance to "Yippee ki-yay, Father Christmas."

### **Movie Maven: 'The Armstrong Lie'; 'The World's End'**

December 6, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis talks to Jill Riley and Jade about a new documentary by Alex Gibney that looks at Lance Armstrong's cycling career, his doping scandal and his confession. Plus the Cube Critics review 'The World's End', a comedy from the team of Simon Pegg and Nick Frost.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: The Vikings Out-Vikingsed Themselves**

December 9, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vikings out-Vikingsed themselves this weekend, the bowl game announcements, and he took a look at what might be on the Twins' agenda at the Major League Baseball's Winter Meetings.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Facebook Sympathy**

December 10, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Facebook's possible "Sympathize" button, and Rebecca Black is back with her second song...Saturday.

### **Eating and Drinking with Dara Moskowitz-Grumdahl: Bitters**

December 11, 2013

This week Dara spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the growing bitters trend taking over the Twin Cities.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Traditional and Non-Traditional**

December 12, 2013

MPR News Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about holiday shows that are traditional, as well as those that were once non-traditional but have become traditions themselves.

### **Policy and a Pint Interview: Peter Leggett**

December 13, 2013

The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Peter Leggett, Chair of Saint Paul's Cultural STAR Board, Director of Walker West Music Academy and Drummer for Heiruspecs discuss the topics above as they gear up for the next Policy and a Pint.

### **Movie Maven: 'The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug'**

December 13, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis talks to Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the next installment in The Hobbit trilogy. Plus, some thoughts on trilogies from the Cube Critics.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Metrodome Nostalgia**

December 16, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vikings playing without Adrian Peterson, the Twins signing Jason Kubel, and Michael spoke about metrodome nostalgia.

### **Mayor R.T. Rybak's Un-Augural Interview**

December 16, 2013

R.T. Rybak stopped by the Morning Show to discuss what his plans are for the future, and his Un-Augural party with guests Dave Simonett, Chastity Brown, Strange Names, and DJ Shannon Blowtorch.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Google has Robots**

December 17, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Google acquiring Boston Dynamics, and what are the new rules about talking on the phone on planes.

### **Eating and Drinking with Solo Vino's Chuck Kanski: Bubbles**

December 18, 2013

Today, Chuck spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the festive drink for the season, bubbles.

### **Box Set Gift Guide: Program Director Jim McGuinn picks the best of 2013**

December 18, 2013

Program Director Jim McGuinn joined The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel to offer suggestions to help with your holiday shopping for music lovers while they discuss their favorite re-issues and box sets of 2013.

### **Local Foodie Gift Guide with Heavy Table's James Norton**

December 19, 2013

James Norton made a special trip to The Current's Morning Show to talk to us about the Local Gift Guide that Heavy Table put together.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Dec. 19, 2013**

December 19, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk something for everyone, like many little holiday gifts — including something that has nothing to do with the holidays.

### **Interview: Nick Lowe**

December 20, 2013

One of the most respected performers, songwriters and producers in music over the past 40 years, Nick Lowe, has recently released a holiday album, *Quality Street*. Joining The Current's Steve Seel by telephone, Lowe talks about the new album and about how his initial hesitation turned to enthusiasm.

### **Oscar Isaac describes how he became 'Llewyn Davis'**

December 20, 2013

Oscar Isaac, the star of the critically-acclaimed film *'Inside Llewyn Davis'* spoke with The Current's Jill Riley about finger-picking guitar, working with Marcus Mumford and T-Bone Burnett, and having the best time of his life.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Sad Losses Over The Weekend**

December 23, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jade about the Vikings, the Wolves, and the Wild all losing games over the weekend.

### **Throbbing Hive with John Moe: The Twitter Mob's Latest Obsession**

December 24, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel about Justine Sacco, the Twitter mob's most recent obsession, and the Star Wars Holiday Special.

## **HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING**

### **Time Machine Weekend – November 28 – December 1**

Current hosts dedicate each hour of the day to a specific year in music for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

### **Top 89 Countdown – December 31**

Current hosts countdown the top 89 songs of 2013 as voted on by listeners.

## **THEFT OF THE DIAL**

### **Theft of the Dial: Billy Bragg**

October 6, 2013

Before playing a show with Joe Purdy at The Cedar, singer-songwriter Billy Bragg stopped by The Current studios to play a few of his favorite tracks and to chat with host Jill Riley of The Current's Morning Show about skiffle, Americana music and waving the flag for today's artists.

### **Theft of the Dial: Aisha Tyler**

October 31, 2013

Aisha Tyler is your best friend. Or at least you want her to be. She has great taste in everything, and she's incredibly talented, too. Not only is Tyler an established director, actor, comedian and TV host, she also has an enormously successful podcast and a great music collection... so it's no big surprise that she excels at being a Theft of the Dial guest on The Current.

### **Theft of the Dial: Father John Misty**

November 1, 2013

He may say he doesn't want to talk about his music, but Josh Tillman (a.k.a Father John Misty) has strong feelings about the music he listens to in his free time. The eclectic singer-songwriter draws his inspiration from a variety of music genres and he played us some of his current favorite songs.

### **Theft of the Dial: Neko Case**

November 8, 2013

Neko Case came by The Current studios with a hand-picked playlist for a Theft of the Dial and chatted with Steve Seel of The Current's Morning Show.

### **Theft of the Dial: Mason Jennings**

December 5, 2013

Mason Jennings stopped by The Current studios to play some of his favorite tunes and chat with host Mark Wheat before playing two shows at First Avenue Dec. 6 and 7.



## **Theft of the Dial: Sean Tillman, Har Mar Superstar**

December 20, 2013

Har Mar Superstar is making many year-end lists with 'Bye Bye 17.' But what has Sean Tillman, the man behind the Har Mar persona, been listening to this year? Find out in another installment of Theft of the Dial.

## **LOCAL SHOW**

### **October 13, 2013**

On this episode of The Local Show, David Campbell speaks with Andrea Swensson about a new remix from Information Society, one of the more influential US electronic acts of the '80s. Plus, the closing of the Artist's Quarter and Prince's show at Paisley Park. Debuts all around too: Sun Gods To Gamma Rays, Ecid, Deepest Bison, Bad Bad Hats, Hippo Campus, Alison Rae, c.Kostra, The 757s and more.

### **October 20, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, Andrea's got a phone interview with Dessa airing, and she'll catch up with her over their burglary in Buffalo. David Campbell will interview Channy over at Polica-camp about the new record "Shulamith." We'll air highlights of the McNally Smith Soundbite Series session that we did with Astronautalis. And Andrea will catch up with CityPages' Reed Fischer about the results of Picked To Click. Plus, loads of premieres: SCRNS, Deepest Bison, Trampled By Turtles, France Camp, CLAPS, Animal Lover, GRRRL PRY, Fathom Lane, Batterboy and more.

### **October 27, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, we'll have two in-studios. Lizzo stops by with producer Lazerbeak to perform songs off her debut solo album Lavabangers in the first hour. In the second hour, new quintet Sun Gods To Gamma Rays will play songs from their debut EP — the act features lead vocalist Caetani. Josh Grier of Ginkgo will also premiere two remixes of "Faded Glory" by Lazerbeak and Erik Appelwick of Vicious Vicious. And Andrea Swensson has check-ins about Minnesota musicians competing on reality singing competitions, as well as two bands heading to Iceland for a music festival.

### **November 3, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, David Campbell will check in with Twin Cities music scene mainstay Ed Ackerson who is 1/3rd of the band BNLX. We'll be talking about the new EP and anthology they are releasing, as well as their upcoming BNLX Fest at Cause Nov. 15th and 16th. We'll talk with Jon Kirby from the Numero Group, a boutique reissue label, who will be releasing a new compilation called Purple Snow: Forecasting the Minneapolis Sound that chronicles the blossoming soul and R&B scene of the late '70s just before Prince's reign began. And we'll debut a new segment on the show called the "7 at 7." Each week, the show will spin different local 7"s — sometimes old, sometimes new, usually borrowed, and occasionally blue.

**November 10, 2013**

On this weekend's Local Show, David Campbell talks with Doomtree about their upcoming ninth Blowout at First Avenue. No Bird Sing will also perform in the studios in support of their new album Definition Sickness. Andrea Swensson has updates on the recent GRRRL PRY release show, as well as upcoming documentaries about Charlie Parr and Grant Hart airing at the Sound Unseen Festival. We'll continue our new 7" and 7 segment featuring a 7" from The Chancellors and their take on "Little Latin Lupe Lu."

**November 17, 2013**

This weekend on The Local Show, rising dream pop quintet Gloss will drop by to perform songs off their new EP, as well as the song "Front Porch" which was our first introduction to the band. We'll also air highlights of the recent Mason Jennings in-studio that was done by The Morning Show. Andrea Swensson has news on the upcoming Sue McLean tribute concert, as well as a new album from Tina Schlieske. And we'll feature Sonny Knights and The Lakers as our 7" for our "7 at 7" segment. Plus, loads of new music from the likes of John Eller, Almitra, The Owls, Fathom Lane, ReadyGoes, Dem Atlas, Frankie Teardrop and Luke Redfield.

**November 24, 2013**

On this episode of The Local Show, Dosh will perform songs from his new Milk Money release, as well as his contribution to the next installment of the Minnesota Beatle Project. Jim Walsh — #1 Replacements fan — will also give us the scoop on his new photographic book about the band, and we'll spin a bunch of new songs from the Songs For Slim compilation. Walt Dizzo's got updates on Duluth Does Low, as well as the forthcoming Red Mountain debut, and Andrea Swensson will talk about Atmosphere's Welcome To MN tour announcement, Haley Bonar's new song and the interactive Bob Dylan music video which just launched online.

**December 8, 2013**

On this episode of The Local Show, Caroline Smith will be our in-studio guest, performing tracks from the new record Half About Being A Woman. We'll also air highlights of the recent Soundbite Series performance at McNally Smith with Communist Daughter. Sounds Of Blackness is our new, featured artist of the month for December. And we've got loads of debuts: Meme, Sycamores, VAYNS, Jim Ruiz, Prof, Twinkie Jiggles, Holly Henry, Counterfactuals and more. This is our last episode of the year before we launch into special programming!

**December 15, 2013**

It's that time of the year again! Join David Campbell and Reed Fischer from CityPages, Chris Riemenschneider of the Star Tribune, Ross Raihala of the Pioneer Press and our very own Local Current blog writer Andrea Swensson for a recap of Minnesota music in 2013.

**December 22, 2013**

David Campbell plays the best local holiday favorite in advance of Christmas.

**December 29, 2013**

David Campbell and Andrea Swensson count down the top 20 local releases of 2013 as voted on by listeners in late November.

**QUARTERLY PROGRAMMING REPORT**  
**The Current**

**July 1 to September 30, 2013**

**In studio performances**

**The Current Sessions™: Dessa's 'Parts of Speech' at the Fitzgerald Theater**

July 11, 2013

On June 22, The Current hosted Dessa's Parts Of Speech release show at The Fitzgerald Theater. With another Current Sessions at The Fitz, Barb Abney highlights the performance.

**Father John Misty performs an intimate show in the UBS Forum**

July 19, 2013

Enjoy audio and video (including 2 unreleased tracks and a Dory Previn cover) from the exclusive Father John Misty performance in Minnesota Public Radio's UBS Forum. He chats with Jill Riley of The Current's Morning Show about his off-the-wall moniker, the move from Seattle to Los Angeles, and the Twin Cities gene pool.

**Grant Hart performs in The Current studios**

July 22, 2013

Grant Hart may be most well-known for his time spent in Husker Du as the band's drummer, but his solo career has been keeping time for far longer than the lifespan of Husker Du. Hart stopped by our studios to play new songs from his ambitious double album 'The Argument.'

**Mayer Hawthorne brings his revamped soul sound to The Current**

July 22, 2013

Mayer Hawthorne knows one of the keys to show business is to always leave the audience wanting more.

**Savages storm The Current studio**

July 22, 2013

Between their much-buzzed-about set at the Pitchfork Music Festival on Saturday and their sold-out show at the Triple Rock Social Club last night, excitement over Savages is at an all time high.

**Preservation Hall Jazz Band talks with Bill DeVille, perform new tracks**

July 23, 2013

Bill DeVille chatted with band leader and tuba player Ben Jaffe of the legendary Preservation Hall Jazz Band in between their music set recorded at City Winery in New York about their new record *That's It!*, working with Dan Wilson of Semisonic, and the group's historic performances including Minneapolis' Guthrie Theater in the 60s.

**JD McPherson Live from The Newport Folk Festival**

July 28, 2013

JD McPherson provides a refreshing reminder that retro roots music isn't timid: His debut album, *Signs & Signifiers*, synthesizes blues and rockabilly and old-school rock 'n' roll with an unmistakable punk spirit. Here he performs as part of the 2013 Newport Folk Festival

**Phosphorescent, Live In Concert: Newport Folk 2013**

July 28, 2013

Raised in Alabama and based in Brooklyn, Phosphorescent's Matthew Houck makes moody, searching, raggedly pretty music. But there's also a wise, homesick weariness to Houck's voice that transcends time and place. Hear Phosphorescent perform as part of the 2013 Newport Folk Festival.

