NPR ANNUAL REPORT 2014



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WELCOME TO THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT FROM NPR

THIS WAS A YEAR MARKED BY NEW FRONTIERS

AND FOCUSED VISION AT NPR. In July, we welcomed our new CEO and President, Jarl Mohn, to NPR. An experienced media executive with a passion for public radio, he is looking to elevate NPR's ambitions across the organization. In just his first few months, he made changes to prepare NPR to connect with an increasingly diverse audience, pushed for greater innovation in how we connect with audiences, and inspired greater collaboration between NPR and Member Stations.

Under our new President and CEO, NPR is making strides in living out the strategic aspirations articulated in our strategic plan: "We will be the model for high quality journalism in the 21st century, strengthening the cultural, civic and social fabric of our democracy. We will build on our heritage as reporters and storytellers, on our intimate relationship with audiences, and on our capacity for innovation in order to create a space where audiences congregate, connect and contribute to a shared understanding of the wider world. We strive to feed the mind and satisfy the soul."

In 2014, we expanded our vision, strategy, and execution for innovative projects that extend NPR's reach to new audiences across broadcast and digital platforms, and brought NPR into communities in new ways through live events.

In our News division, we created new opportunities to bring NPR host Michel Martin's voice, perspective, and experience to audiences through "NPR Presents Michel Martin," a new live events series across the country, as well as a greater presence across NPR News programs. In her new role, Martin is taking the studio to the story, going where the nation's most important conversations are happening. Today Martin is telling these stories from their epicenters and in partnership with NPR Member Stations, giving local stories national resonance. Martin and NPR's Code Switch team led the way in NPR's coverage of the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, surrounding Officer Darren Wilson's fatal confrontation with the unarmed Michael Brown, and the national dialogue it inspired. NPR and NPR Member Station St. Louis Public Radio covered the massive public response, putting themselves on the front lines in order to report on the interactions between police and protestors. With St. Louis Public Radio, Martin hosted a community conversation that brought diverse points of view to the forefront for thoughtful and impassioned discussion.

Our ambition is to take these kinds of stories everywhere that our audiences are seeking them. To expand the stories we tell, and how we tell them.

We've embraced technology and a multi-platform approach to our work to deepen our coverage and bring NPR to audiences who have not yet discovered us. In March, NPR became the first news provider on iTunes Radio, launching a 24-hour stream offering a whole new way to listen to the NPR newscasts, stories, and programming that our audiences love. We then delivered on a promise to expand that listening experience even further with local streams from across the country.

In the fall, we launched NPR One, a groundbreaking public radio audio app that connects listeners to a stream of public radio news and stories curated for them. Informing, engaging, inspiring and surprising, it's an entirely new way for NPR to present audio content in the digital world. NPR One seamlessly presents reports from local NPR Member Station alongside national news and features from NPR.

NPR is taking our stories to listeners in new ways, and bringing our staff into new areas of the world. In 2014, we announced the upcoming opening of a new bureau in Seoul. Our goal is to expand our coverage of Asia and complement the work of our bureaus in Islamabad, New Delhi, Shanghai, and Beijing. At a time when other news

organizations have reduced international coverage, NPR's 17 foreign news bureaus are covering some of the most important stories of our time, including the rise of ISIS in the Middle East and the outbreak of Ebola in West Africa. Elise Hu, who covers the intersection of technology and culture for NPR's on-air, online and multimedia platforms, will take on a new role as NPR's Seoul reporter.

Thanks to NPR's ongoing commitment to international news coverage, we had our international team throughout the world on the ground to provide coverage of the biggest news stories in 2014: Gregory Warner reporting on Crimea; Ari Shapiro and Emily Harris reporting on the latest conflict between Israel and Hamas; Anthony Kuhn reporting from Beijing on the missing Malaysia airliner and the tragic ferry boat sinking in South Korea; Corey Flintoff reporting from Donetsk on the Malaysia Airline shot down over eastern Ukraine; Leila Fadel in Erbil reporting on the resurgence of fighting in Iraq due to the rise of ISIS.

