

ASCERTAINMENT STATEMENT-88-5 FM WXPB
2nd Quarter 2022: April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022

In ascertaining the public affairs needs of the WXPB listening community, the management and programming staff of WXPB assesses and reviews the essential issues and topics of importance to the University City and West Philadelphia neighborhoods, along with the University of Pennsylvania community and the overall listening audience.

Among the issues addressed by WXPB News Director & Morning Show Co-Host Bob Bumbera was the award recipients of the “Black Music City” grants, resulting from a collaboration between WXPB, WRTI and REC Philly. The grants offer funds to black creatives to produce new, artistic works that recognize and honor the influence of Philadelphia’s rich, black music history. This year’s winners included: Danielle Johnson for her project titled “Living the Golden Life: A Tribute to Jill Scott” ; Giletta “Gigi” McGraw for “The Doo-Wop Corner” which seeks to preserve the legacy of Philadelphia’s ever-changing black, musical community; and Michael Strickland for writing his original song called “My HomeTown”. In addition to detailing these aspects of Black Music City, WXPB also talked about the awards presentation at World Cafe Live.

Those consulted during this quarter included WXPB G.M. Roger LaMay, Program Director Bruce Warren, Assistant Program Director Mike Vasilikos, and WXPB Morning Show host Kristen Kurtis. Resources from the University of Pennsylvania’s Office Community Relations and Center for Community Partnership were also utilized for ideas on programming dealing with community issues. The center designed a guide to help build effective partnerships between the Penn community and the West Philadelphia and University City neighborhoods. This relationship helps devise community service programs for Penn students and stimulates new and creative initiative linking the University of Pennsylvania to its direct neighborhood community.

This quarter WXPB continued to broadcast Live from the Kelly Writers’ House. Shows included local Philadelphia poets and musical guests, & University of Pennsylvania students.

WXPB also featured a number of ongoing programs addressing a variety of issues including those focusing on the LGBTQ community (Qzine & Amazon Country) & Kids Corner- the only nightly radio show focusing solely on kids and their specific issues. WXPB continues to work diligently in serving the radio station’s diverse audiences with insightful and provocative programming that complements the music.

QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT for WXPB-2nd quarter

April 1, 2022-June 30, 2022

Prepared by: Bob Bumbera, WXPB News Director and Morning Show Co-Host

Issues of Concern to the Community Addressed in Responsive Programming in the second quarter, 2022

Subject Description of Issue of Concern:

Benefit Music Concert On April 5, 2022, reported on a special “Philly Love Ukraine” concert at the University of Pennsylvania’s Rotunda, to benefit the people of Ukraine. The show features two performances of traditional Eastern European music from the Sing Slavic Choir and the West Philadelphia Orchestra. Organized on Facebook by members of “Philly Stands with Ukraine” all proceeds will be donated to the non-profit organization “Revived Soldiers Ukraine” which provides medical and humanitarian aid to injured Ukrainians.

Black History and Music. On April 6, 2022 reported that Questlove’s “Summer of Soul” documentary, about the 1969 Harlem Music & Culture Festival has been nominated for a prestigious Peabody Award. The documentary is one of 60 nominees for the awards that honor excellence in broadcasting and streaming media. The news coincides with the announcement that organizers are planning to “re-launch” the Harlem Festival of Culture next summer. The three founders of the festival have also established the Harlem Festival of Culture Foundation, which is a nonprofit that will provide mentoring, apprenticeship opportunities and curriculum to high school students in Harlem.

Climate Change. On April 15, 2022 reported on new research shows that if the nations of the world live up to their promises, future climate change can be kept to within an international goal set by scientists. The study by climate scientists at the University of Melbourne in Australia indicates that the world can keep warming to 2 degrees Celsius (or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial times. But that's only if short and long term promises to cut climate pollution are kept.

