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Rocky Mountain Public Media Announces \$1 Million Gift from Koelbel and Company

*Koelbel and Hernandez-Ramos Families Honored Aug. 10 at Live at the Vineyards
2019 Fundraising Event*

DENVER — August 15, 2019 — [Rocky Mountain Public Media](https://www.rmpbs.org) is pleased to announce it has received a \$1 million gift from [Koelbel and Company](https://www.koelbelandcompany.com), a family-owned real estate development firm and supporter of community education and cultural organizations, to fund the Koelbel KUVO Studio in its new headquarters, the Buell Public Media Center in Denver's Arapahoe Square. Rocky Mountain Public Media is Colorado's largest statewide, member-supported, multimedia organization and parent of [Rocky Mountain PBS](https://www.rockymountainpbs.org) and [KUVO](https://www.kuvo.org).

With the move to the Buell Public Media Center in 2020, Koelbel will join the long list of legacy investors in KUVO who have been instrumental in the preservation and celebration of jazz in Colorado. The current KUVO broadcast studio, which was originally named after KUVO founder Flo Hernandez-Ramos – will now be the new Koelbel KUVO Studio. In honor of her indelible mark on Colorado, and on KUVO, Rocky Mountain Public Media will be naming the new KUVO community reception space after Hernandez-Ramos.

The Hernandez-Ramos and Koelbel families were recognized for their KUVO support on Aug. 10 at Live at the Vineyards 2019 at Balistreri Vineyards, a fundraising event featuring Kermit Ruffins & the Barbecue Swingers, a wine tasting, gourmet meal and silent auction.

"We have a proud 33-year history of cultural influence in Colorado, and this generous gift from Koelbel and Company carries forward KUVO's legacy of family support for jazz in our community," said Amanda Mountain, president and CEO of Rocky Mountain Public Media. "The Koelbel family's long history of community investment through generations of philanthropy makes them a perfect partner for KUVO. Their investment continues the founding vision of KUVO as a central venue for jazz set by the Hernandez-Ramos family more than three decades ago."

Since its founding, Koelbel and Company has focused on responsible corporate citizenship and maintains a philosophy that investment in the community, state and country builds a foundation for the future. It has a long history of supporting education and culture in Colorado and is committed to these ongoing causes.

"Education and cultural advancement have been Koelbel family priorities for decades. We have a great appreciation for the impact of KUVO in the Denver - and larger - community. Supporting this cultural gem is a natural extension of our philanthropic mission," said President and CEO Walter A. "Buz"

Koebel. “We look forward to partnering with KUVU and RMPBS to further their cultural and education impact in Colorado and beyond – for many years to come.”

KUVU’s founding dates to 1983 when Hernandez-Ramos, along with her family and numerous volunteers, started fundraising and organizing a new radio station that would be a bilingual service by and for Latinos in Colorado. KUVU hit the airwaves on 89.3 FM in 1985, with Hernandez-Ramos serving as the station’s general manager for 23 years and host of the station’s signature show, Cancion Mexicana, featuring Latin artists.

“It is inspiring to see such growth and innovation in the radio station I began organizing more than thirty years ago out of my living room,” Hernandez-Ramos said. “the Hernandez and Ramos families and I were pleased then to promote culture through Mexican music, Latin jazz, salsa, R&B and more, and I am thrilled to see the Koebel family’s support for KUVU’s future sharing multicultural music in a state-of-the-art facility benefitting all Coloradans.”

With Koebel and Company’s \$1 million donation, the Buell Public Media Center’s \$34 million capital campaign has \$2.5 million left to raise to reach its goal. Construction of the building at 21st and Arapahoe began in November, with completion expected in early 2020. To follow the construction of the Buell Public Media Center, visit <http://www.rmpbs.org/capital-campaign/>.

About Rocky Mountain Public Media

Rocky Mountain Public Media is Colorado’s largest statewide, member-supported, multimedia organization and the parent company of Rocky Mountain PBS, KUVU Jazz and THE DROP. Rocky Mountain Public Media has more than 85,000 members representing every county in Colorado and reaches 98% of the state’s citizens through television, radio and digital platforms. A non-commercial media organization by and for the people of Colorado, we create high quality local and multimedia content through Regional Innovation Centers in Denver, Colorado Springs, Durango, Grand Junction and Pueblo. Our enriching journalism, educational and cultural programming connects and engages citizens for lifelong impact. RMPBS, started in Denver in 1956 as Colorado’s first public television station, is now a statewide television network, with stations in Denver (KRMA), Pueblo/Colorado Springs (KTSC), Steamboat Springs (KRMZ), Grand Junction (KRMJ) and Durango (KRMU). Visit us at www.rmpbs.org.

About Koebel and Company

Founded as a residential brokerage company in 1952 and now a full-service real estate company with developed properties spanning from Vail and Winter Park to Louisville and Denver, Koebel and Company has helped change the face of the Centennial State. Now in its third generation, the family owned Koebel and Company continues to place its indelible mark on the Colorado landscape with developments that blend ageless values with pacesetting design. For more information visit www.koebelco.com.

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