

# KNCT 91.3 FM

## Simply Beautiful Music

February 2026

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Let Simply Beautiful Music warm  
your heart all month long.



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From the studio of KNCT 91.3 FM. (Taken: February 14, 2020)

“Winter is the time for comfort,  
for good food and warmth.”

— Edith Sitwell



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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.



#### Powered by you.

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

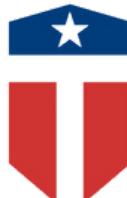
This is your station, your sound, your legacy. Tune in. Lean back. And feel right at home.

#### 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](http://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!



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## The Softer Side

As winter lingers, The Softer Side invites listeners to slow down and melt the season's chill with music that's warm, familiar, and full of heart. Hosted by Carl Rossi, the program offers a thoughtful blend of soft rock favorites. Songs that comfort, reflect, and linger long after they're heard.

From tender classics to melodic favorites that feel like old friends, The Softer Side creates space for connection and quiet moments of listening. Carl's calm, knowledgeable hosting adds gentle context while allowing the music to take the lead, unrushed, unforced, and deeply felt.

Whether you're spending a quiet Friday afternoon at home or simply looking for music that feels like a warm companion, The Softer Side is a reminder that February doesn't need grand gestures. Occasionally, all it takes is a familiar song, a little warmth, and time to listen.

### **Program Schedule:**

Fridays at 5:00 PM on KNCT 91.3 FM



### **Have You Met?**

#### **Carl Rossi**

If you've spent time listening to KNCT 91.3 FM, you've likely heard the warm, thoughtful voice of Carl Rossi and the calm that comes with it. A lifelong music lover, Carl dreamed of radio as a young man in the 1970s, imagining shows where songs could tell stories and spark connections.

Life led him down a different path, including a successful career outside broadcasting and service as president of the Hill Country Region Porsche Club of America. Still, music remained a constant. Upon retiring, Carl returned to the microphone, rediscovering radio not as a job, but as a calling.

Today, Carl is a cherished part of the KNCT family as the host of The Softer Side. His playlists blend soft rock favorites with gentle commentary and musical insight designed to help listeners unwind and reflect.

Carl once joked, "Retirement is a job that requires advance planning — I did neither." That honesty and heart define his presence on KNCT, where his second act continues to bring comfort, connection, and warmth to our community.



## Celebrating Our Supporter

When thoughtful gestures matter most, flowers say what words sometimes can't. For decades, **Woods Flowers in Temple** has helped Central Texans express love, comfort, gratitude, and joy, one bouquet at a time.

A trusted part of the community since 1950, Woods Flowers is a family-owned florist known for personal service and timeless arrangements. Whether you're marking a milestone, surprising someone special, or simply saying "I'm thinking of you," their team helps customers find the perfect way to show they care.

At KNCT, we believe in beautiful music and in the beauty of businesses like Woods Flowers that bring people closer, season after season. We're proud to have them in our Founders Club, and we're grateful for the kindness, creativity, and heart they share with our community every day.

### Connect & Learn More:

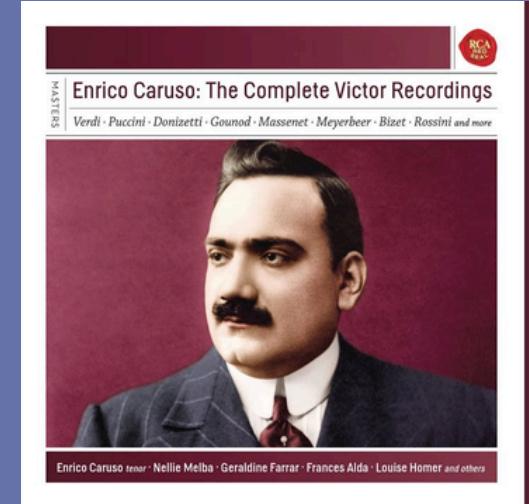
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## Musical Daily Fact

### Did You Know?

The first love song ever recorded on vinyl was released in 1898—just months after the flat disc record was invented. It was a sentimental ballad called The Lost Chord and helped launch the idea of music as a shared emotional experience.

**Listen Here:** [Enrico Caruso – The Lost Chord \(Historic Recording\)](#)



## 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](mailto:Laury.Sisko@KNCT.org) for more details.



## Thank You Anonymous

"You play all the music I love to sing to! I would like our donation to support the Sunday Gathering. Rick & Bill have been huge supporters of our Surviving & Thriving Cancer Retreat for several years now, and it's my turn to support them."



