For more than four decades, Colorado Public Radio has moved and inspired listeners in unexpected ways. And this year, with the help of CPR’s supporters, thoughtful, meaningful and in-depth news and music reached farther and impacted more people than ever before.

It’s been a year of major achievements for Colorado Public Radio as we’ve adapted to serve a 21st-century audience. The organization made significant strides to go beyond broadcast, reaching Coloradans wherever they are—whether in the car, at work or using the smartphone in their pocket.

Providing a community resource that so many depend on is only possible because of the people who support Colorado Public Radio. Every CPR member and underwriter strengthens the organization’s ability to expand local programs. And their financial contributions this past year allowed us to reach more people with new podcasts and forward-thinking partnerships in the newsroom.

Over 800,000* people turned to Colorado Public Radio for in-depth news and music in the last 12 months—the largest audience in the organization’s history.

*Source: Nielsen Audio Spring/Fall 2016 and Google Analytics.
Curious people across Colorado and the U.S. discovered CPR this year through access to new podcasts, curated Spotify playlists and stories on the NPR One app.

Coloradans also demonstrated how much they value CPR’s programming with a record-number of philanthropic donations and an influx of Evergreen Members who sustain CPR with monthly contributions. The tens of thousands of people who made a financial commitment to CPR sent a clear message: Colorado Public Radio is impacting the lives of individuals and the larger Colorado community.

“Thanks to CPR, I learn something new every day and can stay up to date on what’s happening during my commute at home and around the world.”

— KAREN SHERMAN-PEREZ
CPR MEMBER, MONTROSE

Thanks to this strong and generous network of supporters, Colorado Public Radio can inform, enlighten and entertain hundreds of thousands of Coloradans as we continue to grow and evolve alongside the community, just as we have this past year.
Colorado Public Radio has a long history of exceptional reporting and, over the last 12 months, CPR News continued to produce the highest quality journalism for an ever larger audience. Thanks to new and longstanding partnerships, experimentation in the newsroom and an expanded broadcast network, CPR News is more accessible to people throughout Colorado and beyond.

“Greater accessibility helps ensure that we’re connected to the state’s large—and growing—population.”

—Sean Nethery
Senior Vice President, Programming
WORKING TOGETHER RAISES THE BAR

The goal is simple: Work collaboratively with other newsrooms to produce more comprehensive reporting that reaches more people. Whether it was sharing stories with the Durango Herald or working with NPR and member stations to give stories local and national context, CPR News made significant progress toward this goal.

The 2016 election involved a truly integrated approach to cover stories impacting not only those in Colorado, but across the country. Colorado Public Radio worked closely with NPR to delve deeper into critical issues, present multiple viewpoints, and help Coloradans understand what's happening around the country, while contextualizing local issues for a national audience.

“It’s so valuable to connect with reporters in other cities who are looking at the same issues with their own local perspective. We might identify differences between our regions, or we might discover patterns that exist in both places—either of which can result in really meaningful stories.”

— MEGAN VERLEE
FEATURES EDITOR, CPR NEWS

Colorado Public Radio’s collaborative reporting efforts were recognized with several awards this year, including the organization’s first Alfred I. duPont Award from the Columbia School of Journalism—one of journalism’s highest honors.

These editorial partnerships, particularly with NPR, are also informing the future of Colorado Public Radio News as they’ve supported projects that foster innovative storytelling and distribution.

“Collaborations with NPR continue to transform and challenge our journalists to tell Colorado stories in new and different ways.”

— KELLEY GRIFFIN
VICE PRESIDENT OF CPR NEWS

Three members of the CPR News team traveled to Washington D.C. this spring to participate in NPR’s Story Lab workshop—a project designed to incubate experimental journalism in the newsroom. CPR’s team was one of 10 selected nationally, and is using the opportunity to develop a forthcoming series exploring Colorado’s Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), due in the fall of 2017.

Member support for the CPR newsroom this past year furthered the organization’s tradition of outstanding journalism, providing resources to produce even more content. And now, with an expanded statewide network and partners to support distribution, CPR News is reaching more people in more places than ever before.
Behind every great piece of music on Colorado Public Radio is a great story. In the last 12 months, CPR uncovered many of these stories and found innovative ways to share them with new audiences.

“Listeners appreciate learning about the influences and backstories of music they hear. Being able to tell musicians’ stories and provide context for what makes their music special is inspiring.”

— Alisha Sweeney
Host / Colorado Music Coordinator, CPR’s Open Air

Features like “OpenAir Live & Local” and “Colorado Spotlight” showcased local musicians who are influencing Colorado’s cultural footprint.

Through generous donations, CPR members supported Colorado Public Radio’s commitment to serve diverse music communities and share untold stories behind music being created today. This helped CPR launch several new initiatives this year, including podcasts from CPR Classical and CPR’s OpenAir.

