

“Ghost of a Chance” Media Kit:

PODCAST DESCRIPTION:

When reporter Eric Roper buys a lovely 113-year-old house in Minneapolis, he wants to find out everything he can about its history. But he quickly becomes obsessed with one couple who owned the house 100 years ago. Harry and Clementine Robinson send him down a surprising rabbit hole into an incredible history he never heard before. As he artfully and meticulously pieces together the remarkable story of their lives, we find out what the Robinsons reveal about a history of race in Minneapolis -- the city that became ground zero for an unprecedented global racial reckoning.

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Bios:

ERIC ROPER

Eric Roper has worked at the Minnesota Star Tribune since 2009 and currently oversees Curious Minnesota – a project fueled by reader questions. He is passionate about local history and the hidden systems that make urban life possible. Roper’s past coverage areas include the Twin Cities metro area, the city of Minneapolis, the state Legislature and Congress. A native of New York City, Roper lives with his husband Tane in south Minneapolis. Outside of work, he is a hobbyist woodworker and old home DIYer.

MELISSA TOWNSEND

Melissa Townsend is the Senior Audio Producer at the Minnesota Star Tribune. She began her work with the organization in 2023. She is an award-winning broadcast journalist with 15 years of experience as a reporter, editor, co-creator and senior producer in podcasts and public media. For the “Ghost of a Chance” podcast, Melissa is the producer and narrator. She serves as a guide through the investigation into Harry and Clementine’s lives and the reflections on the ways their experiences shaped the city we see today. She lives in Minneapolis with her family.

See below for headshots and podcast logos.

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