**Frank Turner and The Sleeping Souls, Live In Concert: Newport Folk 2013**

July 28, 2013

It's not a stretch to call U.K. singer-songwriter Frank Turner a folksinger, especially when he performs solo with an acoustic guitar. But he's also a rocker, a punk and a storyteller. Hear Frank Turner & The Sleeping Souls perform as part of the 2013 Newport Folk Festival.

**The Avett Brothers, Live In Concert: Newport Folk 2013**

July 28, 2013

Led by North Carolina brothers Seth and Scott Avett, the band blends showmanship and poignancy. Their songs reflect thoughtfully on life and death and love, while toggling between swoonily pretty roots-pop ballads and frenetic, barnstorming punk-bluegrass hybrids. Hear the full set.

**Justin Townes Earle, Live In Concert: Newport Folk 2013**

July 28, 2013

Having marinated in country music his whole life, the son of Steve Earle has increasingly broadened his roots-country sound. In a relatively short career, he's already released five albums, including last year's *Nothing's Gonna Change the Way You Feel About Me Now*. Hear Justin Townes Earle perform as part of the 2013 Newport Folk Festival.

### **The Brian Just Band performs in The Current studios**

July 28, 2013

The Brian Just Band is back in The Current studios in support of their new album "Enlightenment." And in true BJB fashion, the whole crew has come along for one of the most orchestrated Local Show sessions since last year's John Mark Nelson in-studio.

### **The Goondas perform live in The Current studios**

July 29, 2013

Long regarded as favorites for The Current's Local Show, The Goondas came back to our studios in support of their sophomore album "Dog Show."

### **Sombear performs in The Current studios**

August 4, 2013

Sombear may be a relatively new act in the music community here in Minnesota, but we can guarantee that a lot of you probably know the man behind the project. Brad Hale -- drummer for Now, Now -- is stepping into the spotlight to release a debut that's been stewing in his head for years.

### **Fury Things performs in The Current studios**

August 4, 2013

One of most impressive local bands to spring into the spotlight this year has been Fury Things, a power trio taking a cue from some of the best alt-rock bands that came to fruition in the '90s like Dinosaur Jr. and Superchunk.

### **Gogol Bordello performs live in The Current studios**

August 5, 2013

Gypsy-punk rockers Gogol Bordello live up to their name. Not only do the internationally influenced eight-member band come from all over the world (Ukraine, Russia, Ecuador), but they also tour across the globe eight months of the year. We were lucky enough for their itinerary to include a stop in The Current studios.

### **Jake Bugg performs an acoustic set live in The Current studios**

August 6, 2013

It was a gift from an uncle that launched singer-songwriter Jake Bugg's career. Until he was 12 years old, Bugg was only interested in playing soccer. But when an uncle presented the preteen Bugg with a guitar, Bugg "knew it was what [he] wanted to do."

### **Valerie June performs live in The Current studios**

August 11, 2013

The Tennessee singer-songwriter feels a deep connection — if not responsibility — to the great musical traditions of Memphis. She describes this and more during her in-studio chat with The Current's Mac Wilson.

### **The National perform an intimate show live in the UBS Forum**

August 13, 2013

Ahead of last Tuesday's generous 23-song set at Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul, The National stopped by to play songs off their latest record *Trouble Will Find Me* in Minnesota Public Radio's UBS Forum. Between songs, frontman Matt Berninger talked to The Current's Mary Lucia about songwriting, skinny jeans, fatherhood and his brother's suddenly skyrocketing film career.

### **The Starfolk performs in The Current studios**

August 18, 2013

Local music fans who miss any of the defining Twin Cities rock bands of the '90s and early aughts will be pleased to know there's a solution to their nostalgia with new group The Starfolk.

### **Laura Marling performs an intimate show in the UBS Forum**

August 19, 2013

Ahead of her first US tour date in support of *Once I Was an Eagle* at the Women's Club in Minneapolis, Laura Marling stopped by to play songs off her latest album in Minnesota Public Radio's UBS Forum. Between songs, Marling talked to Steve Seel of The Current's Morning Show about Patty Smith, Greek mythology, and playing with an orchestra at the BBC Proms.

### **Smith Westerns perform live in The Current's studios**

August 21, 2013

Before playing a show at the Varsity Theater in Minneapolis, Smith Westerns stopped in the studios of The Current to talk to Barb Abney about touring, songwriting, their influences and what it's like to be a band out of Chicago.

### **Lucy Michelle and the Velvet Lapelles perform live at the MN State Fair**

August 23, 2013

Minnesota Public Radio will once again set up camp at the corner of Judson and Nelson for a series of live broadcasts by all three stations. Lucy Michelle and the Velvet Lapelles kicked off The Current's live broadcast schedule with just the right music for a gorgeous opening day at the Minnesota State Fair.

### **Bomba De Luz performs live at the MN State Fair**

August 23, 2013

Jill Riley and Steve Seel of The Current's Morning Show headed out to the Minnesota State Fair bright and early to broadcast live from the MPR booth on the corner of Judson and Nelson. Josh Hartnett stopped by for a *Theft of the Dial* and Bomba de Luz performed.

### **Jack Campbell performs for The Local Show from Duluth's Sacred Heart Studios**

August 25, 2013

We've been hearing Jack Campbell's name for more than two years. Whether it be disbelief of his age and the caliber of music he has been making, or whether it be about how central he is to the growing visibility of the Duluth music community, Jack seems like a hot topic.

### **Pert Near Sandstone perform live at the MN State Fair**

August 26, 2013

Pert Near Sandstone stopped by the MPR booth on the corner of Judson and Nelson at the Minnesota State Fair to perform a sunny Saturday set.

### **Alex 'Crankshaft' Larson performs live at the MN State Fair**

August 26, 2013

The heat index of 110 degrees didn't stop Alex "Crankshaft" Larson from performing before a live audience at the Minnesota State Fair. Mary Lucia hosted the toasty performance at the corner of Judson and Nelson for another edition of The Current's live broadcasts at the annual state celebration.

### **Franz Ferdinand perform in studio**

August 27, 2013

Glasgow's Franz Ferdinand are basking in the glow of their new release, Right Thoughts, Right Words, Right Action, and band members Alex Kapranos and Nick McCarthy recently visited with The Current's Barb Abney to talk about the new record.

### **Frankie Lee performs live at the MN State Fair**

August 28, 2013

Host Mary Lucia welcomed Minneapolis' own Frankie Lee as he made the trek to the MPR booth at the Minnesota State Fair to perform a three song set on one of the hottest days of the summer.

### **Actual Wolf performs live at the MN State Fair**

August 28, 2013

Actual Wolf is no stranger to The Current. Between being a guest for The Current's Coffee Break On the Road to the Humane Society to his heavy involvement in the Twin Cities music scene, Eric Pollard is making his music known. He stopped by the MPR booth to play some songs on another gorgeous day at the Minnesota State Fair.

### **P.O.S. performs live at the MN State Fair**

August 29, 2013

Every Saturday night P.O.S. hosts P.O.S. is Ruining The Current, a program that showcases an eclectic playlist that cannot be matched. Today, he took the MPR stage at the corner of Judson and Nelson to perform his own music for an enthusiastic crowd at the Minnesota State Fair.



### **The Suburbs perform live in The Current's studios**

August 30, 2013

Thanks to Kickstarter and a creative surge on the part of the band members, The Suburbs have just released a new album, *Si Sauvage*, their first in 27 years. The Current's Steve Seel and Jill Riley sat down with the Suburbs to talk about the band's past, present and future, and to hear some songs off the new record.

### **Desaparecidos perform in The Current's studios**

August 31, 2013

Desaparecidos — the name means "the disappeared ones" in Spanish — did exactly that not long after their 2002 album, *Read Albums/Speak Spanish*. After reuniting and releasing a handful of singles, Desaparecidos are touring once more and stopped in to The Current's studios to talk to Bill DeVille.

### **Chastity Brown performs live at the MN State Fair**

September 2, 2013

Chastity Brown stopped by the MPR booth on the corner of Judson and Nelson to perform on the last day of the 2013 Minnesota State Fair.

### **J Roddy Walston and the Business perform live in The Current studios**

September 9, 2013

After opening for The Lumineers' extensive arena tour, including a date at the Target Center in Minneapolis last May, J Roddy Walston & The Business are looking forward to performing more intimate shows on a headlining tour. They stopped by The Current studios to play a few songs off the forthcoming *Essential Tremors* and chatted with host Mary Lucia.

### **CHVRCHES perform live in The Current studios**

September 9, 2013

Scottish trio CHVRCHES stopped by The Current studios before their second stop in the Twin Cities in just over three months. They spoke with Mark Wheat about the year they've had: playing at European festivals, touring in Australia and Japan, getting their music in FIFA 2014 and opening for Depeche Mode.

### **The Selecter perform live in The Current studios**

September 13, 2013

On their way to a show at the Cedar Cultural Center in Minneapolis, ska legends The Selecter stopped into The Current's studios to perform a live set and to chat with David Campbell.

### **Wild Belle perform live in The Current studios**

September 16, 2013

Wild Belle stopped by The Current studios to play a few songs off their debut record *Isles* and to chat with host Mary Lucia about the making of the new music video for "Another Girl", about the band's massive new sound system and about the connection they have to Solid Gold bassist Adam Hurlburt.

### **Iron & Wine performs live in The Current studios**

September 19, 2013

Iron & Wine (Sam Beam) stopped in The Current studios to play a few songs off his latest, *Ghost on Ghost*, and chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel about having a soft spot for heavy metal, his difficulty memorizing a decade's worth of lyrics, and what made recording *Ghost on Ghost* so unique.

### **Typhoon perform live in The Current studios**

September 20, 2013

Typhoon, based in Portland, Ore., are currently touring in support of their third full-length album, *White Lighter*. They stopped in to talk to Barb Abney and to play a few songs in The Current's studio before performing at the Cedar Cultural Center on Thursday night.

### **UK sensation Tom Odell makes his Twin Cities and in-studio debut**

September 28, 2013

22-year old UK songwriter Tom Odell released his debut "Long Way Down" in June and instantly shot to number #1 on his home country's charts. He joins an acclaimed list of English newcomers in 2013 who have attained the same honor like Jake Bugg and Rudimental.

### **The Olms perform live in The Current studios**

September 30, 2013

The Olms stopped by The Current studios after performing bright and early on Peavey Plaza to play a few songs off their self-titled debut. They chatted with host Mary Lucia about Andre Agassiz, the Sound City documentary and the experience Pete Yorn had during his first songwriting collaboration.

### **Cold War Kids perform live in The Current studios**

October 2, 2013

Before playing in First Avenue's mainroom, Cold War Kids stopped by to play a few songs off their fourth studio record, *Dear Miss Lonelyhearts*, released earlier this year. They chatted with host Barb Abney about Billy Bragg, about touring non-stop for the past year, and about a missed connection with Brian Eno.

## **Features on The Current**

### **BAYSIDE BROADCAST**

**Live Broadcast, 3-7PM – July 11, 2013**

**Live Broadcast, 3-7PM – August 1, 2013**

The Morning Show broadcasts live from the Bayside Grille in Minnetonka.

## **DESSA DECONSTRUCTED**

**Re-Air, 6-7PM – July 14, 2013**

Dessa and her band deconstruct their new album in front of an audience including discussion moderated by host David Campbell, as well as live performances, visuals and more.

## **MN STATE FAIR 2013**

**Live Broadcast, August 22 – September 2, 2013**

Performances and interviews with Lucy Michelle, Pert Near Sandstone, Crankshaft, Frankie Lee, Actual Wolf, P.O.S., Chastity Brown and more.

## **MUMFORD & SONS**

**In-studio and Theft Of The Dial, 3-5PM, September 4**

Mumford and Sons stopped by for an extended chat and in-studio moderated by host Mary Lucia.

## **MORNING SHOW INTERVIEWS**

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Twins vs Yankees**

July 1, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Jade about the Timberwolves draft picks, the upcoming series for the Twins against the Yankees, and he explains the whole murder plot that involves the player from the Patriots.

### **Eating and Drinking with Rachel Hutton: Vegan Options**

July 3, 2013

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with the Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley, Rachel Hutton shared her thoughts on where to go for vegan fair while eating out.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Justin Carter**

July 9, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Facebook's new graph search finally going public, and the controversial arrest of Justin Carter.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Busy Wild Weekend**

July 8, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the Wild signing controversial forward Matt Cooke, Monica Wright of the Lynx getting engaged, and he breaks down the Timberwolves free agent deals.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Justin Carter**

July 9, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Facebook's new graph search finally going public, and the controversial arrest of Justin Carter.

### **Jim James brings solo work to the stage at First Avenue; talks AmericanaramA, Prince**

July 10, 2013

Jill Riley of The Current's Morning Show chatted with Jim James when his band (including a drummer he's known since 4th grade!) stopped in Minneapolis last April to perform in the First Avenue mainroom. They talked about co-producing Preservation Hall Jazz Band's latest record, touring with Bob Dylan, and his attempt to play the clarinet.

