

The Classical Station as Community Connector

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Classical Music Public Radio Audience

- Nearly 11 million Americans listen to classical music public radio each week
- 6.3 million to “all classical” stations
- 4.2 million to classical on mixed format stations
- Around the clock, over 200,000 listeners are tuned to an “all classical” station

Source: National Audigraphics, Nielsen Audio



Classical Music Public Radio Universe

- 70 public media organizations offer an “all classical” broadcast service – operating over 150 stations and 75+ Internet streams
- 65 organizations offer a news and classical mix – operating 155 stations
- **Classical music stations in PPM markets have seen significant growth in listening since 2012**
- Double digit % growth in cume & AQH since Spring 2012 for PPM market stations across each major daypart

Sources: National Audigraphics, Nielsen Audio; NPR Audience Insights



The Classical Station as Community Connector

We share a strong sense that sustaining our mission and our organizations requires more than our broadcast service alone, and that there are opportunities for classical stations to be a force for good in our communities.



Connecting with our communities... Let's talk!

- What we set out to do
- Why it's important for our stations
- What we learned
- The roadblocks and hurdles
- Next steps
- Q & A



Community stakeholders

- Board & station staff
- Music community
- Music educators & school administrators
- Other arts & cultural organization leaders
- Philanthropic community
- Non-arts municipal groups & nonprofits
- Business community
- City, county, state & regional elected officials



Listening sessions

“What are your needs and how might our station be of service to you?”

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What we learned: The big themes

- Classical ecosystem leadership
- Civic vitality and pride
- Music education



Roadblocks and hurdles

- Aren't we supposed to be broadcasters?
- Is this work really part of our mission?
- Who has the time and the staff to do this?
- Etc. Etc. Etc.



Benefits

The classical station is perceived as an essential service: as a voice for the arts and a significant contributor to the community's quality of life and well being



Next steps

- Focus our vision language to effectively communicate the classical station's place in the community
- Do more meetings. More listening. Involve more stations.
- Pool station knowledge in the activity areas to provide guides/templates for community connector work



Q & A

Let's talk!

“The rewards of authentic community listening are real: we received insights and ideas from our interviews that help illuminate potential solutions.”

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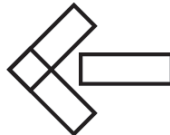
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