

**QUARTERLY PROGRAMMING REPORT**  
**THE CURRENT**  
**OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2009**

**In studio performances on The Current from October 1 to December 31, 2009**

**Peter Wolf Crier performs in The Current studios**

Peter Wolf Crier is a new two-piece rooted in the Twin Cities music scene. Peter Pisano formerly of The Wars of 1812 and Brian Moen of the Laarks join forces in this gritty, folk-rock masterpiece. December 24, 2009

**Romantica performs in The Current studios**

Romantica's latest EP Control Alt Country Delete, was recorded on March 23rd 2009 in Austin Texas one day after the chaos of South by Southwest. December 18, 2009

**Pictures of Then perform in The Current studios**

Indie quintet Pictures of Then has commanded a lot of attention in '09 including a new album, extensive touring, and heaps of press. December 11, 2009

**Curtiss A performs in The Current studios**

Tried and true Twin Cities rocker Curtiss A stopped by the Current studios in support of his annual John Lennon Tribute Show.

December 11, 2009

**Doomtree performs live in The Current studios**

The local hip-hop collective and record label Doomtree have been combining beats and MCs for the last five years. In addition to the collaborative EPs, several members including P.O.S., Dessa, Sims, and Cecil Otter have released solo albums.

December 3, 2009

**The XX performs in The Current studios**

The XX have accomplished something few other groups have: critical raves, a sellout worldwide tour, and unexpectedly stellar album sales. The best part? They're all 20 years old.

November 30, 2009

**The Big Pink performs live in The Current studios**

Electronic-rock duo The Big Pink celebrated their second birthday earlier this year with quite a bash: the release of their new album, "A Brief History of Love," charted on thousands of radio stations, and its lead single, "Velvet," was added to Pitchfork Media's "Top 500 Songs of the 2000s" list.

November 25, 2009

**Sam Roberts performs in The Current studios**

A superstar in the Canadian music world, Sam Roberts' songwriting has garnered him multiple Juno Awards and plenty of critical acclaim in both the U.S. and Canada.

November 25, 2009

**Brother Ali performs live in The Current studios**

With lyrics that showcase his lyrical prowess and a personal story that's as interesting to hear as to read, local hip-hop virtuoso Brother Ali has made an unparalleled mark on the world of independent hip hop.

November 20, 2009

**Lou Barlow performs in The Current studio**

Few people in the indie-rock world have had three separate successful careers. Lou Barlow is known as much for his solo work as his tenure as the bassist in Dinosaur Jr. and as the founder of the alt-country/folk supergroup Sebadoh.

November 20, 2009

**No Bird Sing performs in The Current studios**

Named after a bird watchers guide book found in a California bookstore, the band No Bird Sing creates a raw, bluesy blend of hip-hop.

November 20, 2009

**We Are The Willows perform in The Current studios**

We Are The Willows started off as a side-project for Peter Miller the lead singer of Red Fox Grey Fox.

November 20, 2009

**Cory Chisel performs in The Current studios**

Growing up in an Appleton, Wis., household separated from pop music, Cory Chisel had to turn to other musical sources for inspiration. Gospel, blues, and Americana all played an important part in shaping his musical voice.

November 18, 2009

**Brendan Benson performs live in The Current studios**

Four albums into his solo career, Brendan Benson has made a name for himself as one of the music world's premier collaborators. As part of the Raconteurs, he's played an instrumental part in shaping the sound of garage-inspired indie rock.

November 17, 2009

**Girls perform in The Current studios**

A brand new band from San Francisco, Girls specialize in always-sunny California pop -- jangling guitars, beautiful harmonies and flawless hooks. Frontman Christopher Owens layers this sunny backdrop with darker lyrics reminiscent of more introverted artists.

November 16, 2009

**Lissie performs live in The Current studios**

Illinois-born Lissie offers some of the best Americana music to come out of the Midwest in recent decades. Now living in California, the musician -- Lissie Maurus by birth -- examines life in small-town America and growing up in a rural area.

November 13, 2009

**Fanfarlo performs in The Current studios**

After many independent labels and attempts to break into the international music scene, Fanfarlo took things into their own hands and released their album for \$1 on their Web site. The result? A national tour of the United States and plenty of international dates as well.

November 12, 2009

**Rosanne Cash performs live in The Current studios**

Children of famous parents sometimes have a hard time adjusting to life in their parents' shadow. Not so for Rosanne Cash, the daughter of the late Johnny Cash. Throughout her thirty-year career, Cash has been a vibrant and engaging force in the country music world.

November 9, 2009

**The Mountain Goats perform live in The Current studios**

Mountain Goats leader John Darnielle has earned plenty of critical and popular acclaim for his literate lyrics and homages to American music of ages past. Now, as a trio, the Mountain Goats have returned with their 17th album in 18 years as a band, "The Life of the World to Come."

