

KCNV is a not-for-profit public radio station with a full time classical music format. This format does not lend itself to conventional treatment of what many people may normally think of as “issues.”

In our judgment, however, many classical compositions themselves deal with the great and perennial issues of human society: life and death, war and peace, nationalism, universal values, love, jealousy, anger, etc. The treatment is abstract and emotional rather than concrete and logical, but no less valid for that.

While we also play a great deal of music written primarily to entertain, a quarterly list of pieces written with the intent of addressing these great issues would be extensive. Further, it is our judgment that in a market where other stations (including our sister station, KNPR) provide extensive coverage of conventional public affairs issues, our audience is best served when the issue-oriented programs we do broadcast deal primarily with topics which relate to the reason KCNV’s listeners tune to the station – to hear and learn about great music and to be in touch with the cultural life of our community.