

KNCT 91.3 FM

Simply Beautiful Music

December 2025

Sharing the warmth
of the holidays, one
song at a time.

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Representatives from Blue Jay Buddies YSP and our student choir are decorating the campus Christmas trees with ornaments made by Willow Springs students. (Taken: November 23, 2024)

**"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is
singing loud for all to hear."**
— Buddy the Elf (Will Ferrell, in Elf)



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Unlike commercial stations, KNCT is a public supported public radio station. We rely on listener contributions, not advertisements, to keep Simply Beautiful Music flowing across Central Texas. Every dollar sustains our broadcasts, supports student learning, and preserves a voice for our community.



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Public support keeps us on air. Make a quick, secure donation at knct.org or by calling (877) 533-5628. For assistance or questions, please contact Laury Sisko at Laury.Sisko@KNCT.org.

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Simply Beautiful & Simply Local

Since 1970, KNCT has been Central Texas's only non-commercial radio station offering a soothing mix of timeless instrumentals, soft vocals, and community-centered programming. Proudly owned and operated by Central Texas College, we are not affiliated with NPR or PBS. Instead, we stand apart—powered by public support and rooted in the values of education, service, and local connection.

Our station serves as both a cultural touchstone and a learning laboratory, mentoring students and amplifying regional voices. From Fort Hood to Round Rock, our signal reaches across the Killeen-Temple-Waco region and into the heart of Austin.

This is your station, your sound, your legacy. Tune in. Lean back. And feel right at home.

Our Family of Stations:

- [KNCT 91.3 FM](#) - A relaxing blend of easy listening music, featuring timeless instrumental renditions and soft vocal treasures.
- [Nest FM 91.3 HD2](#) - Our classical companion, delivering majestic masterpieces and modern compositions 24/7.
- [Catch the Crave \(CTC Radio\)](#) - Fueled by student creativity and community curiosity, this streaming station serves up an eclectic mix — from throwback jams to today's hits — showcasing the diverse tastes of Central Texas College.

How to Listen Wherever Life Takes You:

Enjoy KNCT 91.3 FM wherever you are, at any time. On the radio, tune your dial to 91.3 FM for our signature Simply Beautiful music. You can also stream all our stations online live at myknct.com or download our free mobile apps for seamless listening from your phone or tablet. You'll find our app download links on the final page —perfect for listening on the go!





Have You Met?

The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square

Music & Spoken Word

Hosted by the world-renowned Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, “Music & the Spoken Word” is one of broadcasting’s greatest treasures. Since 1929, nearly as long as radio itself, this program has uplifted generations with its blend of choral music, heartfelt messages, and timeless inspiration.

Each week, listeners are treated to masterful performances and a brief spoken reflection that offers comfort, hope, and perspective. It’s a program that has not only stood the test of time but shaped it, earning places in both the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the National Radio Hall of Fame.

Whether you’re starting your Sunday with quiet reflection, seeking a moment of peace in a busy world, or simply appreciating extraordinary musicianship, “Music & the Spoken Word” is a reminder that beauty, faith, and art can still bring us together.

Program Schedule:

Sundays at 9:20 AM on KNCT 91.3 FM

The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square is one of the world’s most renowned choral ensembles, with a history stretching back to 1847. What began as a small pioneer chorus has grown into a 360-member volunteer choir recognized globally as “America’s Choir.”

For more than 175 years, the choir has uplifted generations through concerts, recordings, and broadcasts. Under the direction of Mack Wilberg, the ensemble performs sacred hymns, classical masterworks, and beloved folk songs, inspiring audiences with messages of hope and harmony. At its heart, the Tabernacle Choir is more than a musical institution. It is a symbol of faith, unity, and the power of music to transcend boundaries.

Beyond its music, the choir embodies service and dedication. Every member volunteers countless hours, balancing rehearsals, tours, and broadcasts with their personal lives. With Grammy and Emmy honors and performances at presidential inaugurations and world stages, the Tabernacle Choir continues to uplift generations with the power of music.



Celebrating Our Supporter

History can sometimes feel distant, tucked away in textbooks or fading memories. But at the **Coryell Museum & Historical Center** in Gatesville, it comes alive in vivid detail. Since 1976, this community treasure has been preserving the stories of Texas, offering visitors a chance to step back in time and experience the everyday lives of those who shaped our region. From the world's largest spur collection to immersive exhibits like a pioneer jail, antique soda shop, and historic school classroom, the museum transforms history into something tangible and unforgettable.

The mission is simple: to keep local history accessible, engaging, and alive for future generations. By welcoming families, students, and curious travelers, the museum provides education, inspiration, and a deeper connection to the heritage of Central Texas. Whether you're exploring Spurfest, wandering through its endless rooms of artifacts, or simply pausing to reflect on the past, the Coryell Museum stands ready to guide you every step of the way. And best of all, admission is free.