November 7, 2009

**Total Babe performs in The Current Studios**

Total Babe creates a brand of sophisticated pop rock featuring bright vocals, peppy keyboard and graceful strings. Just babes themselves, this troupe of mostly high schoolers know how to write a pop song.

November 6, 2009

**Har Mar Superstar performs in The Current studios**

Owatonna, Minn. isn't nationally recognized for a lot of things, but it can be proud of its most famous native son - Sean Tillman, a.k.a. Har Mar Superstar. After stints in the noise band Calvin Krime and his own Sean Na Na project, Har Mar's exploration of R&B and raw sexuality has found him international fame.

November 5, 2009

**White Denim perform live in The Current studios**

Melding their specific combination of punk, garage rock, and even pop and soul, the Austin, TX trio known as White Denim formed about three and a half years ago when members of two bands, Parque Touch and Peach Train, met and decided to start playing together in 2005.

November 5, 2009

### **They Might Be Giants perform in The Current Studios**

Nearly 30 years into their career together, the Johns of They Might Be Giants - Flansburgh and Linnell - have just released their 14th studio album, the entertaining and educational "Here Comes Science." Continuing in their recent vein of children's music, the album touches on plenty of scientific topics, like paleontology, astronomy and chemistry.

November 3, 2009

### **David Bazan performs live in The Current studios**

After nearly 15 years as a band member and side-project collaborator, David Bazan has finally released his debut solo album, "Curse Your Branches", on Barsuk Records. Bazan began his songwriting career as a member of Pedro the Lion in 1995, and has since collaborated with Vic Chesnutt, Micah P. Hinson, and many others.

October 28, 2009

### **Birds of Virginia performs in The Current studios**

Birds of Virginia celebrated the release of their debut album "Trees at Dusk" in October, 2009.

October 22, 2009

### **Zoo Animal performs in The Current studios**

A product of rural Minnesota, Holly Newsom leads Zoo Animal with her smooth, alto vocals reminiscent of Cat Power. Joined by Tim Abramson on bass and Thom Burton on drums, Zoo Animal constructs clean riffs and catchy rock.

October 18, 2009

### **Rain Machine performs live in The Current studios**

Kyp Malone is a famously prolific musician, and for good reason. In addition to his side project, Iran, and his main band, TV on the Radio, the singer-guitarist has been making solo music since 2000. His current incarnation, Rain Machine, released its self-titled debut this summer on Anti-Records.

October 16, 2009

### **Yo La Tengo performs in The Current studio**

Yo La Tengo, which formed in 1984 and has consisted of the same line-up since 1992, stopped by The Current studios in support of their new release, "Popular Songs."

October 7, 2009

### **Lookbook performs in The Current studios**

Lookbook started as a side-project for Maggie Morrison and Grant Cutler. Their sound can be described as a sonic mixture of 80s dance music and a sci-fi movie soundtrack.

October 6, 2009

### **Moby performs live in The Current studios**

Beginning his career in music in the early '80s in a punk band, Moby eventually moved into electronic music in the early '90s and achieved wide-spread success in 1999 with the release of "Play," an album that eventually sold over ten million albums and won many awards.

October 2, 2009

### **Features on The Current from October 1 to December 31, 2009**

#### **Theft of the Dial w/ Kevin Kling**

December 16, 2009

Listen as the wonderful bard of Mn Kevin Kling takes over our dial AND tells some great stories, about The Uptown Bar and his infamous motorbike accident and a little about his new collection 'Holiday Inn';

#### **Theft of the Dial: Director Jason Reitman**

December 4, 2009

Writer, Producer and Director Jason Reitman stopped by The Current studios for an interview and as a guest DJ on our Theft of the Dial feature. He's directed such movies as Thank You for Smoking and Juno. His new movie, starring George Clooney, is Up In The Air. Reitman's soundtracks are as impressive as his movies. Since he's such a big musichead, he was the perfect guest for Theft of the Dial.

#### **Theft of the Dial ; Felt**

November 16, 2009

Slug from Atmosphere has teamed up with Murs again for their third Felt project and they've Aesop Rock on board this time. It was a thrill to have them all in the studio together. They'll be hanging out at the Rhymesayers store Fifth Element on Hennepin tomorrow night to celebrate the new "A Tribute To Rosie Perez". Check the Rhymesayers site for details and the video that we talked about, the Ray Shermersy TV show, here's what they picked;

#### **Meet The Beatles Again**

The Current staff revisited the back catalog, and invite you to read and comment on our full album reviews. We also counted down the Top 50 Tracks selected by you!

November 1, 2009

#### **Theft of the Dial: Moby**

October 9, 2009

Moby was an amazing guest DJ. He's not only a musician, but a huge, passionate music fan. It's my hope that he steals our radiowaves again in the near future.

Here's the playlist from Moby's Theft of the Dial. We also included two of his new tracks.