“Inside Track” from CPR’s OpenAir takes listeners backstage for exclusive interviews with notable musicians and offers an inside look at their latest music.

“Centennial Sounds” from CPR Classical explores the world of contemporary classical music and living composers making music right here in the Centennial State.

CPR Classical teamed up with conductor and lecturer Scott O’Neil to produce weekly features and a five-part series exploring the life of Mozart, both projects lending context and insight into the most important classical music.

Thanks to dedicated members, Colorado Public Radio can continue to explore new programs and teach curious music-lovers something new.

“Scott’s deep knowledge of the music and his immersion in Colorado’s classical community through conducting the Colorado Symphony is a huge asset for CPR and listeners alike.”

— Monika Vischer
CPR Classical Program Director
SPOTLIGHT ON COLORADO MUSIC

A focus for both of CPR’s music services is shining a light on Colorado’s vibrant music community. Recording sessions in the CPR Performance Studio continue to be a central resource for Coloradans to experience homegrown local talent. Each interview, story and performance serves as a megaphone to amplify the distinct music shaping Colorado’s culture today.

Throughout the year, CPR’s OpenAir and CPR Classical also partnered with local venues and organizations to present more music in-concert, including a special collaboration with The Music District to showcase musicians in Fort Collins, and two world premieres: Stephen Lias’ orchestral piece, “All the Songs that Nature Sings,” broadcast live with the Boulder Philharmonic and the Colorado Symphony’s performance of a new violin concerto by Daniel Kellogg featuring soloist Yumi Hwang-Williams.

More than half of CPR’s 196 in-studio performances over the last year featured local musicians.
It’s the extraordinary talents of people behind the voices you hear on Colorado Public Radio who bring our story to life. Every day, more than 100 people come to work at Bridges Broadcast Center, sharing their creative energy and passion for public radio, which fuels outstanding news and music programming.

Individuals are at every stage of their career at Colorado Public Radio and, this year, we celebrated five in particular for their unique contributions to CPR’s legacy. Long-time radio veterans Charley Samson and Richard Ray—both of whom retired after decades on the airwaves—and three CPR fellows—Sam Brasch, Rebekah Romberg and Michael Sakas—who were hired into full-time positions this summer.

With the help of members and supporters, the people who work at Colorado Public Radio have opportunities to thrive and succeed. Through their successes, the organization will continue its extraordinary legacy and chart a successful path into future.
A page in local radio history turned when long-time CPR Classical hosts Richard Ray and Charley Samson retired this year after storied careers.

Thanks to the success of CPR’s Fellowship Program, which launched in 2015, the next generation of public radio talent is being cultivated right here in Colorado.
Thanks to a strong community of members, CPR was able to go above and beyond, producing and curating programs that continue to impact communities throughout Colorado. Your generous contributions this year made the expansion and improvement of our work possible.

SEPTMBER
CPR Classical announces a new collaboration to help audiences explore classical music more deeply with former resident conductor of the Colorado Symphony, Scott O’Neil.

OCTOBER
CPR’s OpenAir debuts a new season of “OpenAir Live & Local,” in collaboration with Colorado Public Television.

JULY
CPR News expands efforts to engage Coloradans in the reporting process with two long-term projects taking an in-depth look at funding for public arts and the effects of climate change in Colorado.

NOVEMBER
During a historic election year, the 2016 Colorado Voter’s Guide produced by CPR News amasses the largest digital audience in the organization’s history.
**MARCH**
The CPR News team was one of 10 selected to participate in the 2017 NPR StoryLab workshop, a project started by NPR in 2015 as an incubator for exploratory journalism.

**DECEMBER**

**APRIL**
CPR Classical launches “Centennial Sounds,” a new podcast that spotlights classical music by living composers performed in Colorado.

**MAY**
déCollage records the 450th “OpenAir Session” in the CPR Performance Studio.

**JUNE**
Colorado Public Radio establishes two new signals in Colorado Springs, making CPR News accessible on the FM dial from Pueblo to Loveland.

PHOTOS - October: A Red Rocks concert by Nederland-based band Elephant Revival is featured in the first episode of “Colorado Live & Local,” season three. December: Sgt. Larry Morrison, whose story was included in the award-winning investigation into the U.S. Army’s dismissal of soldiers with brain injuries and other mental health issues. March: (Left to right) NPR’s Robert Smith with CPR’s Nathaniel Minor, Ben Markus and Rachel Estabrook. April: Boulder musician Matthew Dane plays the viola d’amore in the CPR Performance Studio. Dane's collaboration with Los Angeles composer Reena Esmail, who wrote a piece of music for the unique instrument, is featured on the podcast’s first episode.
An investment in Colorado Public Radio is an investment in the future of the Colorado community. Each and every contribution from CPR members had a hand in bringing in-depth news and music to Coloradans everywhere. This community support is essential in order for CPR to foster a well-informed and engaged Colorado.

