

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT

Station (call letters): **KESC (FM)**

Location (city, state): **Morro Bay, CA**

(100% Simulcast of Parent Station KUSC, Los Angeles, CA)

For quarter beginning:

- January 1, 202__
- April 1, 2023
- July 1, 20__
- October 1, 20__

Attached hereto are descriptions of issue-responsive programming broadcast by this station during the reporting period.

The listed programs aired on the station during the reporting period on the days and times indicated. Each program regularly provides information or addresses current local issues of concern to viewers in the area where the station is located.

LOCAL ISSUES ADDRESSED DURING THE QUARTER

The following are local issues of concern to the community. Programs that addressed these issues during this reporting period are listed on the following pages.

Local Issue/Concern	Brief description of local issue or concern
Ensure Classical Music Remains Relevant	To demonstrate that classical music is a living art form, relevant to today's listeners
Access to Classical Music	Creating access points for the audience to get to know and love classical music
Family/Children Issues	The impact of music and arts on children from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds
Awareness of Local Arts Organizations	Awareness of local artistic events and visual and performing arts groups in our coverage area

PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS LOCAL ISSUES

The following programs that aired during the relevant reporting period regularly address local issues and concerns in the station's city of license and within its service area. Specific episodes and segments of these programs and the issues they addressed are listed on the following pages.

ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

Program Name	Schedule <i>(Day/Time)</i>	Brief Generic Description <i>(Note whether local, syndicated or network)</i>
<i>Music Programming</i>	24/7	Round-the-clock, locally produced classical music programming
<i>Play On</i>	Mon-Fri, 12-1PM	Locally produced, hour-long show playing music by California-based composers, musicians, and ensembles.
<i>SoCal Sunday Night</i>	Sundays, 7PM	Locally produced concert broadcasts from Southern California orchestras and ensembles. Starting April 2nd to June 25th, we featured 13 concerts with the LA Phil, recorded at the famous Walt Disney Concert Hall.
<i>Classical California Morning Shout-Out</i>	Mon – Fri, 7:15AM	Locally produced. Listeners can send a written or voice memo of their request and dedication. The Host will play the music and read or play the dedication on the air. This feature is all about celebrating people in our communities with "a musical high-five" or "well-deserved musical pat on the back" -- a good dose of positivity to start the morning.
<i>Mystery in History</i>	Mon – Fri, 7:45AM	Local morning show feature. Educational quiz for adults and children connecting a piece of music and fun facts.
<i>From the Top</i>	Sundays at 6PM	Syndicated via American Public Media – Recent concert performances and interviews with young musicians from across the United States, including Southern California.

<i>Met Opera Saturday Matinee Broadcast</i>	Sundays at 10AM, until June 10th	A full-length opera distributed by The Metropolitan Opera.
<i>Amplify With Lara Downes</i> <i>(Samora Pinderhughes)</i>	April 6, 8AM-6PM	On-air promotions for the online video series. Host Lara Downes conducts a series of intimate and deeply personal video conversations with visionary Black artists shaping the art form's present and future. New this week is an interview with the singer, songwriter, and multidisciplinary artist —Samora Pinderhughes.
<i>Amplify With Lara Downes</i> <i>(Terence Blanchard)</i>	April 14, 2023 8AM-6PM	On-air promotions for the online video series. Host Lara Downes conducts a series of intimate and deeply personal video conversations with visionary Black artists shaping the art form's present and future. New this week is an interview with Terence Blanchard, whose opera "Champion" premiered and aired on the Met on May 28th.
<i>Festival of Books</i>	Saturday, April 22, from 7AM-10AM and Sunday, April 23, from 9AM - noon	On-air promotions for live event on USC campus, promoting the KUSC booth activities, and event details. The Festival of Books is a free, public festival celebrating the written word. It is the largest book festival in the United States, drawing approximately 150,000 attendees annually.
<i>Evening Music with Lara Downes</i> <i>(Special Berkeley Symphony concert)</i>	Friday, May 5 at 8 PM	Locally produced. On Friday, May 5 at 8 PM, Classical California took you inside a concert with the Berkeley Symphony that's all about connections we make through music. We heard Lara re-interpret works by Duke Ellington and his friend Billy Strayhorn. Be transported to Jalisco, Mexico, the birthplace of mariachi music, with composer Juan Pablo Contreras' Mariachitlán. And the concert ended with Elgar's profound Enigma variations. Lara Downes hosted this special broadcast.
<i>Amplify With Lara Downes</i> <i>(Chef Kwame Onwuachi)</i>	May 6, 2023 8AM-6PM	On-air promotions for the online video series. Host Lara Downes conducts a series of intimate and deeply personal video conversations with visionary Black artists shaping the art form's present and future. New this week is an interview with Chef Kwame Onwuachi at his restaurant Tatiana, located at the Lincoln Center, about who is invited to the table.
<i>Friendship and Harmony: Celebrating Asian and Pacific</i>	May 13, 3-5 PM	May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Classical California is celebrating with a two-hour special hosted by Suraj Partha that highlights AAPI musicians -- from Yo-Yo Ma to California-based composer Rena Esmail and beyond -