Earth Day 2022. On “Earth Day” April 22, 2022, we talked about Philadelphia’s first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, which was inspired by a U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson. At the University of Pennsylvania, students at what is now the Stuart Weitzman School of Design led the charge to organize Philadelphia’s first Earth Day festivities. The Penn group joined forces with the city as well as other colleges and universities in the area to hold events for the entire week leading up to the first-ever Earth Day. About 30,000 people crowded into Fairmount Park to hear speakers and performers. It culminated with a rally in Fairmount Park that brought more than 30,000 people to hear speakers like Ralph Nader, Allen Ginsberg, and U.S. Sen. Edmund Muskie.

Earth Day and groundwater conservation- April 22, 2022- Earth Day is an opportunity to stop and think about the importance of Groundwater, which is used for drinking water by close to 50 percent of Americans, but its largest use is for crop irrigation and agricultural production. It is estimated that some 880 million people around the world lack access to safe drinking water, and ground water makes up the majority of the fresh water we have access to it. We heard from Professor Joan Rose, Chair of the Dept. of Water Research at Michigan St Univ. who says Earth Day is an opportunity to consider the critical importance of ground water. There are several online resources to learn more about protecting groundwater, including the Natural Resources Defense Council at NRDC.org....

Earth Day events in Philadelphia. April 22, 2022 EARTHDAY.ORG is presenting the Earth Day Climate Action Summit today, with the focus on attaining “net-zero greenhouse gas emissions” by the middle-of the century to maintain global temperatures. Experts will discuss Key solutions to help deliver the greenhouse gas reductions needed by 2030 to meet the Paris Agreement. The Earth Day Livestream – April 22nd begins @ noon today @ Earth-Day.org. Philadelphia’s Office of Sustainability hosts an Earth Day event to celebrate the release of the latest edition of the Greenworks Review magazine at the Cherry Street Pier for 5-7pm tonight. And at FDR Park in Phila., The Sierra Club and Penn Environment host an Earth Day celebration. The River Bend Environmental Education Center’s Earth Day tree planting and open house takes place at its 30-acre preserve in Gladwyne & visitors on the autism spectrum and their families the Academy of Natural Science to experience the museum before the crowds, and wander through the exhibits at their own pace with educators on hand.

Black Music City- May 19, 2022- This year’s recipients of the Black Music City grants (a collaboration between WXPB, WRTI and REC Philly) have been announced. The grants offer funds to black creatives who are producing new, artistic works that recognize and honor the influence of Philadelphia’s rich, black music history. Winner are Danielle Johnson, also known as the local musician, “Sug Daniels.” Her project titled “Living the Golden Life: A Tribute to Jill Scott” honors the music and legacy of the Philadelphia singer, Jill Scott. Giletta “Gigi” McGraw who has received a Black Music City grant for her project “The Doo-Wop Corner” which seeks to preserve the legacy of Philly’s ever-changing black, musical community by featuring the history of neighborhood DooWop music. And Michael Strickland, who is also a recipient this year. Michael wrote a song called “My Home Town” - an original piece that honors the generations of people in his family who taught, mentored, and inspired him to play music.

Craft and Creativity- May 19, 2022- Questlove of The Roots is partnering with the University of the Arts in Philadelphia to establish scholarships for a brand new Ph.D. program. The Balvenie Fellowship offers recipients “a fully

funded three-year program in the Ph.D. program of Creativity that begins in June of 2022.” Dr. Jonathan Fineberg, the program director of the Ph.D. in Creativity program at the University of the Arts says he assigned Questlove’s book “Creative Quest” to his students.

Pay Equity in Sports.- May 21, 2022- U.S. Soccer and its top men’s and women’s players have agreed to landmark labor deals that guarantee equal pay and shared World Cup prize money. The revised pay structures are part of historic new collective bargaining agreements which achieve a long-sought dream of equal pay for the women’s team’s players.

Folk Music- May 25, 2022- The 2022 edition of the Philadelphia Folk-Festival will take place August 18th through the 21st at Upper Salford’s Old Pool Farm, and among the headliners this year: Michael Franti & Spearhead, and Arrested Development! It’s the first time that the Philadelphia Folk Festival has featured artists with hip-hop roots so prominently on their bill.