### **Eating and Drinking with Rachel Hutton: Bucket List**

July 10, 2013

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with the Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley, Rachel Hutton shared her eating and drinking bucket list for Minnesota. Jill and Steve both shared some ideas for their bucket lists too.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Happy Beautiful Summer**

July 11, 2013

MPR News Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins The Current's Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about about the first in a series of three new plays and about two outdoor dance events that are perfect for summertime.

### **Movie Maven: 'The Way, Way Back'**

July 12, 2013

MPR's Movie Maven, Stephanie Curtis, joins Jill Riley and Jade (filling in for Steve Seel) to review a new coming-of-age film that stars Steve Carell, Toni Collette, Allison Janney and Liam James -- and features music by Duluth's Trampled by Turtles.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Should the Twins fire their manager?**

July 15, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about whether Twins manager Ron Gardenhire will/should lose his job soon, the MLB all-star game is Tuesday, and two home state stars are representing the Twins, and horse racing and betting making a comeback.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Surface Problems**

July 16, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Microsoft lowering the prices for Surface tablets, and the sad tale of a man who found porn and is now suing Apple for ruining his life.

### **Eating and Drinking with Heavy Table's James Norton: Urban Growler**

July 17, 2013

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, James Norton told Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the female force in the Minnesota brewing scene, specifically Urban Growler.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Bikes, Comics and a Road Trip Recommendation**

July 18, 2013

MPR News Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins The Current's Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about Bike Night (and cuttlefish) at the MIA, a comic-book retrospective at MCAD, and three reasons to consider a road trip to Winona, Minn.

### **Movie Maven: 'RED 2'**

July 19, 2013

MPR Arts Reporter Euan Kerr reviews this action-comedy sequel starring Bruce Willis, Mary-Louise Parker, John Malkovich, Helen Mirren, Byung-hun Lee and Anthony Hopkins.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Vikings Training Camp**

July 22, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about Phil Mickelson's British Open win, Twins' pitcher Glen Perkins' embarrassing moment, and Rand gave us an unofficial guide to Vikings training camp.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Emmy Honors Netflix**

July 23, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel about Netflix earning Emmy nominations and the "Drumming Grandma".

### **Eating and Drinking with Chuck Kanski: Vinho Verde**

July 24, 2013

Today, Chuck spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel about his drink of choice for the summer, vinho verde.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Pop-Up Art**

July 25, 2013

MPR News Arts Reporter Euan Kerr (filling in for Marianne Combs) joins The Current's Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about art that's popping up all over: puppets in Minneapolis, dancing in St. Paul, a play in Albert Lea and cat-video voting online.

### **Movie Maven: 'Crystal Fairy'; 'The To-Do List'**

July 26, 2013

Euan Kerr reviews Sebastián Silva's road drama starring Michael Cera and Gaby Hoffman, plus Maggie Carey's teen comedy starring Aubrey Plaza and Bill Hader.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Cris Carter Headed for the Hall of Fame**

July 29, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jade about Cris Carter getting inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Twins players who might be on the move as the MLB trading deadline nears, and Rand gave us a brief outline of what to expect in year 3 of U of M football under Jerry Kill.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Is Hands Free Driving Safe?**

July 30, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel about the hands free options to text while driving, and gives a pair of old-timey and deeply weird Twitter recommendations.

### **Eating and Drinking with Supertaster James Norton: Donut Breakfast Sandwich**

July 31, 2013

Today James Norton spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the combination of breakfast sandwich and glazed donut.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Minnesota Fringe Festival**

August 1, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jade to talk about the Minnesota Fringe Festival and how to get the most out of it.

### **Cube Critics with Euan Kerr: 'Smurfs 2'**

August 2, 2013

MPR Arts Reporter and Cube Critic Euan Kerr joins Steve Seel and Jade to talk about 'Smurfs 2' -- and how adults won't feel deep regret if they have to see it with their kids.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Praise for the Lynx**

August 5, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about a new NFL rule that bans fans from bringing in pretty much any kind of bag to the game, the suspensions announced by Major League Baseball, and they discuss the greatness of the Lynx.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: One Direction to Stop Bullies**

August 6, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about One Direction teaming up with Office Depot to fight bullying, and @TweenHobo, a Twitter account of a tween girl who has taken to riding the rails.

### **Eating and Drinking with Supertaster James Norton: Twinkies**

August 7, 2013

Today James Norton spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the epic return of the Twinkie and the substitute Twinkies on the market.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Fringe Festival continues; Walker "tears up the lawn"**

August 8, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve and Jill to talk about the Minnesota Fringe Festival and about a Walker Art Center artist-in-residence who is all about replacing front lawns with vegetable gardens.

### **Movie Maven: 'Elysium'**

August 9, 2013

MPR Movie Maven Stephanie Curtis joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about a new sci-fi thriller starring Matt Damon, Jodie Foster and Diego Luna. It's directed by Neill Blomkamp ('District 9').

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Canadian Pride Week for the Twins**

August 12, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Canadian take over for the Twins with Morneau and Albers both having a great week, the Wolves draft pick Shabazz Muhammad getting into trouble, and the possible controversy over who will be the Vikings quarterback.

### **Eating and Drinking with Rachel Hutton: Juicing**

August 14, 2013

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with the Morning Show's Steve Seel, Rachel Hutton spoke about the growing trend of juicing and the new stores opening serving juice.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Bowling?**

August 19, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about bench-clearing brawls in baseball, a guide for avoiding fantasy football conversations, and bowling.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Zuckerberg Hacked**

August 20, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley about Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg getting hacked, and rumors of a gold iPhone.

### **Today in Music History: Honoring the Moog Man**

August 21, 2013

Bob Dylan left Columbia Records, David Byrne said no to The Heads, and remembering Robert Moog Today in Music History.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Everywhere You Turn**

August 22, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve and Jill to talk about art that's happening all over the Twin Cities, from Lowertown to Longfellow and places in between.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Miguel Sano**

August 26, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about fans running onto the field in the middle of sporting events, the rising star of Miguel Sano, and the massive amount of things to to this coming thursday.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Tried and True**

August 29, 2013

With the Minnesota State Fair entering its last weekend and kids transitioning back to school, the Labor Day weekend is a time of adjustment. Today on Weekend Arts Roundup, MPR News Arts Reporter Marianne Combs spoke to Steve Seel and Jill Riley about these mainstays of the local arts scene.

### **Interview: Paul McCartney**

August 30, 2013

Paul McCartney has released a new single, the appropriately titled "New," and it's coming out ahead of his upcoming album, which is set to release in the U.S. on Oct. 15.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Swearing, Soap and Stuff**

September 5, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Jill Riley, Jade and John Moe (filling in for Steve Seel) to talk about three shows happening in the Twin Cities this weekend.



### **Movie Maven: 'Afternoon Delight'**

September 6, 2013

MPR Movie Maven Stephanie Curtis reviews Afternoon Delight, a new film starring Kathryn Hahn and Juno Temple.

### **Kielbasa Festival 2013: An Interview with Nic and Orest Kramarczuk**

September 6, 2013

The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Heavy Table's James Norton sat down with Nic and Orest Kramarczuk to talk about the history of the festival, details for this year, and they tried out a couple of this year's sausage and beer offerings.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Retiring the Butt Fumble**

September 9, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vikings first regular season game, hockey season gearing up, and a moment of silence for the "butt fumble".

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: New iPhones Announced Today**

September 10, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley about the new iPhones being announced today, and Facebook looking to take down LinkedIn.

### **Eating and Drinking with The Growler's Joe Alton: Oktoberfest**

September 11, 2013

The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel hung out with The Growler's Joe Alton to talk about the fast approach of Oktoberfest.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Moving Music**

September 12, 2013

MPR News' Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about three uniquely artistic musical events happening in the Twin Cities this week.

### **Movie Maven: 'Drinking Buddies'**

September 13, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to review a new comedy directed by Joe Swanberg and starring Olivia Wilde and Jake Johnson.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Purple Woe**

September 16, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about U of M football coach Jerry Kill, the "purple woe," at least we can always count on the Lynx.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: Computer Generated Vehicles vs Real Trucks**

September 17, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the release of Grand Theft Auto V, and the website 11foot8.com.

### **Eating and Drinking with Dara Moskowitz-Grumdahl: Kickstarting Travail**

September 18, 2013

This week Dara spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the local food scene getting into Kickstarter.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: Rich Textures**

September 19, 2013

MPR News' Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about a rich variety of diverse arts events happening in the Twin Cities this week.

### **Movie Maven: 'Prisoners'**

September 20, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis joins Steve Seel and Jade to review a new thriller starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Hugh Jackman.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: Thank God for the Lynx**

September 23, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and producer Jade about the Vikings loss at home to Cleveland, questioned if the Twins suffer from bad luck, and cheering on the Lynx.

### **The Throbbing Hive with John Moe: You Can Like It If you Really Like It**

September 24, 2013

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel about companies getting busted for giving fake great reviews of businesses, and The Facebook Like button becoming protected free speech.

### **Eating and Drinking with Rachel Hutton: Terzo**

September 25, 2013

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with Rachel Hutton spoke about the expansion of the Broder family restaurant stronghold on 50th and Penn in Minneapolis.

### **Weekend Arts Roundup: A Nice Mix**

September 26, 2013

Marianne Combs joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about productions that span everything from Roman mythology to class issues to our own personal flaws. There's even a show where ticket prices are pay what you can.

### **Movie Maven: Don Jon**

September 27, 2013

MPR Movie Maven and Cube Critic Stephanie Curtis joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to review a new comedy written and directed by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, who stars alongside Scarlett Johansson, Julianne Moore and Tony Danza.

### **The Sporting Life with Michael Rand: The Vikings in London**

September 30, 2013

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vikings win in London, Lynx being the champs of the Western Conference, and they debate whether Ron Gardenhire should return to the Twins.

## **HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING**

### **A-Z Weekend – July 3-7**

Current hosts play much of the music library's gold artists in alphabetical order.

### **Block Rockin' Weekend – August 30 – September 3**

For Memorial Day weekend, Current DJs play "blocks" of specific artists. Blocks are entire sets of music devoted to a particular band or musician like Beth Orton, Nirvana, Animal Collective and others.

## **THE CURRENT PRESENTS**

### **The Current Presents: Stage Presence and Banter**

August 19, 2013

Though it's not something that we often think about when we're out at a show, a lot of factors go into making a good concert experience. Of course, the band has to be solid, but what about all of those non-musical things that are unfolding before our eyes? Maybe it's as simple as a little hip shake, or maybe it's as detailed as an in-depth, interesting story to set up the next song.

## **THEFT OF THE DIAL**

### **Theft of the Dial: Mayer Hawthorne**

July 16, 2013

Mayer Hawthorne stopped by The Current studios for a Theft of the Dial with Barb Abney. They talked about his new record *Where Does This Door Go*, including what one rule he set for himself during the recording process and what artists collaborated with him for the album.

**Theft of the Dial: Chris Walla**

August 2, 2013

Chris Walla is a (here we go) musician-producer-studio owner-songwriter-label founder-music mogul. He plays guitar in Death Cab for Cutie, produces records for artists like Nada Surf and Tegan & Sara, and recently created his own label, Trans Records. He recently stopped by The Current studios for a Theft of the Dial with The Morning Show's Steve Seel.

**Theft of the Dial: Ezra Koenig of Vampire Weekend**

August 16, 2013

Ezra Koenig is the lead vocalist, guitarist, and lyricist of the New York City-based band Vampire Weekend. Between VW's applauded Lollapalooza performance in Chicago and a sold-out show at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Minneapolis, Ezra stopped by our studios to record a Theft of the Dial with The Current's Morning Show host Jill Riley.

**Theft of the Dial: Josh Hartnett, State Fair Edition**

August 23, 2013

Actor and Twin Cities native Josh Hartnett stopped by the MPR booth during The Current's Morning Show live broadcast from the Minnesota State Fair. Hartnett picks some songs for summer, talks about his upcoming projects and describes what he loves about Minnesota.

**Theft of the Dial: Mumford and Sons**

September 4, 2013

Ahead of their big show at the Xcel Energy Center with the Vaccines and Bear's Den, Mumford and Sons came by the studios of 89.3 The Current to hang out with Mary Lucia and to do a special Theft of the Dial.

**LOCAL SHOW****July 14, 2013**

Last month, we hosted Dessa Deconstructed in MPR's UBS Forum. Conceived as a radio experiment, we invited Dessa to chat with an audience about her new album "Parts Of Speech." She explained her songwriting process, shared visuals and demos, performed live with her band and answered questions from the audience. On this weekend's episode, hear a full replay of the event and go behind-the-scenes with Dessa.

Andrea will also talk about Bob Dylan's dedication to Bobby Vee at Americanarama last week, as well as Botzy's new album. And we've got loads of premieres from the likes of Food Pyramid, Jack Campbell, First Communion Afterparty, GRRRL PRTY and Pony Bwoy.