### **A Conversation with Brian Eno**

Brian Eno's career as producer, musician, sonic innovator and experimental artist spans four decades. He spoke with The Current's Steve Seel.

October 2, 2009

### **Mason Jennings' Theft of the Dial**

September 22, 2009

It was very special for me to get the chance to do this feature with Mason. His new album is a departure for him in many peoples eyes as he has gone back to playing electric guitar, but he told the story of taping Whitesnake songs from the radio to learn the riffs, that's where he began his love affair with music!!

### **Musicheads for December 29, 2009**

As the year winds down, this week we'll take a look back at the year in music and discuss some of the albums we really dug in 2009. This episode I'm joined by Evening Host, Mark Wheat and our Music Director, Melanie Walker.

### **Musicheads for December 22, 2009**

As the year winds down, the next couple of weeks we'll take a look back at the year in music and discuss some of the albums we really dug in 2009. This episode I'm joined by Radio Free Current & Local Show host David Campbell & by the voice of Teenage Kicks, Jacquie Fuller.

### **Musicheads for December 15, 2009**

Mark Wheat and our Teenage Kicks' host Jacquie Fuller join Bill DeVille to discuss the new album from the Cribs, featuring their new guitar slinger Johnny Marr. We will also discuss the new album from Fanfarlo, apparently David Bowie is a big fan.

### **Musicheads for December 8, 2009**

Hosts David Cambell and Mac Wilson join Bill DeVille to discuss to the new power trio/super-group Them Crooked Vultures, the ragged garage rockers Turbo Fruits, and the autumnal new album from The Clientele.

### **Musicheads for December 1, 2009**

In a rebroadcast from October, Mark Wheat and David Safar join Bill DeVille to discuss Brother Ali's strong new work, "Us," indie rokcers Built To Spill's sixth effort, "There Is No Enemy," and the debut full-length from buzz band The Big Pink, "A Brief History Of Love."

### **Musicheads for November 24, 2009**

Bill DeVille welcomes The Current's Music Director Melanie Walker and Jacquie Fuller, host of The Current's new show Teenage Kicks, to discuss The Mountain Goats' "The Life of the World to Come."

### **Musicheads for November 17, 2009**

...and the Musicheads chime in on how it stacks up to Ounsworth's work with the band that helped launch his career. Mark Wheat and David Safar join Bill DeVille to also discuss Devendra Banhart's latest effort.

### **Musicheads for November 10, 2009**

Sometimes, successful major-label artists make "uncommercial" albums in the name of artistic creativity. What's an example where an artist simply went too far? That's the question Bill DeVille and the group ponder this week, and we invite you to chime in too.

### **Musicheads for November 3, 2009**

With the leaves on the ground and a chill in the air, what's the right music for that autumn mix on your mp3 player? We invite you to suggest some sonic fall colors for this week's online question. For the CD discussion, we dip into the recent show archives for a rebroadcast from September 29th.

### **Musicheads for October 27, 2009**

What song, album, artist or band scared you as a little kid? That's the Halloween-themed question Bill DeVille poses on this week's show. Jim McGuinn and Melanie Walker join Bill to talk about new releases including the "Twilight: New Moon" soundtrack.

### **Musicheads for October 20, 2009**

Are the Twin Cities experiencing another musical golden age? That's the question Bill DeVille puts to the cast, and we're asking you to consider the same on this week's show. Mark Wheat and David Safar also join Bill to discuss Brother Ali's strong new work.

### **Musicheads for October 13, 2009**

A lot of veteran artists are getting together and playing some of their classic albums from start to finish on stage these days. Who's an artist or band you'd like to see do this and which album should they play?

### **Musicheads for October 6, 2009**

The 80s were a rough decade for a number of artists; which 60s and 70s veterans made some of their bigger mis-steps, and which ones survived intact? We invite you to discuss the day-glo decade this week for our new online question.

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**July-Sept. 2009**

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**Sea Wolf performs live in The Current studios**

Sea Wolf's debut album "Leaves in the River" was released in 2007, which included the well-received song, "You're A Wolf." The latest release "White Water, White Bloom" was released in the fall of 2009.

September 30, 2009

**The Pines perform in The Current Studio**

David Huckfelt and Benson Ramsey started their musical journey in Arizona shortly before moving to Minneapolis to join the ranks of their musical influences. In 2007 the group was signed to Red House Records and have just released their third album, "Tremolo."

September 27, 2009

**Jack Penate performs live in The Current studio**

Jack Penate's music has chameleon-like qualities. His first release "Matinee" had a swinging pop-ska sound while his latest album "Everything Is New" was a 180-degree change and leans more disco.

September 26, 2009

**Arctic Monkeys perform live in The Current studios**

The Arctic Monkeys won the Mercury Prize in 2006 for their album, "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not" and have continued to rise in popularity ever since.

