

**Finding Aid for KBOO Community Radio news and public affairs audio collection,  
1947-2013**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION:**

**Origination/Creator:** KBOO Foundation  
**Title of Collection:** KBOO Community Radio news and public affairs audio collection  
**Date of Collection:** 1947-2013  
**Bulk Dates:** approx. 1966-2013  
**Accession Number:** KBOO-A001  
**Size:** approx. 322 linear feet  
**Format:** analog audio: 5", 7" and 10" open reel tape  
Optical disc: CD, CD-R, CD-RW, DVD, DVD-R, DVD-RW  
Minidisc  
Audio cassette  
Digital Audio Tape (DAT)  
Text documents

**Collection Extent:** 3,377 open reel tapes (1947-2008)  
1,500 audio cassettes (1948-2008)  
125 digital audio tapes (DAT) (1969-2004)  
250 minidisks (1999-2013)  
2,433 CDs (1970-2013)

**Language:** The material is in English

**Repository:** KBOO Community Radio, <http://kboo.fm>  
20 SE 8th Avenue Portland, OR 97214

**Abstract:** KBOO Community Radio news and public affairs audio collection contain the recordings and programming broadcast on-air from 1963-2013. The bulk of the collection was produced by the KBOO Community Radio's staff and volunteers. The collection also includes recordings from other entities such as NFCB, KRAB, Pacifica Radio, Alternative Radio, and WRFG.

**RIGHT AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**Access Restrictions:** Collection is open for research.

**Access Statement:** KBOO is in the process of cataloging and digitizing KBOO-produced analog audio records to provide search and discovery of its holdings to the general public. All metadata is available as public domain and

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY NOTE:**

In 1964, a group of Portlanders named Portland Listener Supported Radio connected with Lorenzo Milam for help organizing a new radio station. Milam, a former KPFA volunteer, agreed to help and after a series of meetings, Portland Listener Supported Radio applied for a license for a Portland radio station. Milam is also credited with helping other community radio stations around the country in a mini-network that was sometimes referred to as the "KRAB nebula". Milam, along with David Calhoun and Gray Haertig from KRAB in Seattle, helped KBOO organize their station. KBOO Community Radio was on the air in June of 1968 with a repeater signal from KRAB. The non-profit KBOO Foundation was founded in 1972 to independently support the KBOO station. Today KBOO has nearly 70,000 listeners, and over 6000 subscribing members. The station's goals are to make radio and information resources more accessible to the community and to provide free training to volunteers who keep KBOO on the air.

#### **Collection Note:**

A great percentage of the analog archive materials were recorded from broadcast onto different physical formats by AM News and Public Affairs Director Kathleen Stephenson, who worked at KBOO from 1987 to 2013.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The records of the KBOO Community Radio news and public affairs audio collection consist of radio show broadcast recordings of on-air radio shows, special edited programs created as membership gifts, and raw footage recordings from live events. Other recordings include holdings distributed through the National Federation of Community Broadcasters and produced by other entities such as Pacifica Radio, Alternative Radio, and WRFG.

The collection covers a wide range of broadcast materials including live coverage of news and public affairs, musical and theater performances, and lectures. KBOO's tapes are a vital part of Portland's and Oregon's cultural and political history. KBOO has been at the heart of the action of much of Portland's cultural and political life for almost 5 decades. The KBOO tape archives include exclusive interviews with Oregonians Bob Packwood, Ken Kesey, William Stafford, Gus Van Sant, Ursula Le Guin and Portlander Ben Linder who was murdered by Contras while volunteering in Nicaragua. There are also interviews with national figures like Allen Ginsberg, Native American poet and filmmaker Sherman Alexie, Edward Abbey, Cesar Chavez, Annie Liebovitz, George McGovern, Ramsey Clark, Amory Lovins and hundreds of others. In addition there are live recorded programs documenting marches, demonstrations, community meetings and other events that give 'you are there' discussions with participants and reportage from behind the scenes. Special programs on KBOO history are also represented.

An inventory is available at <http://kboo.fm/blog/55791>

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#### **ARRANGEMENT:**

- **Open Reel Tapes, 1947-2008**
- **Audio Cassettes, 1948-2008**
- **Digital Audio Tapes (DAT), 1969-2004**
- **Minidiscs, 1999-2013**
- **CDs, 1970-2013**