### **July 21, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, Grant Hart, the drummer of legendary hardcore punk rock band Husker Du, will be our in-studio guest. He'll perform songs off his new, concept solo record *The Argument* coming out on Domino Records.

Andrea Swensson will also check-in with David Campbell about her recent features on Crankshaft and First Avenue owner Dayna Frank.

And we'll premiere the first track from Psymun's upcoming collaborative album with K.Raydio. Plus, new music from Ancient Mariner, End Quotes, I.B.E. and Benzilla, The Japhies and more.

### **July 28, 2013**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we'll be busy with two in-studios. In the 6PM hour, the Brian Just Band will be back in to support their new album *Enlightenment*, and it's definitely one of the largest ensembles we've had in The Current studios in a long time.

The Goondas are also back in the 7PM. They've got a new record out as well called *Dog Show*. And there's a special treat involved in this session involving the Beastie Boys. You'll just have to tune in to hear it!

Loads of new music also in the mix including stuff from Sombear, Moon and Pollution, Speed's The Name, Food Pyramid, Sifu Hotman, Walker Fields, The Cloak Ox, Step Rockets, The Ericksons and more.

### **August 4, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, we'll have two in-studios again. Both are with rising local acts getting a lot of attention since the beginning of the year. In the 6PM hour, David Campbell will talk with Sombear, the new solo project from Now, Now's Bradley Hale. Chris Walla from Death Cab For Cutie will assist him during the performance. In the 7PM hour, Fury Things will bring their throwback '90s alt-rock to the studio for a session in support of their first two EPs. David will also chat with new trio GRRRL PRY who recently released a hot summer jam called "Wegula." The act features Lizzo and Sophia Eris of The Chalice, as well as La Manchita. And we're also featuring our new artist of the month with The Suburbs. Hear Mark Wheat's thoughts and get ready to embrace the legendary new-wavers throughout all of August. And make sure to check out Chris Walla's thoughts below on how to properly make pasta.

### **August 11, 2013**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, Zak Sally talks about the forthcoming Autoptic Festival, and David Campbell and Andrea Swensson run down a list of the most anticipated fall releases (with a ton of never-before-heard exclusive premieres).

**August 18, 2013**

This weekend on The Local Show, Eric Foss of Secret Stash Records will drop by the studio to premiere a bunch of new 45s coming out on the roster in the coming months. We'll hear original material from Sonny Knight and The Lakers, The Valdons and Black Market Brass. The Starfolk will be our in-studio guest for the night in the 7PM hour. The band features members of The Hang Ups, The Owls and Jelloslave — their debut album is out on Korda Records. And Andrea Swensson joins us multiple times for a few very important stories: her Current Presents on stage presence and banter, the upcoming Replacements reunion and our high-school episode happening next week.

**August 25, 2013**

We're going back to school for the second time in The Local Show's history! Join us for two hours of high-schoolers taking over the airwaves as we guide you through a playlist filled with musicians who submitted their music to us.

Duluth's Jack Campbell will be our in-studio guest before he heads off to college in Chicago. He'll talk about being a modern high-school musician vs. old-school, his brush with the Howler controversy, recording with Brett Bullion and more. We will have Jack Kolb-Williams from Burnsville's all-ages venue The Garage take over the airwaves and play some of the space's most popular acts. And Chadwick Phillips and Tony Simmons will tell us the history of the High-School For Recording Arts, as well as play original compositions recorded right in the classroom. Local Current reporter Andrea Swensson will be on deck to help walk us through the music before she heads off to the Replacements reunion show in Toronto.

**September 1, 2013**

The Local Show gets taken over by block rockin weekend – a tradition on The Current during the Labor Day holiday.

**September 8, 2013**

Host Mac Wilson introduces our new artist of the month, The Replacements. Andrea Swensson checks in for two breaks, and we premiere the new song from Actual Wolf.

**September 15, 2013**

Andrew Broder talks with David Campbell about the new album from The Cloak Ox in this rare interview with the former frontman of Fog.

**September 22, 2013**

A show almost entirely made up of debuts. Andrea Swensson talks about the new acoustic album from Cloud Cult, as well as the new edition of Live Current Vol. 9.

**September 29, 2013**

Moonstone Continuum stops in for an in-studio session and Martin Devaney talks about his new album, years in the making. It's also the last episode to feature The Replacements as our artist of the month.

**QUARTERLY PROGRAMMING REPORT**  
**The Current**

**April 1 to June 30, 2013**

**In studio performances**

**Mount Moriah performs live in The Current studios**

*June 24, 2013*

North Carolina-based Mount Moriah blend multiple musical influences from their southern upbringing and impress with their sophomore effort *Miracle Temple*.

**The Avett Brothers perform live in The Current studios**

*June 29, 2013*

The Avett Brothers stopped by The Current studios before their show at the Somerset Amphitheater to chat with host Bill DeVille about their upcoming album. They gave us a sneak peak with a performance of the new single "Part From Me," and played a couple old tracks, too.

**'Greatest Living Creature' John Grant performs live in The Current studios**

*June 28, 2013*

John Grant came to The Current studios to record a few tracks and chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel about living in Iceland, getting sober, and a life-changing love lost.

**Femi Kuti performs live in The Current studios**

*June 27, 2013*

Femi Kuti and The Positive Force came to The Current studios to record a few tracks and chatted with Mark Wheat about *Grand Theft Auto*, American roads, and the recent Broadway production dedicated to his father Fela, the pioneer of Afrobeat.

**The Hang Ups perform in The Current studios**

*June 23, 2013*

The Hang Ups, led by guitarist and vocalist Brian Tighe, have been bustling in and out of the Minneapolis music scene since first forming in 1990. Over the course of their 20+ years together, the group has released four studio albums.

### **Bombino performs in The Current studios**

*June 13, 2013*

When Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys invites you to his Nashville studio Easy Eye Sound, you know you've got talent. The Grammy Award winner met with Niger-native Omar Moctar to speak the language of rock and roll, eventually producing Moctar's third studio album, which landed at #1 on the Billboard World Music chart in its debut week.

### **Har Mar Superstar performs in The Current studios**

*June 9, 2013*

Sean Tillmann's Har Mar Superstar has long retained a rabid fanbase eager to see his on-stage schtick: stripping down to his undies accompanied by retro beats from his MiniDisc player. In the past several years, Har Mar's profile has continued to rise, especially with the support of well-regarded musicians and actors. Now he's pulling a 180 and going the funk and soul direction for his best album yet.

### **Rising Scottish trio CHVRCHES performs in The Current studios**

*June 8, 2013*

Glasgow group CHVRCHES is making well-deserved waves amongst electro-pop music buffs. Last March they crossed the Atlantic for their first US performance at the massive South by Southwest festival in Austin, TX. They've been compared to Purity Ring, which isn't a surprise considering their synth-heavy sound and leading lady Lauren Mayberry's melodious, ethereal vocals.

### **Taj Raj performs in The Current studios**

*June 2, 2013*

Taj Raj are changing their tune. Formed out of a hardcore punk background, their debut "Your Thief" was a rocking affair. But now they're going the alt-country route for new EP "Fine Hearts Alive." Their first release since 2011 sees added instrumentation, lush arrangements and an affinity for soundscapes.

### **Enemy Planes performs in The Current studios**

*May 26, 2013*

When Enemy Planes comes up in conversation, the same thing is always said: "What happened to Pictures Of Then?" That band essentially disappeared as Enemy Planes came into existence, leading many to think that they had split up. In reality, they're still together, but Enemy Planes explores a new direction, one that's heavily atmospheric, moody and laden with their most complex instrumentation yet.

### **Captivating rock singer-songwriter Lissie performs at The Current**

*May 23, 2013*

Nomadic singer-songwriter Lissie stunned audiences with her debut full-length *Catching a Tiger*, which showcased her astonishingly raw and emotive voice and smart, soulful lyrical sensibility.



### **The Current Sessions™: The incomparable Rufus Wainwright performs at the Fitz**

*May 22, 2013*

Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright has had a long, varied and celebrated career that has garnered him an avid and devoted fanbase. From his intricate, lovely lyricism to his iconoclastic, proud gay persona to his gifts as a pianist and composer, Wainwright has carved out a path as a uniquely vital artist.

### **British experimental rock quintet Foals perform at The Current**

*May 20, 2013*

Oxford-based quintet Foals make willfully out-there and original indie-rock that varies from spastic dance-rock to angular post-punk sounds to intricate experimental passages.

### **Greg Grease performs in The Current studios**

*May 19, 2013*

South Minneapolis rapper Greg Grease knew he had to get his debut album "Cornbread, Pearl and G" out to the masses before the end of 2012. If anything, it would be a good holiday gift to family and friends. What he didn't know was that the record would end up making just about every best album list from local critics.

### **Portland indie-punk stars The Thermals perform at The Current**

*May 17, 2013*

Portland indie band the Thermals, now a trio, have spent over a decade on the scene crafting urgently catchy, punk-influenced anthems. Now, they've signed to Conor Oberst's Saddle Creek records for their new album *Desperate Ground*, which came out last month.

### **Crimes performs in The Current studios**

*May 12, 2013*

Crimes' first album "Good Hope" was a sleeper success. Released to little reception initially, the band gradually came to forefront of the Twin Cities music community and gained praise for their interesting mix of lo-fi rock and slight sense of depraved lyrics.

### **Eclectic, cinematic country/folk-rockers the Lonely Wild perform at The Current**

*May 11, 2013*

Silverlake, Los Angeles-based quintet The Lonely Wild aim to conjure the mythic Old West, decorating their supple, beautifully textured indie folk-rock with flourishes straight out of Ennio Morricone's classic film scores for 1960s and '70s Westerns like *The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*.

### **Soul man extraordinaire Charles Bradley performs at The Current**

*May 7, 2013*

In 2011, Charles Bradley proved that it's never too late for a musical talent to enter the ring, issuing his debut album at age 62 and winning plaudits from critics and the adoration of soul fans nationwide. Now, he's back with a sophomore effort called *Victim of Love*.

### **Cutting-edge UK producer/singer James Blake performs at The Current**

*May 3, 2013*

Just a few years ago, James Blake was a precocious and talented young electronic producer dabbling in the UK's vast, eclectic, fast-moving and amorphous "post-dubstep" scene. Shortly thereafter, he began recording vocals over his own productions, swerving out of the dance music scene and into the vanguard of indie electro-pop with a wounded cyber-soul sound.

### **Local singer turned national figure Nicholas David performs at The Current**

*May 2, 2013*

Saint Paul's Nicholas David Mrozinski has been a fixture of the local music scene for a decade, with several albums under his belt and frequent live shows in the area to bolster his Twin Cities rep. But last year he was catapulted to nationwide fame thanks to a stint on season three of NBC's *The Voice*.

### **British indie-psych/garage upstarts Palma Violets perform at The Current**

*May 1, 2013*

British garage-rockers the Palma Violets have been kicking up a noisy, youthful rock storm for a couple of years now, with a raw sound daubed with rich, vintage organ sounds and shaded with hints of '60s psychedelia.

### **On An On performs in The Current studios**

*April 27, 2013*

It's time for us to welcome On An On to the Minnesota music community. But they aren't total strangers: Nate Eiesland and Alissa Ricci both grew up in the state before joining forces with Ryne Estwing and several others in the popular Chicago band *Scattered Trees*. After the act suddenly disbanded, Eiesland, Ricci and Estwing started *On An On*, changed their musical direction and partly uprooted themselves back to Minneapolis.

### **Coming Home to Free Energy**

*April 25, 2013*

Erstwhile Twin Citizens *Free Energy* kick off a new leg of their tour in the Twin Cities; naturally, they stopped by for a session in *The Current* studios.

### **Singer-songwriter Josh Ritter brings his compelling folk sound to The Current studio**

*April 25, 2013*

Singer-songwriter Josh Ritter is one of indie Americana's most seasoned and talented figures. His spring tour brought him through the Twin Cities for a *First Avenue* date with *Sea Wolf* opening, and he stopped by *The Current* studio ahead of the show with his *Royal City Band* in tow to play a few songs.

### **Nashville quartet Leagues brings their moody indie sound to The Current studio**

*April 23, 2013*

A handful of early tracks from Leagues' 2011 debut EP stirred up some blog attention, and in January of this year they returned with a debut full-length, *You Belong Here*. The band's solemn, moody indie sound has earned comparisons to the National and others.

### **Texas psych-rockers The Black Angels perform at The Current**

*April 22, 2013*

In town for a show at the Fine Line Music Cafe, the Black Angels stopped by The Current studios to play a few songs and talk to host Bill DeVille about some very special audience members spotted at their Minneapolis show, their work running and curating the Austin Psych Fest, the affinity between their sound and artists like Ty Segall, and how the ensured the hard-rocking sound of their new record.

### **The Ericksons perform in The Current studios**

*April 21, 2013*

Formed out of a personal tragedy, The Ericksons united sisters Bethany and Jenny with a relocation to Brooklyn. With that move, they played music every night together, finessing a brand of melancholic folk that often provides warmth when you least expect it.