September 25, 2009

**The Rural Alberta Advantage perform live in The Current studios**

Drawing inspiration from their hometowns in central and northern Alberta, Canada, The Rural Alberta Advantage reflect their upbringing not only in their name and album title but in their music as well. The three-piece layer vocal harmonies over intricate drumming and driving guitar to reflect the landscape and culture of Alberta and growing up in it.

September 25, 2009

**BLK JKS perform live in The Current studios**

Johannesburg, South Africa's BLK JKS (pronounced Black Jacks) began five years ago as a group of friends jamming. Influenced by jazz and rock, they also pull from Zulu, Xhosa, and other traditional South African cultures.

September 24, 2009

**Brandi Carlile performs in The Current studio**

Brandi Carlile made her stage debut at the age of performing Rosanne Cash's "Tennessee Flat-Top Box" at the Northwest's version of the Grand Ole Opry.

September 24, 2009

**Sondre Lerche performs in The Current studios**

Sondre Lerche recorded his debut album "Faces Down" in 2000, which received praise in both Europe and America.

September 23, 2009

**James Buckley Trio performs in The Current studios**

For the past five years James Buckley has been at the forefront of the Twin Cities music community, from his early days playing bass with the experimental Poor Line Condition to his recent work with The Pines, some say Buckley is prolific.

September 23, 2009

**Dan Wilson performs live in The Current studio**

Minneapolis' Dan Wilson is experimenting with touring "staycation" style. He's playing a string of dates in the Twin Cities under the philosophy of "low milage, small rooms, one guy."

September 22, 2009

**Roger McGuinn performs in The Current studios**

After 50 years in music, Byrd's founder and guitarist Roger McGuinn continues to tour, perform and record a folk song every week to pay homage to his roots.

September 17, 2009

**Red Pens perform in The Current studios**

Red Pens are Howard W. Hamilton III and Laura F. Bennet. The duo met when a friend introduced them to work on an art project. Their unique sound and ambitious schedule of weekly shows has made them one of the most talked about bands in the Twin Cities.

September 17, 2009

**Langhorne Slim performs live in The Current studios**

Taking his moniker from his birth place, Langhorne, PA, folk singer-songwriter Langhorne Slim (nee Sean Scolnick) now calls many places home including Portland, OR, California, and Brooklyn, NY.

September 16, 2009

**Megafaun performs live in The Current studios**

Megafaun, the Durham, North Carolina - by way of Eau Claire, Wisconsin - trio of brothers Brad and Phil Cook and friend Joe Westerlund have been making music since Jazz Camp in 1997.

September 15, 2009

**Mason Jennings live in The Current studio**

With the release of his eighth album "Blood of Man," Mason Jennings is exploring a world that is remarkably foreign from the one he has called home for seven previous albums. While the electric guitar is in no way a new piece of futuristic equipment, Mason has used it to create a sound that is a bit darker and edgier than anything he has done before.

September 15, 2009

**Regina Spektor performs live in The Current studio**

Playing the piano has always been a part of Russian-born Regina Spektor's life. She grew up in a family of musicians with her father, a violinist, and her mother, a music professor. She took piano lessons in Russia until 1989 when her family moved via Austria and Italy to the Bronx, where she continued studying classical piano.

September 11, 2009

### **The Chambermaids perform in The Current studios**

Local artists The Chambermaids are lead by sibling duo Neil and Martha Weir. They released their debut self-titled album on Modern Radio Records in 2006.

August 19, 2009

### **Cracker performs in The Current studios**

Alt-rock icons Cracker unleashed a collection of new songs this year with the release of their latest album "Sunrise In The Land Of Milk And Honey."

August 19, 2009

### **Zee Avi performs live in The Current studios**

Zee Avi's music career began after she posted a video of her first song on YouTube for a friend, who had missed her first performance in Kuala Lumpur. After recognizing her online popularity, Brushfire Records signed Zee in 2008.

August 12, 2009

### **Pete Yorn performs in The Current studios**

Though first finding his footing in writing music for movies, Pete Yorn's folky songwriting has grown far from the silver screen.

August 12, 2009

### **Vampire Hands performs in The Current Studios**

Vampire Hands might be the Twin Cities' best kept music secret. The four-piece started out in 2004 and have since gone on to release four recordings and complete four national tours.

August 5, 2009

### **Bat For Lashes performs in The Current studios**

Natasha Khan has been sharing her mystical brand of Fearless songwriting and composition as Bat for Lashes since 2005.

August 3, 2009

### **The Blind Shake performs in The Current studios**

Brothers Jim and Mike Blaha, along with Dave Roper, started The Blind Shake and released their first recording in 2004. They have gone on to release two full length albums and a handful of 7" records.

August 3, 2009

### **Obits perform live in The Current studios**

Brooklyn's Obits debuted about a year and a half ago. While the band hasn't been around that long, the members are seasoned veterans of the punk scene.

