

What They Say About Jim



"Jim has been at the beginning of many of the national programs that give identity to public radio."

-- Kit Jensen, COO ideastream
(WCPN), Cleveland

All the best from a fan and an advocate for people like you who dare to take chances and make a difference.

-- Dennis Hamilton,
Senior Consultant,
Public Radio Capital



Congratulations! I predict you're going to be busier than you've ever been. Not to mention happier. You never seemed to me like the "employee" type. I'll start sending you every producer who calls and has a great idea for the next "Car Talk" of lawn care.

-- Doug Berman
Executive Producer,
Car Talk and Wait, Wait

"I've worked with Jim Russell in both of his incarnations, TV and Radio--places where the word 'creativity' is thrown around but seldom realized. Jim is one of the true, very few originals in both worlds. He manages to be 'out there' and realistic at the same time. A rare bird."

-- Suzanne Weil
Former Senior VP Programming
PBS

"You have been so key to our development ... Your detailed critiques, your thoughtful questions about breaking away from empty legacy approaches, your challenges about being ruthless in our scrutiny of our effectiveness have given me a deep appreciation for the reasons why the work you've signed your name to has made history."

Torey Malatia, General Manager,
Chicago Public Radio/WBEZ



"Given your independent spirit, Jim, this seems like a natural for you. And given your extensive programming experience, you know well the process and pitfalls of bringing an idea to fruition."

-- Bill Siemering,
Developed *All Things Considered* and *Fresh Air*
and founded Developing Radio Partners



"Jim Russell is in that small circle of people who make a mark in an industry. With Marketplace, he created a signature show that for years has been one of the centerpieces of public radio."

-- Bruce Drake
Managing Editor, Capitol Leader
Former Vice President News, NPR

"Congratulations Jim! The world needs what you have to offer -- may the wind lift your wings!"

-- Gregg McVicar, Independent Producer