### **Lucy Michelle performs in The Current studios**

*April 21, 2013*

At 25, Lucy Michelle has firmly established herself in the Twin Cities music community as a distinct voice. She's collaborated with countless artists and released four albums with her full band The Lapelles. But the time has come for her to branch out on her own, and she's got the help of two of Minnesota's most respected musicians.

### **Up-and-coming Seattle indie-rock/R&B six-piece Pickwick perform at The Current**

*April 19, 2013*

Pickwick, whose style is a fusion of raw, garage-y indie blues-rock and retro-licious R&B/soul, just released the full-length album *Can't Talk Medicine* and continue to build buzz with national touring.

### **Compelling, melancholy indie-folk artist Phosphorescent performs at The Current**

*April 16, 2013*

Phosphorescent is the stage name of singer-songwriter Matthew Houck. An Alabama native who cut his teeth on the famed Athens, Ga. music scene, Houck plays melancholy and beautiful indie-folk in the same vein as Bonnie Prince Billie and others.

### **Frankie Lee performs in The Current studios**

*April 14, 2013*

Frankie Lee may not be a familiar name to casual local music lovers, but his face sure is. For years, he has played with countless artists in the Twin Cities, most notably supporting Molly Maher, Erik Koskinen and Tom O'Reagan as a guitarist and bassist. Now Lee has stepped into the spotlight with his debut EP "*Middle West*."

### **Dawes perform in the UBS Forum**

*April 8, 2013*

Warmly received by the crowd, Dawes broke to talk to Mark Wheat a couple times during their five-song set, covering topics ranging from frontman Taylor Goldsmith's hesitance to try the Minnesota State Fair's trademark junk food and the mystery of how the band were chosen to open for Bob Dylan this summer.

### **Inventive indie supergroup Divine Fits perform at The Current**

*April 4, 2013*

Indie supergroup Divine Fits brings together members of Spoon, Wolf Parade, and more, so it's no wonder their debut full-length *A Thing Called Divine Fits* became an airplay staple at The Current and catapulted its way on to many of our staff's year-end lists. In town for a gig at Minneapolis' Varsity Theater, the band swung through our studios to play a session.

### **The Current Sessions™: Duluth indie veterans Low perform at the Fitzgerald Theater**

*April 3, 2013*

Low are minimalists in every sense of the word. Every note, every rise and fall in dynamic, every snippet of between-song banter is intentional, and measured. The Fitzgerald Theater was an ideal setting for the band's poignant show on Saturday, March 23. Enjoy audio from the event.

### **Peter Wolf Crier performs at the McNally Smith Soundbite Series**

*April 3, 2013*

Peter Wolf Crier reignited the modern surge of Minnesota bands signing to indie labels. Back in 2010, their debut "Inter-Be" took the community by surprise, and Peter Pisano and Brian Moen were promptly scooped up by Jagjaguwar Records for a re-release.

### **Precocious Irish folk-rockers Little Green Cars perform in The Current studio**

*April 2, 2013*

The yearning harmonies and darkly allusive lyrics of singles like "Harper Lee" suggest that Little Green Cars possess a precocious wisdom that will serve them well as the attention and hype around their debut continues to build.

### **Eclectic indie-folk outfit Thao & the Get Down Stay Down performs at The Current**

*April 1, 2013*

San Francisco's Thao & the Get Down Stay Down is the vehicle for the thoughtful indie folk-rock lyricism of singer-songwriter Thao Nguyen. Over the course of five albums and multiple singles (plus celebrated collaborations like her 2011 LP with indie-pop artist Mirah), she's developed a stripped-down, cerebral but deeply relatable voice that's earned her a sizable and devoted following.

## **Surf-punk trio Wavves perform at The Current**

*April 1, 2013*

Afraid of Heights, Wavves' recently-released fourth album, is the band's most lyrically mature and sonically eclectic release to date.

## **Features on The Current**

### **Rock The Garden Re-Broadcast**

*June 30*

Mark Wheat hosts a packaged "best-of" edition of Rock The Garden 2013 featuring performances by Dan Deacon, Low, Bob Mould, Silversun Pickups and Metric.

### **Rock The Garden Live Broadcast**

*June 15*

Live broadcast featuring performances by Dan Deacon, Low, Bob Mould, Silversun Pickups and Metric.

### **The Current Morning Show Live Broadcast from Longfellow Grill**

*June 7*

Get ready for The Current Morning Show's second annual live broadcast! Come hang out with Steve Seel, Jill Riley, regular Morning Show contributors and outstanding bands over breakfast, a cup of coffee and live radio from 6-10 a.m. on June 7, 2013 at **Longfellow Grill**. Caroline Smith and the Good Night Sleeps and the Cactus Blossoms will stop by for short sets of music, plus we'll have live trivia, games and visits from frequent Morning Show guests. The live audience will be able to meet Steve and Jill, take pictures and share stories. There will be a special Morning Show menu (as well as Longfellow Grill's **standard menu**), Morning Show bingo, and live music in the 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. hours.

## **MORNING SHOW INTERVIEWS**

### **June 27, 2013**

MPR News Arts Reporter Marianne Combs joins The Current's Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about Twin Cities Pride Festival and two plays: one dealing with race and class and the other taking a humorous look at post-apocalyptic potties.

### **June 26, 2013**

Today James Norton spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the non-novelty of adding bacon to everything. Today's culprit? Sonic's Peanut Putter and Bacon shake.

**June 25, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Instagram's new video feature, and our internet meme of the week: Julius.

**June 25, 2013**

The Morning Show's Steve Steel spoke to Booker T. Jones about his forthcoming R&B and blues album *Sound the Alarm* out on Stax records, the soul label that he first made music with when he was just 13-years-old.

**June 24, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the Timberwolves might draft this Thursday, Kyle Gibson joining the Twins, and insights into marathon culture.

**June 21, 2013**

Stephanie Curtis reviews the new zombie thriller starring Brad Pitt and featuring music by Muse.

**June 20, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about Bertold Brecht, Galileo, Joseph Campbell, Evel Knievel, the power of happy Tweets -- and what they all have to do with the arts this weekend.

**June 19, 2013**

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, **James Norton** told Jill Riley and Steve Seel about a new local best-practices bratwurst company called, Gerhard's Brats.

**June 18, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Jay-Z giving his music away for free, and floating internet balloons.

**June 17, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the U.S. Open and Phil Mickelson's trials, the Twins induction of pitcher Eddie Guardado into their Hall of Fame last Friday, and the story about Vladimir Putin and the owner of the New England Patriots was too weird NOT to talk about.

**June 14, 2013**

Stephanie Curtis reviews a summer blockbuster: the new Superman film, directed by Zack Snyder and starring Henry Cavill, Amy Adams and Michael Shannon.

**June 14, 2013**

The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel spoke to the organizer of the event, Nathan Wardwell, and musical guest Johnny Solomon, of Communist Daughter.

**June 13, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about stage productions and a photography exhibit that explore the differences between what we project to the world and what's going on behind the scenes.

**June 12, 2013**

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with the Morning Show's Steve Seel, **Rachel Hutton** discussed fun restaurants that are just a short roadtrip away and Rachel walked Steve through a night out patio hopping.

**June 11, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about E3 and the future of video games, and a new remix of a Mister Rogers episode.

**June 10, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the slowdown of baseball and the Twins being a part of the problem, fun roadtrip games to check out, and tennis hot shot Rafael Nadal.

**June 10, 2013**

The Morning Show's Steve Seel talks to the director of a new movie from Tribeca Film focusing on an early moment in Jeff Buckley's life, a concert for his father, Tim Buckley.

**June 6, 2013**

This year the show is back at First Avenue and Voltage's Project Manager, Molly Waseka, stopped by to talk to The Morning Show's Jill Riley about the inspiration to bring the show back, this years musicians and designers, and what makes the show so special.

**June 6, 2013**

Northern Spark, the dusk til dawn art event, moves to St. Paul. Curator Steve Dietz sat down with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel to talk about this years event.

**June 6, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about Northern Spark in St. Paul and Arts on Chicago (Ave.) in Minneapolis -- two arts events where you can get involved in what's happening.

**June 5, 2013**

The Morning Show's favorite Irish whiskey distiller, Kieran Folliard, stopped by to talk about The Great Whiskey Debate.

**June 4, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the possibility of an Apple streaming music service and the springy, rhythmic way of movement called Prancercise.

**May 31, 2013**

MPR Arts Reporter and Cube Critic Euan Kerr joins Steve Seel and Jill Riley to talk about the new Will Smith sci-fi film and about a new documentary by Canadian filmmaker Sarah Polley.

**May 31, 2013**

The Morning Show's Jill Riley hung out with Michael Ian Black and discussed his childhood trouble-making, his favorite television shows, and his recent projects.

**May 30, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about three distinct arts events happening in the Twin Cities this weekend, ranging from dance to short plays to silk-screening.

**May 29, 2013**

Today, Chuck spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about rose wine. Chuck brought along a bottle of Chateau Miraval (that's the wine from Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's vineyard) to sample and spoke about the upcoming New Vintage event.

**May 28, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the soon to be released Xbox One and the 8-bit Daft Punk hack that's been all over the internet.

**May 24, 2013**

MPR's Movie Maven, Stephanie Curtis, joins Jill Riley and Steve Seel to review the final installment in 'The Hangover' trilogy.

**May 23, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about artist-designed mini-golf and about two new plays -- one set in Denmark, the other in a cul-de-sac.

**May 22, 2013**

Today, Lynne spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about locally produced milk. Lynne explains how local dairy farms work and what the label really means on your milk bottle.

**May 21, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Yahoo buying Tumblr for \$1.1 billion and Dove's viral ad.

**May 20, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Jade about the NBA draft lottery, the upcoming US Open Cut tournament, and the Big Ten baseball tournament at Target Field.



**May 17, 2013**

Stephanie Curtis reviews the new Star Trek film, directed by JJ Abrams.

**May 16, 2013**

Patti Smith played music in the UK, Keith Richards had an accident, and Nirvana's Krist Novoselic was born Today in Music History.

**May 15, 2013**

Today **James Norton** spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the new cereal from Canada that "fuels your fire." James tried the Sexcereal for both the male and female and tried to gauge if it really did "fuel his fire."

**May 13, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the odds of any major sports team from Minnesota advancing in playoffs, The Lynx starting play June 1, and The Saints playing without Umps pre season.

**May 10, 2013**

Stephanie Curtis reviews director Baz Luhrmann's adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's signature work.

**May 10, 2013**

What is it like to be a 15-year-old punk rock lead singer of a band touring Japan? Cherie Currie, lead singer for The Runaways, joins Jill Riley to talk about her start in the band, the pitfalls of being a girl group, and life after teenage fame.

**May 9, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about three new stage productions in Minneapolis -- including one at the Guthrie Theater, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this week.

**May 8, 2013**

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, **James Norton** told Jill Riley and Steve Seel about his recent visit to Fairview Hospital and his take on hospital food.

**May 6, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Wild making it to series play, long distance running events around Minnesota, and the rotating cast of major players in the Timberwolves camp.

**May 3, 2012**

Stephanie Curtis reviews a new film from director Mira Nair ('Monsoon Wedding', 'The Namesake') and also talks about 'Iron Man 3'.

**May 3, 2013**

Comedian Tig Notaro spoke to Jill Riley, of The Current's Morning Show, about her indie music cred, developing a podcast about philosophy and religion, and dealing with tragedy.

**May 2, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about an arts event for each day of this upcoming weekend.

**May 1, 2013**

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with the Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel, **Rachel Hutton** shared the news about the 2nd Annual Minnesota Monthly GrillFest.

**April 30, 2013**

John Moe checks in for another Throbbing Hive segment chatting about Zach Braff funding his upcoming movie with Kickstarter, and the overload of Daft Punk mash-ups appearing online.

**April 29, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vikings draft picks, the odds the Wild will win their playoff games, and his thoughts on Kevin Correia, the much mocked Twins pitcher who is stepping up his game.

**April 25, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about three arts happenings that celebrate our long-awaited springtime.

**April 24, 2013**

Today **James Norton** spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about his adventures in the realm of secret fast food menus. James shared thoughts about the secret menus and his thoughts about Chipotle's secret menu Quesarito.

**April 23, 2013**

In only 26 years Nick Drake was able to leave a legacy of music that still inspires musicians as diverse as Robert Smith, Kate Bush, and Beck. His soothing voice and gentle guitar has made songs like, "Pink Moon," and "One of These Things First" endure and become more popular than they were when they were released.

**April 23, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Vine Film Festival happening in Tribeca and the new app in Iceland that helps you avoid accidental incest.

**April 22, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the Twins 8-7 season and the current winning record, the NFL draft, and Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte's reality show.

**April 19, 2013**

Stephanie Curtis reviews a new sci-fi thriller starring Tom Cruise.

**April 19, 2013**

Jim James spoke with The Current's Jill Riley about the inspiration behind 'Regions of Light and Sound of God,' working with Questlove and why he doesn't do demos any more.

