

Producer biography: Mosang Miles

Raised in the island nation of Palau, I landed in Nelson, BC four years ago by way of meeting my loving wife at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. I've been producing Variations on a Theme on Kootenay Co-op Radio for just over a year and love doing it.

Program note: Variations on a Theme

Variations on a Theme is an hour-long music program broadcast weekly on Kootenay Co-op Radio in Nelson, BC. I grew up with a passion for music as well as a natural tendency toward categorization, which evolved into recording mixtapes containing songs with common threads, such as all starting with the same letter or being under two minutes long.

Later I was inspired by Bob Dylan's radio program "Theme Time Radio Hour," and when the opportunity arose to become a programmer at Kootenay Co-op Radio, I immediately seized my chance.

Each week I carefully craft a program with songs revolving around a central theme, such as Winter, Work or Wolves. I largely play rock music of all varieties, with heavy doses of indie, hip-hop and reggae, but I play music from any genre, be it bluegrass, folk, jazz, blues, electronic or country, if it suits the theme of the episode, and with no hesitation in juxtaposing seemingly disparate genres.

My main criterion for song selection is playing songs that move me, that catch my heart's attention, and I hope the expression of the day's theme through those songs inspires the listener to consider that subject in a new light.