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A KEXP DJ, playground designer, grounds guru, engineer and pedicab driver share their Seattle Center stories

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John Richards

KEXP DJ

"I tell parents, 'Man, don't give up on music.' We give up so much of our lives for our children. We can't give up on the creative things and inspiring things, and in fact, this is something that you can take along with your kids. There's no reason they can't listen to [Fly Moon Royalty](#) and grow up on the Rolling Stones and the Beatles and hip-hop."

"My job represents me doing what I love. **I tell kids all the time that if they just focus on what they love to do, they will be successful at it.** Playing music for people is the best part of my job. Now there's an added bonus: to look out on our Gathering Space to see people actually listening to the show live while having coffee at [Marzocco](#)."

"We love it here. We started raising money three years ago and now we've been here five months, and it's been a phenomenal success. **For our grand opening, 12,000 people came.**"

"When we used to come down here [Seattle Center], we would take our kids to the [Children's Museum](#) or the [Science Center](#) and that was it. **Now you have so many more things.** It's really become even more of a family-friendly place than in the past."

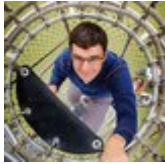


John Richards at KEXP's new spot at Seattle Center | Photo credit: Will Austin

Did you know?

In 2000, KEXP became the first radio station in the world to broadcast CD-quality music on the internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

— Gemma Alexander



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