**April 19, 2013**

The Morning Show's Steve Seel sat down Tricia Khutoretsky, curator and director of Public Functionary to talk about the challenges of opening an art gallery in 2013, the mission of Public Functionary, and the upcoming exhibition season.

**April 18, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about three innovative shows taking the stage this weekend -- with themes piscine or paternal.

**April 17, 2013**

Today, Lynne spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the bounty of Spring. If you were wondering what's fresh now and how to best enjoy it, Lynne has you covered.

**April 16, 2012**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about wearable tech, and T-Mobile getting the iPhone.

**April 15, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the weekend with the Twins, dealing with the success and failures of amazing athletes with checkered personal lives, and playoffs with the wild.

**April 12, 2013**

Stephanie Curtis talks about a number of films screening at MSPIFF, including the Italian film, 'Caesar Must Die'.

**April 12, 2013**

Shirley Manson of Garbage stopped by The Current studio ahead of their Mill City Nights gig last Friday, stopping for a quick chat with Barb Abney live on the air and recording a more in-depth interview with The Morning Show's Jill Riley.

**April 10, 2013**

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, **James Norton** told Jill Riley about his newly coined phrase, "wingman restaurants." What does it mean exactly? Well, James notices that many restaurants in town are opening more casual second restaurants.

**April 9, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the new android "layer" Facebook Home, and he explains what a Bitcoin is and how you would use it.

**April 8, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the new Gophers men's basketball coach, the start of the Twins season, Rutgers men's basketball coach getting fired for yelling and hitting his players.

**April 5, 2013**

Stephanie Curtis, Steve Seel and Jill Riley reflect on the life and career of Roger Ebert, and Stephanie reviews Federico Alvarez's reboot of Sam Raimi's classic 1981 horror film.

**April 5, 2013**

Charles Youel, ARTCRANK founder, stopped by the Current's Morning Show to share the events vision, talk about taking the show international, and this weekends kickoff event.

**April 4, 2013**

Marianne Combs talks about Artcrank and two new plays opening this weekend.

**April 3, 2013**

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with the Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel, **Rachel Hutton** spoke about food trucks exchanging wheels for brick and mortar buildings.

**April 2, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel about the evidence of time travel online and they took a post-mortem on Harlem Shake.

**THEFT OF THE DIAL**

**June 28, 2013 – Edward Sharpe and The Magnetic Zeros**

**June 28, 2013 – Fitz and The Tantrums**

**June 28, 2013 – Dan Savage**

**June 6, 2013 – Colin Hanks**

**April 26, 2013 – Mayor Chris Coleman**

**April 25, 2013 – Kristen Schaal**

**April 16, 2013 – Cold War Kids**

### **WITS**

**June 23, 2013: David Koechner and musical guest, Metric**

**June 16, 2013: Hannibal Buress and musical guest, Open Mike Eagle**

**June 9, 2013: Colin Hanks and musical guest, Jason Isbell**

**May 19, 2013: Rob Delaney and musical guests, Neko Case and Kelly Hogan**

**May 12, 2013: Patton Oswalt and musical guest, Ben Lee**

**May 5, 2013: Michael Ian Black and musical guest, A.C. Newman**

**April 28, 2013, 2013: Tig Notaro and musical guest, Kathleen Edwards**

**April 21, 2013: Kristen Schaal and musical guest, Rufus Wainwright**

### **LOCAL SHOW**

#### **June 23, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, the original Hang Ups trio are back together, and they'll perform a rare in-studio in conjunction with their artist of the month feature written by Steve Seel. Actual Wolf will also drop by to debut the first single and video from his forthcoming self-titled debut. Andrea's got news on the upcoming Suburbs record, and she'll also give us a recap of Rock The Garden. Walt Dizzo's in the house as well to give us an update on music news in Duluth. Tons of new music including Jack Klatt, Christine Hoberg, The Goondas, Botzy and more.

### **June 16, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, Collin Ward, aka Observer Drift, will chat with David Campbell about his sophomore album *Fjords* which is available now. The young musician made a splash with his debut last year and started recording his follow-up right away. Andrea Swensson interviewed sculptor Tom Page as well. He's on a mission to erect a statue of Bob Dylan in Duluth to commemorate his impact on the city's rich musical history. We'll also preview the next Local Current Live. We've teamed up with the M.I.A. to bring the series to listeners on a monthly basis. We'll kick it off with Strange Names on June 20.

### **June 9, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, David Campbell will be joined in the studio by Har Mar Superstar. The Minneapolis/LA/NY musician is bringing along his band to perform songs off the new record *Bye Bye 17*, a more funk and soul oriented direction than his work in the past. It's out now on Julian Casablanca's Cult Records. Stacy Schwartz will also drop in to talk about the music line-up for the upcoming Stone Arch Bridge Festival, and she'll share some of the acts she's most anticipating to see. Andrea Swensson will also report on her Current Presents airing after The Local Show Sunday night. It's all about local musicians and healthcare in light of big stories that broke this past year on Slim Dunlap and P.O.S. She'll also talk about an upcoming show in Minneapolis with Neon and Ruben, two bands she discovered down at this year's Mid West Music Fest. And we'll check in with the H2 guys, Kevin Beacham and Siddiq. They've got a brand new track from rising producer Psymun. All that and tons of new music from the likes of Charlie Parr, Monica LaPlante, Bella Ruse, Marijuana Deathsquads, Kitten Forever and more.

### **June 2, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, David Campbell will be in joined in the studio by Taj Raj. Their new EP *Fine Hearts Alive* showcases a more alt-country oriented direction and is available now. Haphduzn and Dimitry Killstorm are also back in the studio to unveil the winner of our first ever remix contest. Participants were invited to create their own spin on the song "Take Control" from the album *Whittier Alliance*. Andrea Swensson's got the scoop on some major Minnesota music festivals, and we also have too many debuts to count: Hollow Boys, Batterboy, Fever Dream, Red Mountain, Eleganza!, Brian Just Band and many more.

### **May 26, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, David Campbell will be joined in the studio by Enemy Planes. You may not know the band immediately by their name, but you probably do by its members. Much of the line-up overlaps with Pictures Of Then (they're still together, by the way!). Their debut *Beta Lowdown* will be out sometime this year. Speaking of bands with new names that you'll probably recognize: Painted Saints have launched a side project called Bookhouse dedicated to reimagining the soundtrack to Twin Peaks. They have a **release show** for the 2xLP effort on Friday, May 31 at the Ritz. Andrea Swensson will also report on the sad news regarding the passings of Zach Sobiech and Sue McLean.

### **May 19, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, David Campbell will be joined in the studio by Greg Grease and DJ Just Nine. Greg is preparing to release his new *Black King Cole EP*, and he'll perform songs from that record, as well as his debut *Cornbread, Pearl and G*. Dan Israel will also be in to talk about his 25+ years in the music world. He's got a new anthology record on the way, plus a new album of original material. David will also talk with Mark Wheat about our upcoming Local Music Exchange with KXT in Dallas. We'll be featuring tracks from Strange Names, The Ericksons, Frankie Lee, Low and Cloud Cult. And if that wasn't enough, Andrea Swensson will sit down with Sims to discuss his new single with Astronautalis, and she'll also interview ha

### **May 12, 2013**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, Crimes will join us for an in-studio performance. Their sophomore album *Thin Sunlight* is out now. Haphduzn and Dimitry Killstorm will also talk about a remix contest they are launching for single "Take Control" from their new record *Whittier Alliance*. The lucky winner will get their version spun on The Local Show in the coming weeks. We've also got a premiere of Grant Hart's new album coming out on Domino. Andrea Swensson will profile this year's Art-A-Whirl Festival. And loads of debuts: Germaine Gemberling, Ex Nuns, Como Avenue Jug Band, Botzy and more.

### **May 5, 2013**

On this weekend's episode, David Campbell will talk with Picked To Click finalists Heavy Deeds. The band features members of Polica, Vampire Hands and Web Of Sunsets, and they are prepping the release of their debut EP. Andrew Swensson will also talk with Mark Andrew about his experiences on The Voice, and we'll air highlight of the recent Nicholas David in-studio hosted by Mark Wheat. We'll also check in with Kevin and Siddiq about H2 Local and get their recommendations of new music to listen to. And we'll air more songs from the re-launch of Totally Gross National Product.

### **April 28, 2013**

We have a very special Local Show lined up for you. Twin Cities record label Totally Gross National Product is re-launching, and David Campbell sat down with the team behind it including Ryan Olson, the guy who assembled GAYNGS and Polica, Justin Vernon (Bon Iver), Jake Luck (Leisure Birds), Drew Christopherson (Polica) and Lazerbeak (Doomtree). In typical Olson fashion, he couldn't leave the interview untouched, so throughout the two-hour episode Sunday night, we'll be airing clips of Campbell's chat with the crew, **remixed** by Olson. But it doesn't stop there. The guys have given us the world premiere of 11 new tracks from forthcoming records on the label. They include new music from The Cloak Ox, Lizzo, Moonstone Continuum, Pony Bwoy, Motioner, Umami, Jason Feathers, Marijuana Deathsquads, Tender Meat, Slapping Purses and Albert. We're also welcoming the band On An On into The Current studios for a performance. The trio are on a roll after the release of their debut *Give In*, and two members have recently moved back to Minneapolis from Chicago. Lastly, Campbell will also check in with Joey Ryan and The Inks about their new EP, and Andrea Swensson will let us know her favorite discoveries from this year's Midwest Music Fest in Winona.

**April 21, 2013**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we've got two in-studio guests. In the 6PM hour, The Ericksons will perform songs from their new album *The Wild*. And in the 7PM hour, Lucy Michelle will play from her debut solo record, created with the help of John Munson and Chan Poling. Tapes 'n Tapes' Josh Grier will also tell us about his new project Ginkgo, and we've got the world premiere of two songs. Andrea's got information on Tickle Torture and Har Mar Superstar, and Duluth Local Show host Walt Dizzo will let us know who he's most excited to see at this year's Duluth Homegrown Festival.

**April 14, 2013**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, Frankie Lee will be our in-studio guest in support of his new *Middle West EP*. JT Bates, Mike Lewis, Erik Koskinen and Ryan Young will join him for the session. We've also got loads of premieres from the likes of The Goondas, Dessa, Is/Is and The Shouting Matches. And Polica's got a special surprise to share as well! Kevin Beacham and Siddiq will also give us the low-down on what they're digging in the local hip-hop community.

**April 7, 2013**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we'll air highlights of the last installment of the McNally Smith Soundbite Series for the season. Peter Wolf Crier sat down with David Campbell to chat and play a few songs, including some improvisations. We'll also highlight our next artist of the month with The Jayhawks. And Andrea Swensson has news on the Prince single and cover of "Let's Go Crazy" making the rounds, as well as a profile on Meme. Debuts all over the place for this show: Dark Dark Dark, Chicane Theory, Joey Ryan and The Inks, The Ocean Blue, Kara Laudon, Maple and Beech, Nallo and Love Lake!



# **QUARTERLY PROGRAMMING REPORT**

## **The Current**

**January 1 to March 31, 2013**

### **In studio performances**

#### **Low performs in The Current studios**

It takes a long time for any band to leave a substantial mark on the music world, and for Minnesota, there's only a handful of artists for each decade that we can say measure up. It's safe to assume we can now add Low to that list as the band celebrates 20 years together, as well as the release of their most acclaimed album yet "The Invisible Way."  
*March 31, 2013*

#### **Frightened Rabbit performs in The Current studios**

Frightened Rabbit's fourth full-length (and first to be released on a major label, Atlantic Records), *Pedestrian Verse*, has earned both critical accolades and chart success in the UK (and in the band's native country, where it debuted atop the charts).  
*March 21, 2013*

#### **BOY performs in The Current studios**

The two women behind the band Boy have only released one full album to date, 2011's *Mutual Friends*, but it's made a pretty big splash. In town for sold-out gigs at Bryant Lake Bowl and the Cedar Cultural Center, the band stopped by The Current studios to chat with Mark Wheat and play a few of their songs.  
*March 18, 2013*

#### **Dawes live at SXSW**

In just a few short years, Los Angeles folk-rock act Dawes have become one of the most sought-after indie/alternative acts in the country, with their trademark emotive alt-country sound gaining them thousands of fans.  
*March 18, 2013*

#### **Gospel Gossip performs in The Current studios**

It's been three years since Gospel Gossip released their "Drift EP," but now the trio is back with a self-titled album that truly is a labor of love. A brief hiatus and a long recording process has given the Northfield-born band time to refocus and finesse their sound.  
*March 17, 2013*

**Django Django performs in The Current studios**

British rockers Django Django have forged a stunningly inventive sound in their short existence, splitting the difference between vintage rock riffs 'n' rhythms and a contemporary, arty strain of electronic psychedelia.

*March 16, 2013*

**Charles Bradley live at SXSW**

Eccentric soul man Charles Bradley brought his A-game to the SXSW radio day stage. Hear his entire performance and find out why they call him "The Screaming Eagle of Soul."

*March 15, 2013*

**Pickwick live at SXSW**

Touring behind their debut full-length album "Can't Talk Medicine," Pickwick wowed the radio day stage attendees with their blend of soulful garage rock.

