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Produced in partnership with Bay Area NPR-affiliate KALW

(BAY AREA) - *Uncuffed* is a new podcast made by people behind bars in California prisons. The producers, who are incarcerated, share intimate stories taking place within the walls of Solano State Prison and San Quentin State Prison. Each episode will feature one of those stories, accompanied by conversations among the incarcerated producers about the larger themes found within the stories they produce.



"This podcast is vulnerable and personal. If you can see the humanity in us, you can see the humanity in everyone," say the producers of *Uncuffed*.

The producers make this show in collaboration with KALW public radio. KALW has led classes in audio production inside California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation prisons since 2013. Since then, KALW has aired over 60 stories produced inside the walls, and the work has been recognized with a number of journalism awards.

THE DETAILS:

Release Date: September 23rd

Episodes every other Monday

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uncuffedpodcast.org

CONTACT:

To schedule an interview with the incarcerated producers, please contact or call *Uncuffed* Executive Director Eli Wirtschafter at uncuffed@kalw.org or (510)871-3146.

ABOUT KALW

KALW's mission is to bridge the divides in our communities. We're a small community radio station in the Bay Area with a long history of training reporters, storytellers, and audio engineers. We're especially committed to training producers from underserved communities. It was a natural step for us to work with one of our country's most invisibilized populations and give them the tools to craft their own narratives.

KALW teaches incarcerated people professional audio story production, including recording and editing using industry-standard Pro Tools software. KALW's classes in prisons are supported by the California Arts Council, with funding from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

ABOUT UNCUFFED

Uncuffed is a collaboration between incarcerated people at San Quentin State Prison and Solano State Prison, with KALW. The incarcerated producers record and edit intimate conversations with other people behind prison walls. At present there are six producers at each prison who contribute to and co-host *Uncuffed*.



Uncuffed producers Tommy Shakur Ross and Thanh Tran at San Quentin State Prison



Uncuffed producers Joe Kirk, Brian Thames, Spoon Jackson, Bryan Mazza, and Damon Cooke at Solano State Prison

More photos and bios are available upon request. Contact uncuffed@kalw.org.