July 27, 2009

**Eyedeas and Abilities performs in The Current studios**

It's been five years since the release of "E&A," the second album from Twin Cities hip-hop duo Eyedeas and Abilities.

July 26, 2009

**Sonic Youth performs in The Current studios**

After 30+ years of being at the forefront of the alternative rock vanguard, Sonic Youth show no signs of slowing down. With this year's release of their 16th studio album - "The Eternal", on Matador Records" - the band has once again earned critical and mass acclaim for their genre-bending sound that defies categorization.

July 22, 2009

**Double Bird performs in The Current studios**

The three-piece band Double Bird is comprised of bassist Pete Biasi, Ben Ivascu on drums, and David Storberg on guitar. They may have the best name in the Twin Cities but they have yet to record and release an album.

July 20, 2009

**The Jayhawks perform in The Current studios**

The Jayhawks originally formed in the winter of 1985 in Minneapolis. Founding members Gary Louris, Mark Olson, and Marc Perlman haven't performed together as The Jayhawks since 1995 -- until a reunion in Minneapolis earlier this month.

July 17, 2009

**Free Energy performs in The Current studio**

Free Energy is a new band based in Philadelphia, PA and created by Red Wing, MN native Paul Sprangers. The band used to be known throughout the Twin Cities music scene as Hockey Night.

July 16, 2009

**Toki Wright performs in The Current Studios**

From hypeman to frontman, Toki Wright has made a name for himself in the Twin Cities hip-hop community.

July 13, 2009

**Black Francis performs live in The Current studio**

Frank Black, Black Francis, Charles Michael Kittridge Thompson IV. Call him what you will because he doesn't mind. He's the iconic lead singer of the cult favorites The Pixies with a successful solo career and an album with his side project, Grand Duchy.

July 10, 2009

**The Heavy performs in The Current studio**

The core members of the English indie-rock band The Heavy are Kelvin Swaby and Dan Taylor. Their sound combines guitar and funky horns and has been described as hip-hop soul music.

July 7, 2009

**Jason Lytle performs live in The Current studios**

Jason Lytle formed the band Granddaddy in 1992. After a couple of years off and a move from Modesto, CA to Montana, Lytle has released his debut solo album, "Yours Truly, The Commuter," which he wrote, recorded, and produced.  
July 1, 2009

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**THE CURRENT LIVE FROM THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
August 27th – September 7th**

### **Brother Ali performs live at the Minnesota State Fair**

Prolific, insightful, inspiring... The indisputable praise for Minneapolis dwelling Brother Ali can go on and on. Mark Wheat hosts this influential hip-hop artist at the State Fair, just a few weeks before the September, 2009 release of his new album, "Us."

### **Mark Mallman performs live from the Minnesota State Fair**

Following the August release of, "Invincible Criminal," Mark Mallman graced our broadcast booth at the Minnesota State Fair to play us some songs and shoot some thoughts around with Mary Lucia.

### **P.O.S. performs live from the Minnesota State Fair**

Local hip-hop powerhouse P.O.S. has been hard to pin down this summer as he's been performing around Europe and most recently about the U.S. with the Warped Tour.

### **Chris Koza performs live at the Minnesota State Fair**

Chris Koza has been keeping busy with his band since his 2008 release, "The Dark, Delirious Morning," and we're excited to invite him to the Current State Fair stage! Check out this live interview and music session featuring Koza's passionate pop-folk style.

### **Halloween, Alaska performs live from the Minnesota State Fair**

The first Monday of our State Fair comes fully equipped with friend foods on sticks and local (and national) music favorites, Halloween, Alaska. Drummer Dave King talks about their failed gigs and what has been thrown at them while on tour.

### **Jeremy Messersmith performs live at the Minnesota State Fair**

Local singer-songwriter Jeremy Messersmith began recording his own work after auditing a songwriting course at North Central University in Minneapolis. He soon started playing shows locally and handing out demos of his work. Princess Records quickly signed him for his first full length album released in 2006 titled "The Alcatraz Kid."

### **Haley Bonar performs live at The Minnesota State Fair**

Making her second appearance at The Current booth at the Minnesota State Fair, singer-songwriter Haley Bonar debuted three new songs at her performance on the opening day of the fair.

### **Interview with Andrew Zimmern**

Andrew Zimmern joins host Mary Lucia at The Minnesota State Fair to talk about favorite foods of the Fair.

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July 1, 2009

##### **White Rabbits perform in The Current studio**

Since finding their beginnings in Columbia, Missouri, the White Rabbits now call Brooklyn home and have exploded musically with their quirky sextet setup and power-pop hooks.

June 29, 2009

##### **Hootenanny in The Current studios**

Hootenanny isn't a band - it's an event. Jim Walsh gathers local musicians to play music and share stories.

