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### **Signing Off: A Tribute to Two Colorado Legends**

*KUVO JAZZ Says Farewell to Broadcasting Icons Carlos Lando & Arturo Gómez*

**Denver, CO** – KUVO JAZZ announces the retirement of two pillars of its organization, Carlos Lando and Arturo Gómez, effective Jan. 2, 2026. Lando and Gómez have been instrumental in shaping the sound and soul of KUVO JAZZ and the broader Colorado music community for decades.

"It has been such an honor to work alongside and learn from these two legends in local media," said Amanda Mountain, president and CEO of Rocky Mountain Public Media. "It's a profound responsibility we all carry forward to ensure their legacies with KUVO continue to deliver Community, Culture and Music for generations to come."

[Carlos Lando](#), a 39-year veteran of the station, served as program director from 1987 to 2012 and as president and general manager from 2012 to 2022. His leadership helped establish KUVO as one of the country's most respected community-based jazz stations. Since 2022, he has been the executive producer and co-host of "The Morning Set."

"I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with a group of people who are music lovers and passionate about working in radio," Lando said. "It has been my privilege to serve our diverse community of KUVO listeners. For me, it has always been about them, not us. Finally, my advice to everyone is to listen more and check out 'Delta Man' by Gil Scott-Heron. This is a song about change and the changing aspects of our lives. That's where I'm coming from."

[Arturo Gómez](#) dedicated 23 years to connecting listeners with music, beginning as KUVO's music director and host of the popular "Lunchtime!" show. In September 2024, he was named cultural ambassador as part of KUVO's 40th anniversary, shepherding the station's key relationships. His accolades include being named Music Director of the Year six times and receiving the Duke Dubois Lifetime Achievement and Bobby Jackson Jazz Ambassador honors.

"My years at KUVO JAZZ and in Denver have been the best of my life, both personally and professionally," Gómez said. "My goal for many years has been to relocate to Spain's Basque Country, my father's ancestral home. While sad to retire, I'm proud of my legacy here. It's especially meaningful that I leave alongside my mentor, Carlos Lando, who has guided me since 1992 and brought me to KUVO. I'll always remain a listener—it's all about the music!"

Learn more about the legacies of Carlos Lando and Arturo Gómez:

<https://www.kuvo.org/kuvo-legacy/our-story/celebrating-carlos-arturo>

## **Programming Updates**

As Lando and Gómez retire, KUVO JAZZ will update its programming lineup. “The Morning Set” will continue on weekdays at 7 a.m., hosted by Steve Chavis and Abi Clark. The weekday afternoon series “Lunchtime!” will come to an end, but listeners can still enjoy “Salsa Con Jazz,” hosted by Arturo Gómez, on Sundays at 2 p.m. The station is also pleased to welcome back Rodney Franks, who originally joined KUVO as a full-time host in 1995, as a cultural ambassador. He will return to host “Breakfast Jazz Café” on Saturdays starting at 7 a.m., “The Monday Night Beat” on Mondays starting at 8 p.m., and serve as a fill-in host.

## About Rocky Mountain Public Media

[Rocky Mountain Public Media](#) (RMPM) is Colorado’s largest statewide, member-supported multimedia network, home to Rocky Mountain PBS, KUVO JAZZ, and THE DROP 104.7. RMPM is a nonprofit committed to enhancing Colorado through meaningful media. It fosters learning, creativity, compassion, and curiosity, making these accessible to all. RMPM aims to initiate conversations, support everyone, honor Colorado’s diverse history, and work with local communities to build a better future.

## About KUVO JAZZ

[KUVO JAZZ](#) is a vibrant public radio station broadcasting a mix of traditional and contemporary jazz, blues, and Latin jazz on 89.3 FM in Denver. With a free app and YouTube channel, it streams programs live to a worldwide listener community. The station features live performances from national touring artists, local musicians, and students, while also participating in concerts and community events. KUVO is dedicated to reflecting the cultural diversity of its listeners through its expanded multicultural programming.

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