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Global Village Wins Two Prestigious Awards and Goes Global

WICHITA, Kansas (March 27, 2013) - *Global Village*, KMUW - Wichita Public Radio FM 89.1's nationally distributed world music show, celebrates two prestigious awards - a PRX *Zeitfunk Award* for "Most Licensed Series" and a *Readers' Choice World Music Award* for "Best World Music Radio Show" - and prepares to go truly global as it joins the Radio New Zealand National lineup beginning in April.

Global Village is offered through the Public Radio Exchange (PRX), a major distribution outlet for features and programs to public radio stations across the U.S. and several additional countries. Each year PRX presents the *Zeitfunk Awards* to honor those pieces and shows aired by the largest number of stations during the year. The 2012 Awards were just announced in March and *Global Village* (which won an Award in its very first year of distribution) rose from #10 to #4 among "Most Licensed Series," a remarkable accomplishment in only the second full year of national distribution. Based entirely on *Global Village* carriage, KMUW - the home station for the show, rose from #5 to #2 on the Awards list for "Most Licensed Stations." To date, more than 100 stations in 26 states have aired *Global Village* programs and specials. The full list of PRX *Zeitfunk Award* winners can be found at: www.prx.org/zeitfunk/2012

The winner of the *Readers Choice World Music Awards* were also announced on March 27th and *Global Village* was the winner for "Best World Music Radio Show." The *Readers Choice Awards* have open voting to select nominees in several world music categories. Those with the most votes then make the final list to compete nationally, with the winners determined by the total number of votes a nominee receives. *Global Village* ran against four other radio shows in the U.S. and Canada and won by a 30% margin. The Award announcement describes the show as "one of the finest world music programs on the airwaves. DJ Chris Heim really knows her stuff, and consistently presents a fantastic hour of music, carefully curated around a theme, and peppered with exactly the right amount of chatter and useful information." More on the *Readers Choice World Music Award* for "Best World Music Radio Show" can be found at: http://worldmusic.about.com/od/2013-Readers-Choice-Awards/ss/2013-World-Music-At-About-com-Readers-Choice-Award-Winners_6.htm

Finally, *Global Village* will go truly global in April when it begins airing on Radio New Zealand National, the prestigious public radio service that covers the entire country of New Zealand and is heard weekly by nearly a half million people (about one-fifth of the entire population). John Pilley, Music Production Manager of Radio New Zealand National, said, “*Global Village* shows are great listening – well-paced, simply but succinctly scripted, and with an excellent choice and range of music within the broader genre of ‘world music.’”

Global Village began locally on KMUW in 2007, where it airs Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. The program features an eclectic and accessible blend of music from around the world and from a wide array of artists from many genres who incorporate global influences into their work. It offers a broad range of selections from new releases to classic recordings, rarities and more, along with regular features, themes, and specials. *Global Village* has become the flagship show among KMUW’s lineup of world, jazz, blues, alternative, soul, and folk music shows presented each week, and the first program ever to be offered nationally by the station.

Global Village is produced and hosted by Chris Heim. The veteran radio announcer, producer and freelance writer has worked in public radio for over two decades. She has been producing world music radio shows since 1989, and has previous national radio production experience as executive producer and anchor for annual national broadcasts of the Chicago Jazz, Blues and Latin Music Festivals, which aired on over 100 stations across the U.S. For KMUW, Heim also produces and hosts a nightly jazz show, *Night Train*, and a twice-weekly blues show, *Crossroads*.

For more information, contact *Global Village* host and producer Chris Heim at heim@kmuw.org or (316) 978-7176. There is also more information about *Global Village* online at KMUW (www.kmuw.org/programs/global-village), on PRX (www.prx.org/series/31783-global-village-with-chris-heim), and on the *Global Village* Facebook page (www.facebook.com/GlobalVillageRadio).

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