June 28, 2009

##### **Amazing Baby performs in The Current studios**

Influenced by musical friends MGMT, Amazing Baby released its debut EP as a free Internet download in July, 2008. Their latest offering, "Rewild" was released this year.

June 23, 2009

##### **Phoenix performs live in The Current studios**

The futuristic-electro-rock French four-piece Phoenix grew out of the same music scene that sprouted bands like Air and Daft Punk.

June 23, 2009

##### **Two Harbors perform in The Current studios**

Two Harbors are finding out what it's like to be a new band all over again. Formerly known as Colonial Vipers Attack, Chris Pavlich and Kris Johnson teamed up with Ed Ackerson to release their new album "What I Keep Inside."

June 21, 2009

##### **Metric performs live in The Current studios**

After a four-year stint working on solo records and side-projects, the Toronto- and Brooklyn-based band Metric has finally released their fourth album "Fantasies" and first since 2005's "Live It Out."

June 13, 2009

##### **Solid Gold performs in The Current studios**

Before the release of their debut full length, Solid Gold had already built a strong fanbase in the Twin Cities and Europe. After a breakneck touring schedule, the band received much deserved attention following the release of their latest album "Bodies of Water."

June 12, 2009

**Grizzly Bear performs in The Current studios**

Beginning at home as an experimental project, Grizzly Bear has pushed their lo-fi roots to the limits in their 2009 CD "Veckatimest."

June 8, 2009

**Camera Obscura performs in The Current studios**

Camera Obscura has toyed with its expansive sound and size over the last decade, arriving after three albums in a sound that nurtures their delicate lyrics while pushing their pop roots forward.

June 6, 2009

**St. Vincent performs in The Current studios**

Annie Clark, better known as St. Vincent, paid her dues as a back-up musician throughout the indie world before emerging as a unique voice in 2007.

June 4, 2009

**The Alarmists perform in The Current studios**

Eric Lovold, Joe Kuefler and Ryan McMillan formed the Alarmists in 2001. After two albums and a few line-up changes, the band is set to release their third album, "The Overhead Left."

June 4, 2009

**Jenny Lewis performs live in The Current studios**

Jenny Lewis has been charming her audiences with her slight twang and progressive musicianship since beginning her music career with Rilo Kiley as their lead singer in 1998.

June 3, 2009

**The Twilight Hours perform in The Current studios**

After finding musical success together and apart over the last 20 years, Matt Wilson and John Munson have rejoined forces as The Twilight Hours.

June 2, 2009

**Doves perform in The Current studios**

After playing together for over 20 years, the three members of the Doves have figured out a method to their music making madness, most recently working on an album for over three years in an English countryside farmhouse.

May 28, 2009

**Kevin Devine performs live in The Current studio**

How do you master the balance between sugary melodies and challenging subjects? Just ask Brooklyn native Kevin Devine who has been building his career on doing just that for over a decade.

May 28, 2009

**Maria Isa performs in The Current studios**

In 2007, Maria Isa performed at First Avenue's "Best New Band" showcase and was quickly named a rising star in the Twin Cities hip-hop scene. On her new album "Street Politics," Maria fuses hip hop with traditional Afro-Boricua rhythms of Bomba and Plena.

May 26, 2009

**The Evening Rig performs in The Current Studios**

The Evening Rig formed in the summer of 2006. The band is comprised of former members of The Crush, The Cardinal Sin, and The Framed.

May 21, 2009

**Gospel Gossip performs live in The Current studios**

According to local three-piece Gospel Gossip, analog is better. That's why their second album, "Dreamland," will only be available on vinyl.

May 15, 2009

**The Kills perform in The current studios**

Since their first demo in 2001, The Kills have explored new territory in four albums. Their latest, Midnight Boom was released in 2008 and explores their electro-funk side while maintaining their bluesy vocals.

May 12, 2009

**The 757s perform in The Current studios**

Call them veterans of the scene or call them a local supergroup. No matter how you describe them the 757s personify a long tradition of Minnesota rock music.

May 10, 2009

**Nomo performs live in The Current studios**

Coming together in 2003 in Ann Arbor, MI, Nomo arrives as a surprise from the North with their mix of avant garde jazz and a heavy dose of funk in their Afrobeat sound.

May 5, 2009

**Chooglin' performs in The Current Studios**

Somewhere between James Brown and the MC5 lives Chooglin'. The band's name embodies its sound, lyrics and persona. "Keep on keepin' on" - that's Chooglin'. Because what matters most is having a good time.

May 3, 2009

**M. Ward performs live in The Current studios**

Having worked with Zooey Deschanel, Jenny Lewis, and Lucinda Williams, one might think the Portland-based singer-songwriter M. (Matt) Ward is the "it guy" to work with if you're a female singer-songwriter.

