

Issues and Programs Report

for

WTZI

88.1 FM Rosemont, Illinois

4th Quarter 2022

Description of Programming

RadioEd, a Illinois 501(c)(3) entity, acquired WTZI (Rosemont, Illinois) in April 2022. Since then, WTZI has been in the process of updating and setting up its broadcasting capabilities.

Specifically, WTZI has been waiting for the Internet capability as a result of the delay by the Internet provider in obtaining permits from the county and transportation government agencies at the broadcasting site. WTZI has also been actively seeking alternative options to complete setup of its broadcasting functions.

RadioEd is committed to utilizing WTZI to raise awareness of Indian culture by building a strong community through Indian music, outreach, and education.

Indian culture has not been broadcast to listeners in the local community, particularly in the state of Illinois. Most American public also does not have access to, and a good knowledge of, Indian music because they are foreign to American. The American public should therefore be afforded the opportunity to hear and be educated on different genres and types of Indian music. Moreover, the promotion of Indian culture can have the effect of eliminating prejudice and discrimination from non-Indians in the Indian community. Classical Indian music also has a soothing impact on listeners and lessens community tensions.

Chicago's northwestern suburb has a large Indian community of more than two hundred thousand individuals and families. Having a radio station that devotes to broadcasting Indian culture and music, prevents deterioration in the local Indian community and raises awareness of the Indian culture to the next generation growing up in the Chicago suburb. The more the American public is educated on Indian culture, the more it may foster creativity and fusion of new music and understanding for the next generation of musicians, both Indian and non-Indian alike.

Currently, the plan is to utilize WTZI to spread awareness of Indian culture through music. The content will presently consist of the following:

- Indian music -- Music is a great way to understand the culture. There are many different instruments, languages, and styles of music in Indian culture. RadioEd plans on playing a diverse set of Indian music.

The music content will include classical, regional, and contemporary genres of various Indian artists:

- 1) the classical Indian music would be the music of Sitar and Tabla (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdBDUXV6x6c>);
- 2) the regional Indian music would be music from the southern, northern, and eastern regions of India. Northern Indian music can be heard from the link that follows. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TktWQbsgcw>);

- 3) the contemporary genre of Indian music would be music from Bollywood, contemporary dance, or Indian pop culture. For example, the Bollywood music of Ramji Ki Chal can be heard from the link follows.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sloofGRBZJY>).

In the future, WTZI plans to add other programs that promote Indian culture in Hindi language Bible reading, short stories and fables, language instructions, as well as Indian and local news.

WTZI plans on discussing its contents and collecting feedback from the local community. As a result, WTZI may evolve the proportion of its educational content to serve its audience. WTZI will have a mix of contents produced on its own and broadcast contents of other professional recordings.

The criteria WTZI uses when determining what content to broadcast are as follows: 1) whether the content fits its mission of promoting and spreading cultural awareness of Indian culture, 2) whether the content can be produced within WTZI's budget, and 3) whether the content receives popular demand and positive feedback from the local community.

Below is a description of the issue and the program covered by WTZI in Rosemont, Illinois for the fourth quarter of 2022. WTZI has not received any financial reimbursement for broadcasting and is adhering to its mission to promote Indian culture through music.

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Promoting Indian culture and awareness of various Indian music	Royalty-free Indian Music	October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	All hours of the day	Music played continuously 24 hours 7 days a week	Indian music that is primarily made up of classical and instrumental genres, incorporating Sitar and Tabla instruments for soothing effects on listeners and showcasing different types of Indian music.

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