*March 15, 2013*

**Iron & Wine live at SXSW**

Enjoy Iron & Wine's performance from the Public Radio Rocks day party.

*March 15, 2013*

**Divine Fits live at SXSW**

Hear the entire session from Indie-rock super group Divine Fits at our Public Radio Rocks day party.

*March 15, 2013*

**Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell live at SXSW**

Enjoy Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell's performance from the Public Radio Rocks day party.

*March 15, 2013*

**Vampire Weekend live at SXSW**

Vampire Weekend capped off our live broadcast from the radio day stage at South by Southwest. Hear their entire set, including new material from their forthcoming album.

*March 15, 2013*

**Alt-J, Live In Concert – SXSW 2013**

The Mercury Prize-winning band from Cambridge, England, capped NPR Music's SXSW showcase at Stubb's in Austin, and they shut it down in style.

*March 14, 2013*

### **Anonymous Choir performs in The Current studios**

Dark Dark Dark's Nona Marie started her Anonymous Choir back in 2011, featuring a rotating cast of female musicians and close friends, some of which had never performed in a band before. The result is a gorgeous, stirring and stripped-down project focused solely on covers of their favorite musicians.

*March 10, 2013*

### **Atlas Genius performs in The Current studios**

Adelaide, Australia's Atlas Genius got signed to Warner Brothers in the wake of the success of their sleek, melodic indie-rock tune "Trojans," released as a single back in 2011. The quartet gave us a taste of their evolving sound on last summer's *Through the Glass* EP, and just a couple of weeks ago they released their debut LP *When It Was Now*.

*March 8, 2013*

### **Tegan & Sara performs in The Current studios**

Canadian twin-sister duo Tegan and Sara are one of indie-pop's most celebrated acts, having released seven full-length albums over nearly two decades as musical collaborators. They've also been longtime Current favorites, and returned to The Current for the third time for a chat with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley and a performance.

*March 7, 2013*

### **Dan Croll performs in The Current studios**

At only 22, British singer-songwriter Dan Croll has already kicked up a storm of buzz in his native country with his unique cocktail of charming, melodic indie rock and sleek, subtle electronic pop stylings

*March 5, 2013*

### **Kurt Vile performs in The Current studios**

Philly rocker Kurt Vile has been a psych-rock and folk-influenced racket for the better part of a decade now, both as a founding member of the indie-rock band The War on Drugs (which he left in 2008) and also as a solo artist.

*March 4, 2013*

### **STNNNG performs in The Current studios**

When it comes to loud bands, it's difficult to out-do STNNNG. For 10 years, this local quintet has released some of the most acclaimed Minnesota albums and consistently challenged the strength of venues' sound systems across town.

*March 3, 2013*

### **Carroll performs in The Current studios**

One of the fastest rising local bands right now is Carroll, a quartet that graduated from Macalester College last year and got their name from the street they lived on. A mix of psych-pop and Alec Ounsworth-esque vocals, Carroll just released their debut EP and has subsequently gathered all sorts of press and accolades.

*March 3, 2013*

### **Van Stee performs in The Current studios**

It has been a year in the making and Van Stee is following up their popular single "We Are" with a debut album of the same name. Concocted by Charlie Van Stee and Josh Kaplan, the now five-piece has been gaining steam in the Twin Cities with their Brit-inspired pop rock.

*February 24, 2013*

### **Eels performs in The Current studios**

Eels, the shape-shifting and long-running band that serves as a vehicle for the neuroses, quirks and fascinations of singer-songwriter Mark Oliver Everett, have entered the eighteenth year of their prolific and always-surprising career.

*February 22, 2013*

### **Aby Wolf performs in The Current studios**

Stick with me through this momentary confusion you might be experiencing: Wolf Lords was the name of a project launched last year that you heard a lot of on the station. It's a collaboration between Aby Wolf and Grant Cutler. However, now the project has been transitioned to Aby's name, and the album title has been made "Wolf Lords."

*February 17, 2013*

### **Southwire performs in The Current studios**

Sometimes Duluth feels very far away. Unless bands from the area are playing regularly in the Twin Cities, it's typical for some of the brightest acts from the North Shore to get overlooked. Last year, we got a ton of tips regarding musicians producing incredible work just a few hours from The Current's home-base. One of the bands we heard most often was Southwire, and we have a feeling that Minnesota is going to be talking a lot about them this year.

*February 10, 2013*

### **Yo La Tengo performs in The Current studios**

Yo La Tengo are one of indie rock's longest-running and most prolific acts — active since 1984, they've humbly churned out over a dozen full-lengths and seemingly countless EPs and singles.

*February 4, 2013*

### **Mixed Blood Majority performs in The Current studios**

Mixed Blood Majority may be a new act, but the faces are familiar to Minnesotans. The trio consists of Joe Horton of No Bird Sing, Lazerbeak of Doomtreet and Crescent Moon of Kill The Vultures. The new collaboration brings the best of all their projects into a cohesive collective, challenging listeners to embark on a hip-hop journey of styles throughout the years.

*January 20, 2013*

### **Beach House performs in The Current studios**

For Baltimore's Beach House, 2012 was a whirlwind year that cemented their reputation as one of indie rock's smartest and most talented bands. Enjoy these live tunes they recorded in Baltimore and sent along to The Current.

*January 11, 2013*

## **Features on The Current from**

### **PUBLIC RADIO DAY STAGE AT SXSW 2013 (LIVE BROADCAST)**

#### **March 15**

The Current helped to present the Public Radio Rocks day stage at the Austin Convention Center along with like-minded noncommercial stations KXT (Dallas), KUT (Austin), WFUV (New York), and XPN (Philadelphia). Acts included Divine Fits, Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell, Iron & Win, Charles Bradley, Pickwick, Dawes and Vampire Weekend.

### **MORNING SHOW INTERVIEWS**

#### **March 27, 2013**

Today James Norton spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about his Girl Scout cookie taste test.

#### **March 26, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the much hyped new video game, BioShock Infinite, and the positive reviews it's receiving. Also, the FAA restrictions on the use of electronics during take off and landing may loosen up.

#### **March 25, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the winning and losing Gopher teams, and Tiger Woods' romantic life choices.

#### **March 22, 2013**

The Current's Morning Show invited Rock n' Jock Film Festival co-creators, Tommy Dehler and Shaun Hagglund, to stop by and chat about their upcoming film expo.

#### **March 21, 2013**

Robyn Hitchcock is one of those mysterious musicians whose prolific output, massive talent and widespread influence has earned him a devoted cult following, plus a warm appreciation among hardcore musicheads across generations, even as he remains a largely under-the-radar figure in the mainstream.

**March 20, 2013**

Today, Lynne spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill and shared her list of gadgets that make you a better cook. Listen to Lynne's picks and see her entire list at The Splendid Table.

**March 19, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the new Sim City video game off-line controversy and gender barriers being broken down in old school video games.

**March 18, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about March Madness, Gophers women's hockey, and the Vikings picking up Greg Jennings.

**March 15, 2013**

One of our favorite Irish gents swings by The Morning Show to chat about the upcoming holiday.

**March 13, 2013**

Today on The Morning Show's Eating and Drinking, James Norton brought along his friend, Andy Sturdevant (Salon Saloon / Springboard for the Arts), to share their adventure in adapting a menu from a 1969 dinner party cook book.

**March 12, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about what the latest update to Facebook looks like and the "hater" app that provides an alternative to all the liking you're supposed to do everywhere.

**March 11, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the big weekend for Minnesota hockey, and the local basketball teams losing streak.

**March 6, 2013**

Today on The Current's Eating and Drinking with the Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel, Rachel Hutton shared her research on the best pizza places around town based on varying tastes.

**March 5, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the second round of the Screaming Goat meme and the Time Rabbit app that keeps track of how much time you really do spend on Facebook, it's not pretty.

**March 4, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about Twins player Joe Mauer's expecting twins, a trade for the Lynx reuniting former Gophers teammates, and Ricky Rubio once again is caught being adorable.

**March 1, 2013**

Jimmy Cliff is one of reggae's hugest icons, a living legend whose 1972 film *The Harder They Come* and accompanying soundtrack gave the genre its big break in the American market. Dozens of albums later, he's one of music's most respected figures worldwide.

**February 27, 2013**

Today James Norton spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the best of the packaged cocoa on the market and he tried McDonald's Fish Bites and shares his thoughts.

**February 26, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley about Google Glass and Playstation 4.

**February 25, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about Twins spring training, Manti Teo impressing reporters, and he shares some U of M sport updates.

**February 25, 2013 – Re-Air**

While nearly forgotten in the United States, '70s singer-songwriter Rodriguez became one of the most famous and beloved American rock artists in South Africa on the strength of his song "Sugar Man." Rodriguez stopped by The Current's Morning Show for an interview about his unlikely legacy.

**February 22, 2013**

Local musician Chris Koza spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley about his upcoming Spotlight Concert with Hopkins High School Orchestra.

**February 20, 2013**

Today James Norton spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the revitalization of the Longfellow area and the new restaurant Parka.

**February 19, 2013**

10 big, hilarious, can't-miss shows in 4 months. John Moe will announce all the guests -- comedy and music stars -- on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 9:05 a.m. here on The Current.

**February 19, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about a 2-minute video of goats screaming like people, and paying to promote your friend's Facebook posts.

**February 13, 2013**

Today, Lynne spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill about her perfect Valentine's day menu called, Simple Seduction in Three Courses.

**February 12, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Kai (the hatchet-wielding hitchhiker hero) who is now an internet meme, and the recent study that says Facebook helps build self-esteem.

**February 11, 2013**

Today Michael Rand chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the Twins pitchers and catchers heading to spring training, Percy Harvin being traded, and Jay Cutler re-proposing via text.

**February 5, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the benefits of mob mentality on Facebook and Oreo winning the Superbowl ad race.

**February 1, 2013**

Who has the most power? How do you judge power? And can you get away with saying you are powerful in a state like Minnesota? Tim Gihring from Minnesota Monthly answers our questions.

**January 31, 2013**

The Morning Show talks to Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild President Dan Justesen about the upcoming Winterfest and they sample some unreleased beers that will be unveiled at the beer festival.

**January 30, 2013**

Peter Asher has lived a life most of us can only dream about. His band Peter and Gordon toured the world and topped the charts with a number one hit. Asher hung out with the Beatles, and managed some of music's biggest names. He shares his story with The Morning Show's Jill Riley.

**January 30, 2013**

Today Supertaster James Norton spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the mysterious McRib.

**January 29, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the ethics of song covers and they experiment with the app Vine.

**January 28, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the Gopher women's hockey team setting the all-time NCAA record for most consecutive games without a loss, Tiger Woods dating Lindsey Vonn (why do we care), and they debate the relevancy of the all-star game.



**January 23, 2013**

Today, Lynne spoke to The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill about the beauty of adding one egg to any dish. She also explains the art of frying up the perfect egg.

**January 16, 2013**

The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel hung out with The Growler's Joe Alton about the upcoming Beer Dabbler at the Winter Carnival and the new and special beers that are out this winter.

**January 15, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about the hilarious online reviews on Amazon for the banana slicer, and the White House's response to the petition to build the Death Star.

**January 14, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the Packer's playoff loss, the start of the Twins winter caravan and the big weekend coming up for U of M sports.

**January 9, 2013**

Today **James Norton** spoke to The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about his look back at 2012 and some of his favorite food moments of the past year.

**January 8, 2013**

Today John Moe chatted with The Morning Show's Steve Seel and Jill Riley about Facebook's weird new Poke app and YouTube on your TV.

**January 7, 2013**

Today **Michael Rand** chatted with The Morning Show's Jill Riley and Steve Seel about the end of the Vikings season, the end of the NHL lockout and they questioned if the Timberwolves are cursed.

**THEFT OF THE DIAL****March 26, 2013 – Paula Poundstone**

While she was in town for Wits™, The Current Morning Show was happy to welcome Paula Poundstone into our studio to chat with the hosts and take over our airwaves for a little bit, playing some of her favorite tunes for another edition of Theft of the Dial.

**March 9, 2013 – Tame Impala**

Australian band Tame Impala won heaps of praise for the '60s throwback sound of their 2010 debut *Innerspeaker*, and last year's even more immersive *Lonerism* was another critical success that cemented the band's reputation as masters of catchy, immaculately produced neo-psychedelia. It's not just critics going nuts over the band: they've won awards and found chart success in their native Australia, and have quickly become fixtures on the US indie scene.

**February 24, 2013 – Chris Thile**

Christopher Scott Thile is an American musician, best known as the mandolinist and singer for the acoustic trio Nickel Creek and acoustic folk/bluegrass quintet the Punch Brothers. In this episode of Theft of the Dial, he shares his favorite music with Bill DeVillie.

**February 19, 2013 – Maria Bamford**

To celebrate the announcement of Wits™'s 2013 season, we're bringing you an exclusive web-only Theft of the Dial from one of last season's guests, the hilarious Maria Bamford.