Connect & Learn More:

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☎ (254) 865-5007

🌐 coryellmuseum.com

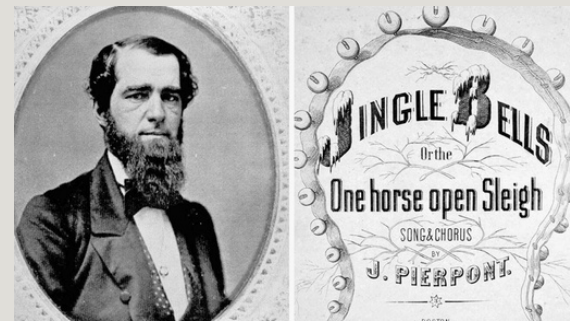
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Musical Daily Fact

Did you know that "Jingle Bells" wasn't originally written as a Christmas song? James Lord Pierpont composed it in 1857 for a Thanksgiving program at his church in Savannah, Georgia. Over time, its catchy melody and festive lyrics became so popular during December celebrations that it was adopted as a Christmas classic. This little twist in history reminds us that music often finds new meaning as it travels through generations.

[James Lord Pierpont - Jingle Bells](#)



Becoming an FC

Make your mark on the local airwaves. As a recognized supporter of KNCT 91.3 FM, your name or business will receive a daily shoutout for one full year, a dedicated listing on knct.org, complete with a link to your site, and a spotlight in our donor showcase. Whether you're a local business, organization, or individual, this is your chance to be part of our legacy. Ready to join? Call (254) 526-1442 or email Laury.Sisko@KNCT.org for more details.

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Thank You Anonymous

"I absolutely love your radio station! I have my car's radio tuned to your station whenever I am driving in your signal area."

Favorite Program: Sock Hop Saturday Night



Music Trivia Challenge

This holiday classic was recorded in just one take back in 1947, yet it went on to become one of the best-selling Christmas songs of all time. Its warm, dreamy sound was created by an innovative combination of orchestral strings and jingle bells. Written by one of America's most iconic crooners, the song paints a picture of a peaceful winter night and has been covered by everyone from Elvis Presley to Michael Bublé.

Think you know the answer? Tune in to next month's newsletter to find out if you're correct.

Answer to last month's question:
"City of New Orleans" by Steve Goodman

Simply Beautiful Reads KNCT Highlights



[Texas Welcomes November with Sunshine and Above-Normal Temperatures](#)

[Texas State Parks Invite You to Celebrate the Season Outdoors](#)



[Holiday Under the Stars: A Community Celebration in Downtown Killeen](#)

The official tree lighting ceremony will take place at 7:30 P.M. at 200 E Ave D in Downtown Killeen.



[Letters to Santa Program Returns to Killeen](#)

Participants who submit letters during this period will receive a personalized reply from Santa by mail, adding a festive touch to the holiday season.



[Wall of Honor Ceremony to Recognize East Austin Leaders](#)

The idea for the Wall of Honor originated with Kenneth D. Thompson, Sr., a former player and parent in the East Austin Youth Foundation. He collaborated with Lee Dawson, Jr., president of the Greater East Austin Youth Association, to bring the project forward.

[Read more at MyKNCT.com](#)

A Very KNCT Christmas

This month's playlist is a true KNCT family creation, woven together from the voices and hearts of everyone around the station. When I asked for favorite Christmas songs, the responses came with more than just titles—they carried stories. Childhood memories of decorating trees, family traditions passed down through generations, and even a few funny surprises that made us laugh out loud.

What makes this playlist special isn't just the songs themselves, but the way they reflect the people who make KNCT feel like home. They remind us that music has the power to carry tradition, spark joy, and bring us closer together. We hope this playlist brings you the same warmth and connection it brought us while creating it.

1.) "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" – Michael Bublé | This song has been stuck in my head since Thanksgiving.

2.) "Santa Baby" – Eartha Kitt | One of my favorite songs.

3.) "Blue Christmas" – Elvis Presley (1957) | Dedicated to Dan Hull.

4.) "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" – Jimmy Boyd (1952)

5.) "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" – Gayla Peevey (1953)

6.) "Nuttin' for Christmas" – Barry Gordon (1955) | Dedicated to Bill Hecke

7.) "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" – Thurl Ravenscroft | From my favorite Christmas movie.

Curated by the KNCT Team



8.) "Merry Christmas from the Family" – Robert Earl Keen | A Laury Sisko favorite.

9.) "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" – Elmo & Patsy

10.) "All I Want for Christmas Is You" – Mariah Carey | Picked by our GM, Matt Negri.

11.) "Run Rudolph Run" – Chuck Berry (1958) | Dedicated to Bruce Vasbinder.

