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**ST. LOUIS PUBLIC RADIO TO AIR THE EIGHTH SEASON OF *RADIO LAB***

**St. Louis Public Radio | 90.7 KWMU** will air the eighth season of *Radio Lab* with St. Louis native Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich on **Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. and Mondays at 8:00 p.m.** The series begins **Saturday, September 11 and will run through Monday, October 11.** Each *Radio Lab* program is a patchwork of people, sounds, stories and experiences centered around One Big Idea. On *Radio Lab*, science bumps into culture... information sounds like music.

Here is the rundown for season eight:

**OOPS:** Oops. It's what you say when your carefully laid plans hop the tracks. In this episode *Radiolab* dives headlong into stories of unintended consequences—from a psychologist whose zeal to safeguard national security may have created a terrorist, to a toxic lake that, against all odds, gave birth to life. **(Airs 9/11 and 9/13)**

**WORDS:** What would life be like without words? Without language? In this episode *Radiolab* explores the words in our head and how they change the way we think. Show hosts talk to a woman who taught a 27-year-old man the first words of his life and ask a neurologist what happened when a stroke wiped out the language center of her brain. **(Airs 9/18 and 9/20)**

**FALLING:** There are so many ways to fall—falling in love, falling asleep, even falling flat on your face. In an episode full of falling music, *Radiolab* plunges into a black hole, takes a trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel, and debunks some myths about falling cats. **(Airs 9/25 and 9/27)**

**CITIES:** Over percent of the planet now lives in cities. This hour, *Radiolab* looks at what makes them tick. Show hosts talk to a couple of physicists who think they can fit every city into a tidy mathematical formula, and they take to the streets to test their idea. They explore the water tunnels 700 feet below Manhattan and question whether cities are the source of, or the solution for, our growing global appetite. **(Airs 10/2 and 10/4)**



**FATE AND FORTUNE:** What decides the trajectory of our lives, our successes or failures, our steps and stumbles? Do we achieve what we achieve through force of will, or does fate have us by throat? *Radiolab* explores the tug of war between will and fate from birth to death—from a kid reaching for a marshmallow to hints of dementia in the words of a 20 year-old. **(Airs 10/9 and 10/11)**

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