“Public services like CPR enable great things to happen in unexpected and even unlikely places. Nothing could make me feel better than knowing I’m part of something that reaches out to the world—not to gain something, but rather to give something.”

—Marisa Paull-Gorst
CPR Member

“It’s abundantly clear that CPR has a huge impact on the public discourse in Colorado. The foundation sought to amplify this impact by strengthening the newsroom’s bureaus, growing the talent pipeline with the Fellowship Program and by challenging other current donors to increase their gifts. We have a deep conviction around the quality of CPR’s staff and programming and it has been incredibly satisfying to see these strategies bear fruit.”

—Nicole Marie Bergeron
Jacques M. Littlefield Foundation
FY17 Revenue & Expenses

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
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FISCAL YEAR: 
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
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| Net from operations                                                | $3,524    | $2,540    |
| Depreciation                                                       | $886      | $726      |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS                                             | $2,638    | $1,814    |

Revenue
- Individual giving 61%
- Underwriting 28%
- Corporation for Public Broadcasting 5%
- All other support 6%

Expenses
- Programming/production 67%
- Underwriting/fundraising 27%
- Management/general 6%

For a copy of the audited financial statements, visit cpr.org.
This past year, Colorado Public Radio’s many thousands of supporters allowed us to better reflect the needs and interests of the Colorado community. Without your support, this year and every year, this important work would not be possible.

Colorado Public Radio’s supporters give in many ways:

**MEMBERS**
More than 50,000 people make a contribution within a calendar year as CPR members, providing essential funding for day-to-day operations and stability.

**EVERGREEN MEMBERS**
More than half of all members, Evergreen Members make monthly donations, providing a secure, steady stream of support on which CPR’s daily work depends.

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Members who make a gift of $1,200–$4,999 per year, reflecting their appreciation of CPR as a statewide community resource.

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Individuals who give higher-level annual gifts, between $5,000–$9,999, providing significant support to advance quality news and music.

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Individuals and family foundations contributing $10,000 or more each year to ensure CPR is accessible to people all over Colorado.

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Over 600 businesses and organizations support CPR’s work, connecting Coloradans from the Western Slope to the Front Range.

**LEGACY CIRCLE**
Members name Colorado Public Radio in their will, providing support for the Opportunity Fund, which enables CPR to meet changing community needs.
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Baby And Company
Balfour
Boulder Creek Neighborhoods
Brain Balance Achievement Centers
Bravo! Vail
Brock Publishing Company
BSW Real Estate
Carillon at Boulder Creek
Carrier Colorado
Center for Out of Court Divorce
Chalat Hatten and Banker
Children International
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ClearChoice Dental Implant Center
CoBank
CoBiz Financial
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Colorado Music Festival
Colorado State Bank and Trust
Colorado State University
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Colorado Symphony
Comcast West
Community Shares Of Colorado
Curious Theatre Company

Denver Health Medical Plan
Denver Metro OMS
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Denver Screen Print and Embroidery
Douglas County Libraries
Downtown Grand Junction Businesses
Elevation Beer Company
Emporia State University
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Market Perceptions
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Mile High United Way
Modern Market
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National Jewish Health
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$7,500+
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Bitsbox
Call To Arms Brewing Company
Central City Opera
CGI
Children’s Museum of Denver at Marisco Campus
Cisco Webex
Classic Pianos
Clifford Still Museum
Colorado River District
Colorado State University
Executive MBA
Crested Butte Music Festival
Denver Folklore Center
Denver Spine Surgeons
Devil’s Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa
Emporium Presents
GB Fish And Chips

Grand Junction Subaru
and Grand Junction Volkswagen
Great Divide Brewing Company
Gusterman’s Silversmiths
Ibraheems Rugs & Furnishings
Jones & Keller
Mindfish Test Prep
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Movemasters, Inc.
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Phamaly
Postmodern Company
Roo Bar
Shaw Construction
Sony Pictures Classics
St. John’s Cathedral
Tattered Cover Bookstore
The Fort Restaurant
Thrive Market
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White Wave Foods
Wonderbound
Young Americans Center for Financial Education

$5,000+
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“I am a death

Singers from Opera Colorado’s production of Puccini’s “La Fanciulla del West” in the CPR Performance Studio."
Local authors and scientists join “Colorado Matters” Executive Producer and Host Ryan Warner for an interview at the second of four CPR member-appreciation events. This event included a discussion about colonizing space. Other topics in the popular event series explored supernatural encounters from the last 1,500 years and journalism ethics.

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