**February 15, 2013**

Brothers Dan and Matt Wilson have been playing together since they were kids. They've both had successful careers in bands like Semisonic, Trip Shakespere and Twilight Hours, as well as solo work.

**January 25, 2013 – Walk The Moon**

Cincinnati indie quartet Walk the Moon swung by The Current to take over our airwaves... and grace us with a lovely acoustic performance of their single "Tightrope"!

**January 18, 2013 – Josh Hartnett**

Minnesota-native and silver-screen star Josh Hartnett joined The Current to take over the airwaves and play a few of his favorite songs.

**CURRENT PRESENTS****March 24, 2013 – Blues Highway Revisited – Re-air**

*The Current Presents: Blues Highway Revisited* features music from such artists as Gary Clark Jr., Muddy Waters and Lightnin' Hopkins. Local musicians share their thoughts on the blues, and Southampton, England, band the Dodge Brothers talk about recording at Sun Studio and share two tracks off their forthcoming album -- a U.S. radio premiere.

**March 3, 2013 – Mayer Hawthorne at First Ave – Re-air**

On May 18, 2012, indie soul singer and producer Mayer Hawthorne stopped by First Avenue in Minneapolis for a show, and The Current has the full audio for your listening pleasure.

**February 24, 2013 – Local musicians perform Beck's Song Reader**

Beck's 2012 album was only released as sheet music, but The Current rounded up a collective of local musicians to record it to tape. Tune-in Wednesday, March 6 at 9 p.m. to hear it all.

**February 17, 2013 – Foreign Currency**

Paul Harding returns to The Current Presents with another hour of world music.

**February 27, 2013 – Grammy Retrospective**

Mac Wilson breaks down this year's Grammy Nominees.

**January 20, 2013 – Hipshaker**

An hour of hipshaking tunes to get your feet moving.

**January 13, 2013 – The 400 Bar may be gone, but its stories live on**

It's the bar where Golden Smog, Zuzu's Petals, and Semisonic all began, and where Dan Wilson first debuted his big hit "Closing Time." It's the bar where Bonnie Raitt hung out while in the Twin Cities to record her debut album. It's where First Ave stage manager Conrad Sverkerson kicked out his first rowdy patron. And it's where Peter Ostroushko was playing pool when he got the call to go play on Bob Dylan's Blood on the Tracks.

**January 6, 2013 – Best Video Game Scores of 2012**

The Current Presents the Best Video Game Scores of 2012, hosted by Emily Reese of Top Score.

**WITS**

**March 31, 2013 – Paula Poundstone with Robyn Hitchcock**

As a regular panelist on Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!, comedian Paula Poundstone is perfectly positioned to compete on this week's Wits Game Show: The Game Show Game Show. Paula explains the rules of fictitious games while one of the godfathers of alternative rock, Robyn Hitchcock, creates the pretend game show's theme songs. Robyn also plays songs from his latest album, Love from London, and we hear an urgent plea from the big coat in the Macklemore & Ryan Lewis hit, "Thrift Shop."

**March 24, 2013 – Patton Oswalt, Neil Gaiman and John Hodgman**

On this week's Wits, a look inside the brains of some of our favorite funny authors. We join writers Patton Oswalt, John Hodgman, Neil Gaiman and Julia Sweeney for discussions of grandmothers, Beatles, wine, sex, and Dungeons and Dragons. Plus, music from singer-songwriter-authors (yep, double hyphenates) Josh Ritter and John Darnielle of The Mountain Goats.

### **March 17, 2013 – Andy Richter with Reggie Watts**

This week on Wits, we visit with comedian, actor and longtime comedy partner of Conan O'Brien, Andy Richter, as well as internationally renowned vocalist/beatboxer/comic Reggie Watts. Check out the next big hit TV show Mummytown, hear letters from the Civil War soldiers long forgotten - the animal regiments, and learn why Elton John gets fired by NASA in our Pop Song Correspondence.

## **LOCAL SHOW**

### **March 31, 2013 with Low**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, Low will be our in-studio guest, fresh off the heels of a sold out 20th anniversary show at the Fitzgerald Theater. It's also our last show to feature 12 Rods as our local artist of the month. Bill DeVille will talk with David Campbell about April's artist of the month: The Jayhawks. He'll also introduce Kevin Beacham and Siddiq to The Current's local team. Kevin will give us the scoop on H2 and H2 Local. And lastly, Andrea Swensson's got stories to share regarding the new Strange Names 7", a profile on Southwire and Grant Cutler's new Weird Visions project.

### **March 31, 2013 with Har Mar Superstar, Pert Near Sandstone, Katie Hill and Walt Dizzo**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we've got a ton of guests stopping by The Current studios. In the 6PM hour, Har Mar Superstar talks with David Campbell about his upcoming soul album *Bye Bye 17* which will be released on Julian Casablanca's Cult Records. We have the exclusive world premiere of another single! We'll also introduce Walt Dizzo, the host of our Duluth Local Show, airing on the Local Current stream and 89.3HD2 Wednesdays at noon and rebroadcast Thursday evenings at 11 and Saturday evenings at 6. In the 7PM hour, Katie Hill, the mastermind behind audience engagement at the M.I.A., will help David announce a very special collaboration between The Current and the museum. And Kevin Kniebel and J Lenz of Pert Near Sandstone will talk about the band's new 7" and a big release show coming up at First Avenue on Friday, March 29.

### **March 17, 2013 with Gospel Gossip and Live Letters**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, Gospel Gossip returns to The Current studios for a performance. Their new self-titled album will be out on March 19. Sara Montour and Steve Korf, the founders of Live Letters, will also drop in for an interview and tease their upcoming show with Chalet, Joey Kantor's new project. We've also got the first song from Har Mar Superstar's forthcoming record *Bye Bye 17*. It's coming out on Julian Casablanca's Cult Records. The rest of the show is basically one big debut: new music from Vague-a-Bonde, The Replacements, Crimes, Dan Israel, Web Of Sunsets, Frankie Lee, Haphduzn and Dimitry Killstorm, Humanda, Wiping Out Thousands, Hollow Boys, Meta and even an unreleased song from 12 Rods. Whew!

### **March 10, 2013 – Women's History Month Edition**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we're celebrating Women's History Month. And you know what that means: David Campbell's been kicked out of the studio again, and Andrea Swensson is taking over the microphone! There are a ton of goodies in store. In the first hour, Andrea will give an oral history of female-fronted rock n' roll bands in the Twin Cities in the '80s and '90s, featuring interviews with Tetes Noires, The Clams and Kat Bjelland of Babes In Toyland. In the second hour, Dana Raidt and Travis Ramin will announce the line-up for the next installment of the Girls Got Rhythm Festival at the Amsterdam Bar and Hall May 10 and 11. And The Anonymous Choir, led by Dark Dark Dark's Nona Marie, will drop in for a gorgeous in-studio performance. Lastly, we've asked some of our favorite local female musicians to let us know who has inspired them the most in their careers, and we'll hear from several of them during the show.

### **March 3, 2013 with Carroll and STNNG**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we'll have two in-studios. In the 6PM hour, we'll hear from Carroll who recently released their *Needs EP*. In the 7PM hour, we'll hear from STNNG, fresh off the release of their fourth album *Empire Inward*. Andrea Swensson also took the time to go through all the entries for this year's Are You Local? contest from Vita.mn, and she'll be talking about some of her favorite, overlooked artists. And at long last: new music from The Replacements! Plus, loads of debuts from Pert Near Sandstone, Batteryboy, Enemy Planes, Sans Caballo, Sarah Krueger, Joey Ryan and The Inks and Rabbit Holes. We'll also continue our artist of the month feature. All during March, we'll be highlighting the music of 12 Rods.

### **February 24, 2013 with Van Stee, Beck's Song Reader and Are You Local?**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we'll have an in-studio with Van Stee, a band that played our first installment of Local Current Live last summer, and has been working on their debut *We Are* ever since. The band will release the album at Icehouse on March 2. Teenage Kicks host Jacquie Fuller is also in the house to explain the new episode of Current Presents this Sunday night at 9PM, exploring the Beck Song Reader project. She and John Miller assembled 14 bands to read and interpret the sheet music to his newest album. We'll play a few cuts and hear a portion of Jacquie's interview with Beck himself. Lastly, the finalists have been announced for the next installment of Vita.mn's Are You Local? contest. We'll talk about each act and see you down at Mill City Nights on March 1 to watch one band receive a trip down to SXSW.

### **February 17, 2013 with Aby Wolf, Jose James and Redhouse Records**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we'll have an in-studio with Aby Wolf who has been working with Grant Cutler on a new album called *Wolf Lords*. Andrea Swensson also interviewed rising blues singer Jose James, a Minneapolis-native who has signed to Blue Note Records in New York City. And David and Andrea will also share a piece they produced on Red House Records, the country's longest-running folk and roots label based out of St. Paul. Their 30th anniversary celebration will be held on March 1. Plus, debuts from the likes of Cloud Cult, The 4onthefloor, Gospel Gossip and Crankshaft and The Gear Grinders. We'll also continue our artist of the month feature. All during February, we'll be highlighting the music of Low.

### **February 10, 2013 with Southwire and Kill The Vultures**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we'll have an in-studio with rising Duluth band Southwire. Their debut self-titled album will be out on Chaperone Records on March 5. David Campbell also hosted the most recent installment of the McNally Smith Soundbite Series with Kill The Vultures, and we'll air highlights from that performance and interview. Also, a Local Show first: we're airing a 22 minute song. But it's not just any 22 minute song -- it's the second side of the new Retribution Gospel Choir album featuring Nels Cline. Plus, debuts from the likes of Prince, Enemy Planes, OAKS, Alison Rae and Hobo Nephews Of Uncle Frank. And this week begins our next artist of the month feature. All during February, we'll be highlighting the music of Low.

### **February 3, 2013 – Best Of The Current's Birthday Parties**

On this weekend's episode of The Local Show, we're re-airing our two-night birthday show! But this isn't your run-of-the-mill re-air. We're choosing the best moments of the celebration alongside over a dozen interviews with audience members, special guests, staff members and bands on the bill. Massive thanks are in order to the entire staff of First Avenue as well as all the performers throughout the two-night bash. And big ups to MPR engineers Michael DeMark and Sam Keenan for sorting through hours of audio to make this a very special episode. We'll be back to normal next week with an in-studio from rising Duluth band Southwire, as well as a Kill The Vultures session courtesy of McNally Smith. AND, we'll be spinning an entire side of the new Retribution Gospel Choir album. Get ready for 20 minutes of rock.

### **January 27, 2013 with Botzy, Adam Levy and Mother Banjo**

We have a content-filled show this weekend! First, Andrea Swensson is going to give us the scoop on the new Prince song and what she learned after interviewing his band this past week. She'll also talk with Adam Levy in advance of the upcoming Tribute To Joe Strummer at First Avenue. Botzy will also explain the concept behind the newest *Best Love Is Free* compilation, which came together after over 500 submissions across the country. And Ellen Stanley, also known as Mother Banjo, will give us the lowdown on her new album *The Devil Hasn't Won* which features a slew of collaborators including Steve Kaul.

### **January 20, 2013 with Mixed Bloody Majority and Local Current Live**

This weekend's episode is jam-packed with guests. Clara Salyer of Prissy Clerks, The Ericksons and Greg Grease all stopped by to help unveil our next installment of Local Current Live! Details can be found above. However, we can tell you about our 7PM hour guest: Mixed Blood Majority will drop in for a session and interview. They're a new act featuring Joe Horton of No Bird Sing, Crescent Moon of Kill The Vultures and Lazerbeak of Doomtree. We'll also have exclusive premieres of new John Mark Nelson and Bora York songs. More debuts are in the mix too: Carroll, Brian Laidlaw and The Family Trade, Atmosphere, Common Labor and Midway Felix.

### **January 13, 2013 with Chris Besinger and a 400 Bar Retrospective**

This weekend's episode of The Local Show features an interview with STNNNG frontman Chris Besinger. They've just gotten back from playing ATP in London as well as recording their new album *Empire Inward* with Steve Albini and mastering it at Abbey Road. Andrea Swensson has also been working hard on a 400 Bar retrospective in light of its recent closing. We'll play soundbites from her Current Presents on the topic which airs Sunday night at 9PM after The Local Show. Tons of debuts as well: Disaster Bird, Ugly Motors, Narco States, Low, The Starfolk, Mother Banjo Band, The Bad Plus, WriteGroove and Fury Things.

### **January 6, 2013 with Paul Metsa and a Best New Bands Preview**

It's our first Local Show of 2013 and we have a lot on the docket already! Andrea Swensson will drop in to talk about the Best New Bands line-up at First Avenue as well as a recent story on photographer Adam DeGross and a forthcoming piece on the 400 Bar closing. Musician and now-author Paul Metsa will also read from his new book and plays cuts from a compilation album he has put out. We're debuting our new Artist of the Month feature, highlighting a pivotal Minnesota musician or band each month via Local Current, The Local Show and the Local Current blog. Lastly, we're looking forward and talking about some of our most anticipated releases from the likes of The Ericksons, Heavy Deeds, Cloud Cult and STNNNG.