## Music Trivia Challenge

Which timeless love song, often played at weddings and romantic events, was originally written for a 1941 film but didn't become a true classic until nearly two decades later, when a soulful new voice made it unforgettable? (Hint: It played during a presidential inaugural dance.)

**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:**

"Tomorrow" from Annie, by Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin.

## Simply Beautiful Reads KNCT Article Highlights



### Texas Historical Commission Completes Transfer of Presidio La Bahía

The move places one of Texas' most visited and symbolically important sites under the stewardship of the state's official preservation agency.



### Remembering Sam Cooke — The Soulful Architect of Modern Music

Cooke's musical journey began early. Raised in a family where singing was woven into daily life, he showed remarkable talent as a child.



### Brazos Bend State Park Invites Texans to "Explore Bowhunting" on February 7th

The workshop brings together state agencies, conservation groups, and outdoor educators for a day designed to introduce the public to responsible and effective bowhunting practices.



### Texas State Parks Ring in the New Year With Record-Breaking First Day Hikes

86 parks hosted 181 events, drawing 12,835 participants who collectively logged 28,154 miles on trails, prairies, canyons, and coastlines.

[Read more at MyKNCT.com](http://MyKNCT.com)

# Love on the Silver Screen

These timeless tunes helped shape some of the greatest love stories on film. From sweeping ballads to soft rock favorites, these songs didn't just set the scene. They became part of the story. I've always believed music doesn't just accompany our lives...it helps define them.

**1.) "(I've Had) The Time of My Life" – Bill Medley & Jennifer Warnes** | Dirty Dancing (1987).

**2.) "My Heart Will Go On" – Celine Dion** | Titanic (1997) | A ballad of love, loss, and letting go.

**3.) "Unchained Melody" – The Righteous Brothers** | Ghost (1990)

**4.) "I Will Always Love You" – Whitney Houston** | From The Bodyguard (1992) | Power, emotion, and a note that echoes across decades.

**5.) "It Must Have Been Love" – Roxette** | From Pretty Woman (1990) | Bittersweet, beautiful, and pure 90s perfection.

**6.) "Hopelessly Devoted to You" – Olivia Newton-John** | From Grease (1978)

**7.) "As Time Goes By" – Dooley Wilson** | From Casablanca (1942) | "Play it again"—the original cinematic love theme.

**8.) "Take My Breath Away" – Berlin** | From Top Gun (1986) | Romance in the danger zone.

**9.) "She" – Elvis Costello** | From Notting Hill (1999) | A gentle, vulnerable love song with lasting charm.

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**10.) "Kiss Me" – Sixpence None the Richer** | She's All That (1999) | One of my favorite movies.

**11.) "Can't Help Falling in Love" – Elvis Presley** | From Blue Hawaii (1961)

**12.) "Endless Love" – Diana Ross & Lionel Richie** | From Endless Love (1981)

**13.) "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" – Aerosmith** | From Armageddon (1998) | Epic love ballad for saving-the-world-level feelings.

**14.) "The Way You Look Tonight" – Frank Sinatra** | Used in multiple films, including My Best Friend's Wedding | Classic elegance in song form.

**15.) "When I Fall in Love" – Nat King Cole** | From Sleepless in Seattle (1993 version)

## Still in the mood for love?

Tap the heart button on our player or app, and turn on notifications to stay connected to your KNCT favorites.



# Upcoming Events

## Have an event to share?

KNCT's Community Calendar is updated as events are submitted by local organizations, nonprofits, community partners, and individuals like you. If you don't see events listed yet, they may still be on the way.

You're invited to submit upcoming events directly using our online form. Once submitted, events are added to the calendar and shared with our Central Texas audience.

**Submit an Event →**

Share your upcoming event with the  
KNCT Community Calendar.

To help us share your event clearly, please include:

- The event name, date, and time
- Where the event is taking place
- A short description of what attendees can expect
- A link or contact for additional details