April 25, 2009

**Maria Taylor performs live in The Current studios**

Maria Taylor's brand of dreamy, folk-tinged rock has led to inspired collaborative and solo works since her career began over fifteen years ago.

April 22, 2009

**Peter Bjorn & John perform in The Current studios**

Although their breakout success came with "Writer's Block" in 2006, Peter Bjorn and John had been flexing their Swedish musical muscles for years before, and in their latest release they prove they'll be flexing for many years to come.

April 21, 2009

**Chairlift performs in The Current studios**

Chairlift's avant-pop music has gone through great transformations since the trio's beginnings writing music for haunted houses when they began in 2006.

April 21, 2009

**Robyn Hitchcock performs in The Current studios**

English singer/songwriter Robyn Hitchcock has traveled across musical genres - from his punk beginnings in the '70s to his current storytelling style.

April 20, 2009

**Ra Ra Riot performs in The Current studios**

It is unusual for young, college bands to gain widespread critical acclaim just months after their formation, but that's exactly how Ra Ra Riots story began.

April 15, 2009

**Cold War Kids perform live in The Current studios**

Propelled by the support of bloggers early on in their career, the Cold War Kids have maintained their mystique and draw to keep the buzz going.

April 15, 2009

**Andrew Bird performs in The Current studios**

Finding his beginnings in The Squirrel Nut Zippers and his rock group A Bowl of Fire, Andrew Bird has grown his folk/rock loop-filled whistling songwriting style into a signature solo sound.

April 13, 2009

**Halloween, Alaska performs in The Current studios**

Minneapolis natives Halloween, Alaska have been swiftly spreading their musical prowess since their formation in 2002.

April 10, 2009

**The English Beat performs live in The Current studio**

It's been thirty years since The English Beat (or The Beat as they are called in the U.S.) formed in Birmingham, England in 1979. Well-known for their early-80s ska/punk hits like "Mirror in the Bathroom" and "Too Nice To Talk To," The English Beat broke up in 1983.

April 10, 2009

**Glasvegas performs in The Current studios**

The indie-rock quartet uses influences from all over the UK and combines them with rockabilly and doo-wop sensibilities, creating a sound that has gained them wide ranging praise from around the globe. Their self-titled debut was released in January, 2009.

April 7, 2009

**The Ting Tings perform in The Current studios**

The Ting Tings have gained fans from around the globe, flexing their versatile musical muscles by shining on both indie and top 40 charts in the last twelve months.

April 6, 2009

**Features on The Current from April 1 to June 30, 2009**

**The Currents Rock The Garden Live w/ Mark Wheat**

A special recap of Rock The Garden featuring recordings of the live performances from The Decemberists, Caexico, Yeasayer and Solid Gold.

June 28, 2009

**Jeff Buckley Radio Special**

A special radio program to celebrate the live of singer-songwriter Jeff Buckley.

June 7, 2009

**Radio Free Current**

A day of user generated programming on 89.3 The Current.

May 1, 2009

**Theft of the Dial with P.O.S.**

The Current's favorite artists take over the airwaves to play their favorites songs and share their story behind the music.

May 21, 2009

**Theft of the Dial: Franz Ferdinand**

The Current's favorite artists take over the airwaves to play their favorites songs and share their story behind the music.

May 5, 2009

**Theft of the Dial: Robyn Hitchcock**

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April 24, 2009

**Theft of the Dial: Death Cab For Cutie**

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April 23, 2009

**Theft of the Dial : Andrew Bird**

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April 17, 2009

**Theft Of The Dial: Dave Wakeling**

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April 16, 2009

**Theft Of The Dial: Bob Mould**

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April 3, 2009

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**In studio performances on The Current from January 1 to March 31, 2009**

**Bob Mould**

Bob Mould, a musician famous as a solo artist and as a former member of bands Husker Du and Sugar, has started out his 2009 with the release of his ninth solo record, "Life and Times." (03/31/2009)

**Oren Lavie**

Singer, playwright, director and songwriter Oren Lavie has grown up all over the world, carrying influences from each of his seemingly native lands into his music. (03/31/2009)

**Eleni Mandell**

Eleni Mandell's breathtakingly honest and sweeping compositions have gained her acclaim far and near from her native Los Angeles. Her swaggering pop-noir style has taken full flight in her newest CD, "Artificial Fire." (03/27/2009)

**Handsome Furs**

Through mashing musical contradictions, the Handsome Furs have quickly stormed the music world since debuting in 2007. The husband-wife team of Dan Boeckner (also in Wolf Parade) and Alexei Perry tie together electronic sensibilities with jangly pop while telling stories that span the emotional grid. (03/26/2009)

**A. C. Newman**

A.C. Newman isn't just on the indie-pop music radar - he is the radar, and continues to captivate listeners with his newest record, "Get Guilty." (03/24/2009)