<i>Americans in Classical Music</i> <i>(AAPI Heritage Month Special)</i>		- who have influenced the sound of classical music in America.
<i>Love at First Listen</i>	Mon, May 22 to Fri, May 26 - 8AM to 7PM	Locally produced. We asked our listeners to tell us their "Love at First Listen" piece --- the music you fell for instantly and can't wait to share. We heard from listeners all around California and beyond. We played all the favorites, with the stories they shared via email or voice memo. For Classical California's Love at First Listen the story solicitation began Mon, April 3 to Sun, May 7, and it aired May 22 - May 26.
<i>Memorial Day</i>	Mon, May 29, All day	Thematic pieces once per hour throughout the day
<i>Music on the Brain</i>	All month of May, 8AM-7PM	On-air promotions for special event, live streaming, and online video. Music has the power to make us calm, heal our pain, and literally change our brains. That's according to the latest in neuroscience research. On Thursday, June 1st, Classical California KUSC and the USC Brain and Creativity Institute present "Music on the Brain" – a panel discussion hosted by Gail Eichenthal and featuring some of the world's leading researchers in this fast-changing field (including Professors Antonio Damasio, Beatriz Ilari, and Assal Habibi), followed by a chamber music concert by students from the USC Thornton School of Music. The research team will discuss how learning music accelerates brain development and how music has the power to heal and enhance well-being across the lifespan. MUSIC ON THE BRAIN: A Collaboration between KUSC and the USC Brain and Creativity Institute takes place Thursday afternoon, June 1st, at 4 pm in the state-of-the-art acoustics of Camilleri Hall on the USC Campus.
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<i>Glitter and Be Golden: A California</i>	Sat, June 10 3-5 PM	Locally produced. On Saturday, June 10, Maggie Clennon Reberg, host of The KDFC Morning Show, explores the vast contributions of the LGBTQ+

<i>Celebration of Pride on Classical California</i>		community to the world of classical music, from early music to the great Romantics to contemporary artists with strong ties to The Golden State. Highlights include works by Tobias Picker, Jennifer Higdon, and Michael Tilson Thomas, ensembles led by Marin Alsop and Craig Hella Johnson, and performances by Emmanuel Ceysson, Patricia Racette, and Sarah Davis Buechner. A glowing celebration of Pride, California-style, on Classical California KDFC!
<i>LA Opera On-Air (Aida)</i>	Sat, June 17, 10 am	Locally produced. It's time for a new season of LA Opera On-Air with KUSC's resident opera expert Jennifer Miller Hammel. Tune in Saturdays at 10 am, starting this Saturday, as Jennifer takes you through some of LA Opera's most exciting productions. This Saturday is Verdi's <i>Aida</i> .
<i>Let Freedom Ring: a Musical Celebration of Juneteenth</i>	Mon, June 19 8-Midnight	Locally produced. To commemorate the Juneteenth holiday, Lara Downes presented a program of music by Black composers, reflecting on freedom and celebrating the limitless power of creative expression. Join us for Let Freedom Ring: a Musical Celebration of Juneteenth Monday, June 19th, from 8 PM–Midnight.
<i>LA Opera On-Air (Omar)</i>	Sat, June 24, 10 am	Locally produced. A special presentation of LA Opera On-Air. KUSC's resident opera expert Jennifer Miller Hammel takes you through some of LA Opera's most exciting productions. This Saturday is the Pulitzer Prize winner, <i>Omar</i> . Michael Abels and Rhiannon Giddens' <i>Omar</i> was an instant hit during LA Opera's most recent season, earning universal acclaim and the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for music! Michael Abels and Rhiannon Giddens have crafted a gorgeous, tuneful score that tells the story of a faithful pilgrim taken from his homeland and enslaved in a distant country. Omar Ibn-Said rises above his misfortune, sharing the faith that kept him moving forward. LA Opera On-Air gives you a chance to experience one of the opera's newest triumphs!

Local Issue: **Ensure Classical Music Remains Relevant**

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<i>Mystery in History</i>	Mon – Fri	7:45AM	10min	After March 20th, local morning show feature. Educational quiz for adults and children connecting a piece of music and fun facts. This replaces the “ <i>Blind Date</i> ” feature
<i>The Great Escape</i>	Mon – Fri	5PM-5:20PM	Various	During the KUSC Great Escape, we play music to help you transition from the workday to the evening (and keep you calm on your commute).
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Local Issue: **Access to Classical Music**

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<i>Music Programming</i>	Every day	All day		24/7 classical music programming
<i>SoCal Sunday Night</i>	Sundays	7PM	2 hours	Locally produced concert broadcasts from Southern California orchestras and ensembles. Starting April 2nd to June 25th, we featured 13 concerts with the LA Phil, recorded at the famous Walt Disney Concert Hall.
<i>Met Opera Broadcast</i>	Sundays	10A M	2 hours	Broadcasts of full-length operas from the Met.

Local Issue: **Family/Children's Issues**

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<i>From the Top</i>	Sundays	6PM	1hour	Weekly program highlighting performances and interviews with talented youth musicians from across the U.S.

Local Issue: **Awareness of Local Arts Orgs**

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