12.) "Do They Know It's Christmas?" – Band Aid | A Gary Emmert selection.

13.) "Little Drummer Boy" – Harry Simeone Chorale | A favorite of Carl Rossi and Ysela Yonka.

14.) "Carol of the Bells" – Trans-Siberian Orchestra | Another GM favorite.

15.) "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24" – Trans-Siberian Orchestra



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Upcoming Events Calendar

From live broadcasts to local happenings, our calendar is your backstage pass to everything KNCT. Stay connected, stay inspired: [Upcoming Events Calendar](#)

Today

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Month

SUN 30	MON Dec 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
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7 9am TriCounty 2:30pm Rudol 7pm African C	8	9 4pm Feast of S 5:30pm Senior	10	11 6pm Lighting c	12 5pm Jingle Jar 6pm The Chris 6:30pm Christi	13 8am Breakfast 10am A Very S 6pm Adaptive
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 6:30pm Christi	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3

Events

Events shown in time zone: (GMT-06:00) Central Time - Chicago

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Got an event to share with Central Texas? We'd love to help spread the word. If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to include in our community calendar, email the details to kmusic@ctcd.edu.

Depending on the nature of the event, we may even feature it as a public service announcement on KNCT 91.3 FM—bringing your message to listeners across the region. Let's keep our community connected, one event at a time.



You Make This Station Possible

KNCT 91.3 FM has always been powered by you, our listeners. As a listener-supported station, we rely on community contributions to continue broadcasting Simply Beautiful Music, sharing veteran stories, and supporting the next generation of young minds through Central Texas College.

This fall, your generosity truly shined. Thanks to you, we not only reached our pledge drive goal—we surpassed it, and in record time! By Tuesday, we were able to put the microphones away early, allowing the music to play on without interruption. Laury, our Membership Director, is still tallying the final total as donations continue to arrive by mail, but one thing is already clear: our listeners have made a powerful statement that local radio matters.

Because of your support, KNCT can continue to be a source of comfort, community, and connection for Central Texas. From all of us here at the station—thank you for keeping Simply Beautiful music alive.

Donate Anytime:

- Online: www.knct.org/donate
- By Phone: Call Laury Sisko at **(254) 526-1442** or toll-free at **(877) 533-5628**.
- By Mail: KNCT-FM, Central Texas College
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Killeen, TX 76540

For questions or assistance, reach out to Laury Sisko at Laury.Sisko@KNCT.org.

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Your Support in Action

Gary celebrated Public Radio Music Day with exciting news from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting: music licensing agreements have been secured with all five major performing rights organizations, ensuring uninterrupted programming through 2027. StarDate explored monstrous visages among the stars and eerie cosmic encounters, while EarthDate uncovered the mysterious scent of ancient mummies. Science and the Sea highlighted the carbon-storing power of seagrass beds and the challenges of measuring their impact.

Music lovers tuned in for Carl Rossi's haunting Halloween mix on The Softer Side, Bruce Vasbinder's Fright Night Dance Party on Sock Hop Saturday Night, and David Miller's Swingin' Down the Lane, which reflected on indecision through timeless melodies.

In the last 30 days, our KNCT streaming platform reached 77,403 listener sessions for over 82,690 hours. And just this past week, 4,758 visitors generated 5,074 views on myKNCT.com—proof that your support keeps our stories heard and our signal strong.

My Closing Note

Dear Friends,

This year flew by so fast I'm pretty sure I blinked in September and opened my eyes in December. But looking back, we packed so much into these months—local stories, community events, memory music, football nights, Pink Fishing, new partnerships, and more moments than I can count where KNCT got to show up for Central Texas in a real way.

And because y'all always bring the heart, we got to spend another year doing what we love: keeping you company, keeping you informed, and keeping the music playing.

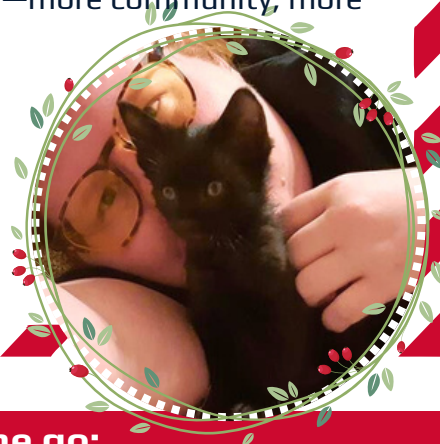
On the home front, I added a new little sidekick to my life—Leo, my tiny black kitten with a big personality and an even bigger purr. Cleo is still pretending she's above it all, but I've seen them play when they think I'm not watching. I'll take that as progress.

As we step into a new year, I'm excited to keep this momentum going—more community, more connection, more music that feels like a memory waiting to happen.

With love,

Desiree Bates

Your News & Public Affairs Operator



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