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**NBC Film Crew to Make Documentary in
Spokane**

Spokane's only independent, non-commercial community radio station will be featured in a national documentary on low power FM radio.

June 3 - 7, Verite Productions will be in Spokane to film 95.3 KYRS-Thin Air Community Radio as part of "LPFM: The People's Choice," a documentary that will air on NBC affiliates around the country.

The film, tentatively hosted by Susan Sarandon, will take viewers on an extraordinary adventure chronicling the building of a non-profit, non-commercial community radio station, including events that led to the creation of the low power FM service.

LPFM stations are designed to promote diversity and localism.

"Thin Air Radio is here to provide a platform for unheard and underserved voices in the community," said Station Manager Lupito Flores. "We want to be an alternative to corporate commercial radio."

Low power FM is about freedom for people to express their opinions, share their cultures, air their concerns and regain a sense of their role in democracy.

The public airwaves, our main outlet for public expression of ideas, information and inspiration, are steadily being consumed by large corporations determined to dominate the media.

In these times of media consolidation and erosion of civil rights, it's time to give ordinary people a chance to use the public airwaves for the public good.

The documentary will include interviews with former FCC Chairman, William Kennard, Senator John McCain, media activists Pete Tridish and Andrea Cano, and people in

cities across the country involved with low power FM radio stations.

"What's been done with KYRS in Spokane is extraordinary," said Jon Snyder, Board President. "We have such a broad range of support here in the community that we have been able to raise the money to construct a 120-foot broadcast tower, operate 24-hours-a-day with volunteer DJs, and use cutting-edge Internet technology to transmit our signal. LPFMs around the country have looked to KYRS as an example of how to conquer tough problems in community broadcasting," said Snyder.

While here, the film crew will document a live interview at the KYRS studios with Dr. Janis Amatuzio, a forensic expert and featured speaker at Spokane's "Celebrating Body, Mind and Spirit Expo" on June 5th. The culmination of filming in Spokane will document a benefit concert for KYRS featuring local independent bands at the Detour on Saturday June 5th.

For more information about Thin Air Community Radio or low power FM, visit www.kyrs.org

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