

Quarterly Issues & Programs List for Station - WIDR 89.1 FM

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Section I: Topics

The station has identified the following topics during this quarter as significant issues that are both relevant and educational to our community:

- A. Music by Female and Feminine Artists
- B. Issues in Kalamazoo, MI and Beyond: A 2023 Recap
- C. The Gender Double Standard in Media and Society
- D. Updates on Anti-LGBTQ Legislation, Conflict in Gaza, and the Fascist Crisis at the Border
- E. Amplifying African Artists and Voices
- F. Homelessness in Kalamazoo, MI and Other Topics
- G. Placing Emphasis on Culturally Diverse Musicians: The Achievements of African Artists at the 2024 Grammy's
- H. Upcoming Community-Oriented Events at Western Michigan University
- I. The Upcoming Western Student Association Election with a Focus on Raising the Student Assessment Fee
- J. Black History and Music
- K. Black History is Music History
- L. Relevant Social and Political News Concerning Aaron Bushnell, Gerrymandering, and Alexei Navalny
- M. A Conversation with Sonya Hollins on the Legacy of WMU Alumna Merze Tate
- N. Sharing Irish Music and Relevant Cultural History of St. Patrick's Day
- O. Relevant Social and Political News Concerning the Pfizer Chemical Spill, The Tik Tok Ban, Imperialism in Haiti, and More
- P. The Mistreatment of Child Actors
- Q. Highlighting Feminism and Women in Music

Section II: Responsive Programs

The station has broadcasted programs dealing with each of the above-referenced topics. Written below are thorough descriptions of each issue and its programming:

Music by Female and Feminine Artists

Air Date: 1/8/24

Air Time: 17:00:00-18:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Hosts and best friends Katie O'Brien and Blair Arkles come together for Cool Ladies every Monday at 5 pm to amplify music created by female and feminine artists.

Issues in Kalamazoo, MI and Beyond: A 2023 Recap

Air Date: 1/09/24

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, dives into the most pressing news issues of 2023 from Kalamazoo and beyond. Topics include Henry Kissinger, the conflict in Gaza, the pollution from paper company Graphic Packaging, the building of an Events Center in downtown Kalamazoo, and the Asylum Lake Car Wash pushback.

The Gender Double Standard in Media and Society

Air Date: 1/14/24

Air Time: 14:00:00-15:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Amid conversation about the Golden Globes, the new Mean Girls: The Musical movie, and Ariana Grande's latest single, hosts of The Pop Effect discussed the double standard that exists between men and women, specifically within society's reception of creative projects. They expose the unfair critiques of women for situations that are accepted when men are in the same situation.

Updates on Anti-LGBTQ Legislation, Conflict in Gaza, and the Fascist Crisis at the Border

Air Date: 1/30/24

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, discusses anti-LGBTQ legislation in Maine and Michigan, provides updates on the genocide in Gaza and protests occurring on college campuses, and the opposing opinions on the use of razor wire and other means of restraint at the Texas border.

Amplifying African Artists and Voices

Air Date: 1/31/24

Air Time: 16:00:00-17:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Daniel Ebo, host of Afrostrings, used his platform to share Afrobeats and Amapiano music, sharing information about the artists between each song.

Homelessness in Kalamazoo, MI and Other Topics

Air Date: 2/06/24

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, shares anti-homeless opinions from Larry Bell, the founder of Bell's Brewery. Argo shares that Bell encouraged the city to strictly enforce trespassing by houseless people. Argo criticizes Bell's use of his platform and encourages ethical solutions over complaints. This leads to the eminent gentrification of downtown Kalamazoo through the emergence of a new Events Center. The rest of the show discusses a recent example of systemic racism by the Michigan State Police and a discussion about the upcoming Grammy's award show.

Placing Emphasis on Culturally Diverse Musicians: The Achievements of African Artists at the 2024 Grammy's

Air Date: 02/07/24

Air Time: 16:00:00-17:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Daniel Ebo discusses the nominations and wins of African Artists at the recent Grammy awards on his show Afrostrings.

Upcoming Community-Oriented Events at Western Michigan University

Air Date: 2/13/24

Air Time: 09:00:00-10:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Host of Listen to the Voices Quinn Seguin-Scollin gives listeners information about the Dungeons and Dragons event at Waldo Library on WMU's campus.

The Upcoming Western Student Association Election with a Focus on Raising the Student Assessment Fee

Air Date: 2/16/24

Air Time: 15:00:00-16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: In anticipation of the 2024 Western Student Association Election, Gabriel Williams provides listeners with information about the vote to raise the Student Assessment Fee.

Black History and Music

Air Date: 02/22/24

Air Time: 19:00:00-20:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Millie Boutwell, host of Get Up and Move, speaks on Black History through music and discusses important historical events such as the Tulsa Massacre. She emphasizes that a majority of music and musical genres today are influenced by Black musicians.

Black History is Music History

Air Date: 02/26/24

Air Time: 11:00:00-12:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Logen Crandall, host of The Void, hosts a special with music from prominent Black musicians over time. Beginning with genres such as jazz and blues before transitioning into music from the Civil Rights era and finally into disco, funk, and hip-hop, Crandall reminds listeners that Black History is Music History! Artists played include Miles Davis, Nina Simone, Aretha Franklin, and more.

Relevant Social and Political News Concerning Aaron Bushnell, Gerrymandering, and Alexei Navalny

Air Date: 02/27/24

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, discusses Aaron Bushnell's act of self-immolation as a fatal protest against the genocide in Gaza and the media's reaction to it. Argo then is joined by a guest in a conversation about a rebuke in Wisconsin against gerrymandering. Finally, he asks why the media has buried the toxic views of ethno-nationalist Alexei Navalny while ignoring principled left-wing critics of Putin's regime.

A Conversation with Sonya Hollins on the Legacy of WMU Alumna Merze Tate

Air Date: 03/11/24

Air Time: 19:00:00-20:30:00

Length: 90min

Description: Millie Boutwell and guest Sonya Hollins, CEO of the Merze Tate Explorers & Season Press LLC, discuss the legacy of WMU Alumna Merza Tate and her impact not only to Western Michigan University but on young women today.

Sharing Irish Music and Relevant History about St. Patrick's Day

Air Date: 03/15/24

Air Time: 15:00:00-16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Gabriel Williams of The Pirate Crew hosts an Irish music special, discussing the history of St. Patrick, leprechaun legends, and a safe ride initiative for college students on St. Patrick's Day between the songs. She also takes time to make students aware of an International Bazaar taking place on campus over the weekend.

Relevant Social and Political News Concerning the Pfizer Chemical Spill, The Tik Tok Ban, Imperialism in Haiti, and More

Air Date: 03/19/24

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, discusses Pfizer's contamination of the Kalamazoo River with methylene chloride and how many corporations value their "bottom line" over public safety. After providing updates on topics such as the County Commission in Ottawa and a lawsuit filed against the Michigan Secretary of State by the Republican Party, Argo transitions to information about the TikTok Ban and how it may be a sign of future social media restrictions.

The Mistreatment of Child Actors

Air Date: 03/20/24

Air Time: 19:00:00-20:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Austin Vetro of 8-Bit Hour mentions sexual assault and mistreatment of child actors in light of the recent "Quiet on Set" documentary, which exposes chilling information about Nickelodeon shows and sets from the 1990's until recently.

Highlighting Feminism and Women in Music

Air Date: 03/25/24

Air Time: 11:00:00-12:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: The Void's Logen Lastname hosts a special featuring music from female artists for Women's History Month. Between singers and bands such as Lorde, Lady Gaga, and more, she provides history about women's rights and current women's issues in America.