

High Honors Bestowed on Jazz Radio Triumvirate

(Denver – Aug. 12) -- KUVU radio is pleased to announce that KUVU personalities Arturo Gomez, Carlos Lando and Steve Chavis are the recent recipients of distinguished awards from the local and national jazz community.

Gomez was named the Duke Dubois Humanitarian Award winner at the 2014 JazzWeek Summit in San Jose, CA. This is the equivalent of a lifetime achievement award and named after the legendary record promoter and producer Duke DuBois. Gomez is the station's music director and host of "Lunchtime at the Oasis." The nominees and winners were voted on by subscribers to JazzWeek.com

"I am very humbled by this recognition," said Gomez. "When I began my music directing career in the early 1990s, besides Carlos, my biggest mentor was Duke. He was known for helping musicians, promoters and radio people."

Gomez, who worked at Miami's jazz station for 13 years before coming to Denver, proudly states, "Jazz is my favorite 4-letter word and the world's greatest art form."

On Aug. 7 Lando and Chavis received the "Community Service Award" for 2014 from the 16th annual Colorado Association of Black Journalists. Lando, with over 40 years of radio experience, is KUVU's president and general manager and has been with the station since 1987. He has helped establish KUVU/KVJZ as one of the most respected community based jazz stations in the country and remains committed to airing culturally diverse programs with significant appeal to people in the Latino and African American communities. Chavis serves as KUVU's public affairs manager and, before joining KUVU, worked in many of Denver's top stations, including KBCO and KHOW. The two now co-host KUVU's popular morning program, "First Take with Lando and Chavis."

For more information about these awards, as well as Denver's premier jazz station, go to kuvo.org. Or tune in at 89.3FM Denver, 89.7FM Breckenridge and 88.5 FM Vail to hear why these jazz experts have been deservedly recognized by their own.

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