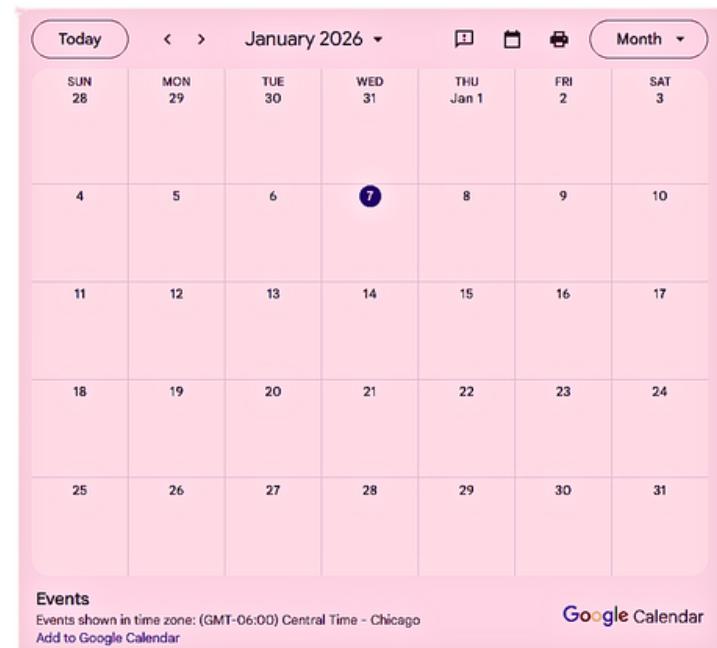
Once submitted, events are added to the calendar and may be shared with our Central Texas audience.

Depending on the nature of the event, we may 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.

## Prefer email?

Events may also be submitted to [KMusic@ctcd.edu](mailto:KMusic@ctcd.edu), though submissions sent through the online form are processed more quickly.

## Community Events at a Glance



Events  
Events shown in time zone: (GMT-06:00) Central Time - Chicago  
[Add to Google Calendar](#)

Events are added throughout the month.

Check back often as new community listings appear.

## Coming Soon—Local Highlights

Here are a few community events already planned in Central Texas this January:

- Outdoor Education & Science Expo — Saturday, Feb. 7, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
- Daddy-Daughter Dance — Friday, Feb. 20, 6:00–9:00 PM
- Motown Downtown Music Festival — Saturday, Feb. 28, 4:00–8:00 PM
- Killeen City Council Meeting — Tuesday, Feb. 17, 3:00 PM

These and other community events will be added to our calendar as partners submit details.

# 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 sharing Simply Beautiful music, veteran stories, and thoughtful programming that serve Central Texas and support the next generation of students at Central Texas College.

Right now, your support matters more than ever.

Our Winter Membership Campaign is officially in full swing, and every gift brings us closer to our goal—and closer to getting back to what we do best: playing beautiful music without interruptions.

## Winter Membership Campaign

Your support during this campaign keeps KNCT on the air all year long and helps us reach our goal as quickly as possible.

- Winter Membership Campaign: February 2–15, 2026
- Goal: \$35,000

Here's the good news: the faster we reach our goal, the sooner we can put away the microphones and stop asking for donations. That means fewer pledge breaks and more Simply Beautiful music filling your day.

Because of listener contributions, KNCT continues to be a source of comfort, connection, and calm across Central Texas. From uninterrupted music to locally produced programs and student involvement, your generosity ensures that KNCT remains a trusted voice—today and into the future.

When you give, you're not just supporting a radio station. You're preserving a space that helps people slow down, breathe, and reset.

From all of us at the station, thank you for keeping Simply Beautiful music alive.

### Donate Anytime:

**Help us reach our goal—and get back to the music—sooner.**

- Online: [www.knct.org/donate](http://www.knct.org/donate)
- By Phone: Call Laury Sisko at **(254) 526-1442** or toll-free at **(877) 533-5628**.
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# My Closing Note

**Dear Friends,**

February brings a softer pace, and I'm welcoming it with open arms. After a January that felt like it crammed several months into one, two trips to the car shop, two cat appointments, a root canal, and a driver's license renewal, I'm more than ready for things to slow down. I managed an impressive amount of adulting in a very short span of time, and I'd be perfectly happy to coast for a bit. At home, life has settled into a comforting rhythm. Leo is growing fast and keeping everyone on their toes. Cleo remains the quiet supervisor of all household activity, and our beagles, Sam and Dean, are convinced that winter was invented for blanket naps. It's the kind of everyday chaos that feels grounding rather than overwhelming.

Here at KNCT, the work continues with purpose. As we move through our Winter Membership Campaign, I'm reminded daily that this station exists because of people who care deeply about thoughtful programming and Simply Beautiful moments. That steady support makes even the busiest seasons feel manageable. As we move forward, I'm looking ahead to a calmer stretch, time to breathe, to listen, and to enjoy the small moments that make this community and this station so special.

**With love,  
Desiree Bates  
Your News & Public Affairs Operator**

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