**The Broken West**

"I Can't Go On, I'll Go On," the 2008 CD release from The Broken West, is power pop at some of its strongest, straight from the powerfully poppy world of Southern California. (03/24/2009)

**The Duke Spirit**

The Duke Spirit were founded on one of music's most time-honored traditions: singer Liela Moss and guitarist Luke Ford met in art school and dropped out to form a band. (03/17/2009)

**Tricky**

Seemingly thrashing through hip-hop, soul, pop, rock, and everything in between, the music of English born musician Tricky thrives on the unexpected. (03/14/2009)

**Raphael Saadiq**

Raphael Saadiq has kept soul music alive and well in the 21st century, both as solo artist and producer. (03/13/2009)

**The Decemberists' Colin Meloy**

Colin Meloy - singer and lyricist of The Decemberists - joined Steve Seel to discuss the band's new record, The Hazards Of Love. (03/12/2009)

**Dan Auerbach**

Dan Auerbach wants to make records like RZA of the Wu Tang Clan. Like RZA, Auerbach takes his influences and feeds them into music except he takes it into another direction to make his gritty, soulful blues on his new solo album "Keep it Hid." (03/10/2009)

**Anni Rossi**

To say that Anni Rossi has given new life to the viola is an understatement. Together with her alternative folk style and lilting vocals, Rossi has reinvented the way this classical instrument is typically used and given new light to how Americana music is structured and presented. ( 03/06/2009)

**The Submarines**

The Submarines, the indie pop duo of John Dragonetti and Blake Hazard, has gone through several incarnations since first meeting in Boston. (03/04/2009)

**All The Saints**

The music of All the Saints, a three-piece rock band, seems to tie together loose ends of rock eras past and future. The driving sound of these Atlanta natives crashes metal into grunge into fuzz, creating a dark, pulsing sound that demands attention. (03/04/2009)

**Antony and the Johnsons**

The dynamic musical career of Antony and the Johnsons has already accelerated into 2009 with their new CD, "The Crying Light." With a voice that has been described as both haunting and inspiring, Antony has crossed boundaries through his music both artistically and socially since the band's first release in 1998. (02/19/2009)

**Alela Diane**

Growing her sounds out of her native California, Alena Diane has grown her sound from the West Coast through Europe since emerging on the music scene. In her sophomore album, "To Be Still," Alena further demonstrates her purposeful, penetrating sound. (02/19/2009)

**Ben Kweller**

He's been called everything from balladeer to punk rocker, anti-folker to indie-popper. On his twelfth birthday, he received his first electric guitar and in 1993 started his first punk band, Radish. They broke up in 1999 and Ben Kweller moved to Brooklyn, New York to embark on a solo career. (02/18/2009)

**School of Seven Bells**

While Benjamin Curtis' band Secret Machines and twin sisters Alejandra and Claudia Deheza's band On-Air Library! were touring together in 2004, they decided to connect on a music project. By the end of 2006, Curtis and the Deheza sisters had completely disappeared into the band School of Seven Bells. (02/10/2009)

**Lykke Li**

From Stockholm, Lykke Li is the latest rising star in Swedish pop music. After appearing on Swedish MTV and winning a Swedish Grammy, Lykke Li landed a deal with Atlantic Records. Her debut full-length album, "Youth Novels," was produced with help from Bjorn Ytting, of Peter, Bjorn and John. (02/09/2009)

**Gary Louris and Mark Olson**

After releasing seven albums under several incarnations of their band, The Jayhawks, the duo reunited in 2008 to record the heavily acoustic album, "Ready For The Flood." (02/05/2009)

**P.O.S.**

P.O.S., the versatile, genre shattering, locally-based musician, otherwise known as Stef Alexander, is once again taking the hip-hop world by storm with his latest release, "Never Better." (02/03/2009)

**Anya Marina**

Anya Marina has been on the radio for years. Except she was the one playing the music rather than creating it. The former San Diego DJ is on the other side of the microphone now with her delicate song-writing. (02/02/2009)

**Features run on the Current from January 1 to March 31, 2009****The Current Live From SXSW 2009**

This week tune into The Current for coverage of this year's South By Southwest, the biggest convergence of indie music on the planet. Music Director Melanie Walker and Program Director Jim McGuinn will be sending back updates via audio, blog posts, Twitter, and photos watch this space to stay hooked up! (03/17/2009)

**Theft of the Dial w/ Michael Franti**

Theft of the Dial is when your favorite musicians will get to take control of the mic (and the CD player) for a spell and spin some of their favorite music - and talk about why they dig it. (02/18/2009)

**The Current Valentines Day 2009 – Greatest Love Songs and Breakup Songs**

On February 14, from 7 p.m. until midnight, Mark Wheat played a set for those in love. At midnight, David Campbell spun the tunes that make breaking up so much easier to do. (02/14/2009)

**The Current's Top 89 of 2008**

As voted on by the listeners. (01/01/2009)