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Classical California Reaches (Farther) Out

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Classical California, the result of this past summer's [consolidation of classical music stations KUSC and KDFC](#) in Los Angeles and the Bay area, is about to extend its reach statewide. Nine additional stations will now operate under a single brand name for radio signals, digital platforms, website, social media presence, and an upcoming mobile app.

"This launch reflects a simple belief: classical music belongs in everyday life," James A. Muhammad, President of Classical California, said in a press release.

While continuing service to long-standing audiences in Los Angeles and San Francisco, the consolidation will also expand 24-hour classical music programming to communities that no longer have a local station dedicated to the format.

Classical California claims more than 2 million listeners worldwide each month, making it the largest listener-supported public media organization in the U.S. dedicated to classical music. Eleven radio transmitters anchored in Los Angeles and San Francisco, with additional signals in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Palm Springs, Thousand Oaks, the Tri-Valley region, Silicon Valley, Ukiah-Lakeport, and Monterey, enable the broadcasts to reach across the state.

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