As Ebola flared in Africa, NPR's Ofeiba Quist-Arcton joined NPR's Global Health and Development Correspondent Jason Beaubien, photojournalist David Gilkey, and quickly expanding teams of NPR reporters and producers to bring this critical story home. Experienced correspondents found themselves in 360-degree danger zones, as they worked to cover the disease and its impact as safely as possible. As Ebola made its way to the U.S., our science team, having spent months covering the epidemic, cut through the fears to report on the facts on the possible spread of the disease in this country.

Throughout 2014, NPR continued to explore the world around us with series like "Borderland: Dispatches From the U.S.-Mexico Boundary" and the special "Heirs of the Revolution: A Changing Cuba" and our extensive coverage of Brazil as the country geared up to host the World Cup and the 2016 Olympic summer games. News from around the world wasn't the only thing keeping our reporters busy. Here at home the country faced a midterm election. Leading up to the elections and as the ballots closed across the country, our political team was on hand to provide extensive coverage and analysis on the candidates, the issues, and the challenges faced in this year's election cycle. On NPR.org, we launched an Election Night Party, an interactive tool that allowed users to track results from ballot measures, congressional and gubernatorial races, alongside live blogging and social media updates from NPR.

Our spirit of innovation and commitment to our mission continued to earn NPR the respect and appreciation of audiences across the nation, and our peers in journalism. Among our honors this year, NPR was awarded two duPont-Columbia Awards, one of the most highlyregarded recognitions in journalism. The NPR News investigative series "Guilty And Charged," which offered startling evidence of a two-tiered justice system that more harshly punishes the poor with costs and fees, and "Planet Money Makes A T-Shirt," our multi-platform collaboration between Planet Money and the NPR Visuals team, each were honored.

Across the organization, NPR embraced innovation, taking a new look at what we've been doing to create something even more valuable to our audiences.

In the fall, NPR Music joined with Member Station WBGO, and Jazz at Lincoln Center to create the next generation of jazz programming from public radio: *Jazz Night in America*. Hosted by multiple Grammy Award-winning musician Christian McBride, *Jazz Night in America* presents content on multiple platforms and from across the nation to share this uniquely American art form for audiences today, connecting jazz enthusiasts and potential new fans with artists and venues — and each other — through weekly, one-hour broadcasts and an array of 26 live signature

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videocasts and on-demand video of jazz events from today's great artists and venues. *Jazz Night in America* is also regularly featured on NPR newsmagazines, including artist profiles, features, and interviews.

And in 2014 NPR's previously digital-only *Alt.Latino* program came to the airwaves as a discrete program, building on the audience it has attracted as a web program and podcast, in its new incarnation. Every week, *Alt.Latino* introduces listeners to new alternative Latin music, including diverse genres such as cumbia, Mexican garage rock, Panamanian rap, heavy metal mariachi and many more boundary-blurring sounds from around the world. In addition to music, *Alt.Latino* features interviews and insightful conversation about Latin events and culture.

Through news and music, NPR and Member Stations are reaching out to audiences wherever they are. We're embracing the digital media world and bringing truth to a saying we have at NPR, "Today's public radio isn't going away, it's going everywhere."

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (NPR PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

Assets

Current Assets	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	6,776,127
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	3,792,997
Accounts and contributions receivable, net	30,904,692
Investments	73,287,452
Property and equipment, net	231,132,213
Prepaid expenses and other assets	8,993,707
Total Assets	354,887,188

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable and other liabilities26,407,528Deferred revenue11,984,965Debt176,224,965Total Liabilities214,617,464	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	354,887,188
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	Accounts payable and other liabilities	26,407,528
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (NPR PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

Operating Revenues

	\$
Station dues and fees	80,259,224
Corporate sponsorship	43,137,905
Grants and contributions	31,090,592
Distribution and satellite interconnection	25,562,533
Distribution from endowment to support operations	10,312,118
Other revenues	14,360,893
Total operating revenues	204,723,265

Additional Detail: NPR competes for and receives grants from CPB and federal agencies. Such funds may only be used for the purposes of the grant. The \$204,723,265 in operating revenues in FY2014 includes \$325,000 in competitive federal grant income and \$1,078,000 in CPB competitive grants.

Operating Expenses

\$
80,716,797
18,832,950
27,482,242
22,552,646
56,869,667
206,454,302
(1,731,037)
(17,493,848)
(19,224,885)
159,494,609
140,269,724

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