Benefit Music Concert- Love From Philly, the benefit concert featuring all-Philadelphia talent that debuted as an online event in the early days of the pandemic, will return next month as a one-day in-person arts and culture celebration on the Ben Franklin Parkway, June 11. The lineup includes deejays Rich Medina and Cosmo Baker, pioneering gangsta rapper Schoolly D, singer Lauren Hart, and Balkan brass band West Philadelphia Orchestra.

Juneteenth commemorations- June 3, 2022- The Roots, along w/ Mickey Guyton and Killer Mike will perform @ a concert celebrating Juneteenth. Questlove will be in Philly this weekend for the Roots Picnic @ the Mann Center. The Juneteenth Celebration concert will be held in Los Angeles on June 19 and will be shown live on CNN. Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, the state became the first state to designate Juneteenth as a holiday.

Black Music City concert. - June 3, 2022-The culminating event for Black Music City, which has awarded grants to black artists to create new work about Philly’s Black music history will be held @ WCL on June 19- Juneteenth, for Black Music History Month. It will feature musical performances along with spoken word, photography, video, painting, sculpture, fashion and more. In its second year, the Black Music City collaboration has doubled its impact, awarding \$90,000 to 46 artists and creators across disciplines — writers, photographers, singer-songwriters, podcasters — all of whom are producing new work about the legacy and future of Black music in the city of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Latino Film Festival- June 2022- The Philadelphia Latino Film Festival is “hybrid” mix of “in-person and virtual events” across the city. We heard from the Festival Director -Marángeli Mejía-Rabell, about the inclusive-nature of the event, which this year includes over 75 films from 20 different countries. More information on the 11th annual, Philadelphia Latino Film Festival can be found at their website: PHLAFF.org.

Philadelphia Music Benefit Concert series-June 2022 The 6th Annual Philly Music Fest runs from Oct. 10 to the 15th w/ performances by Low Cut Connie, Screaming Females, Ron Gallo, Echo Kid, Shamir, among others. This year shows will be at Ardmore Music Hall, World Cafe Live, Johnny Brenda’s, MilkBoy Philly, REC Philly, and Underground Arts. The Philly Music Festival donates money to music education programs throughout the city.

The Juneteenth Federal Holiday-June 20, 2022- Today the country celebrates the Juneteenth Federal Holiday One year after it became a federal holiday in the U.S. as President Joe Biden signed legislation last year, making June 19 the nation’s 12th federal holiday. The University of Pennsylvania is also observing the Juneteenth Federal Holiday today, as an official academic holiday.

Black Music Month. June 20, 2022- Motown Records and COLORS-X-STUDIOS, have formed a partnership to produce a musical content series to celebrate Black Music Month in June. The series started on June 17th with a music series, called A COLORS SHOW, that will feature conversations with artists, producers, CEOs, music executives and creatives, and choreographers who have greatly influenced the progression and creation of Black music in America. The next episode is out today (June 20) with the next two on June 22 and June 24. You can watch the episodes on the show’s official website, ColorXStudios.com

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
for Kids Corner
Second Quarter, 2022 / April 1st through June 30th**

ISSUE: Science / Space Exploration

Program Name: Kids Corner

Broadcast Date(s): April 26, 2022 / May 30, 2022

Broadcast Time: 19:00-20:00

Program Summary: it's the next installment of **SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts** of the Franklin Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments.

Program Details: Longtime guest of Kids Corner, Derrick Pitts is the Chief Astronomer at the Fels Planetarium within the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. He joins us monthly as we open the phones and invite kids to share in the joy and wonderment of space exploration. During these two hours we were so flooded with kids chatting about space, from magnetars and pulsars to exploring new theories of multi-universes ... the kids are as amazing as Derrick!

ISSUE: Art History and Appreciation

Program Name: Kids Corner

Broadcast Date(s): April 7, 2022 / June 2, 2022

Broadcast Time: 19:00-20:00

Program Summary: We launched a new, ongoing series Celebrating Art, with Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw, Class of 1940 Bicentennial Term Associate Professor of the Department of the History of Art at the University of Pennsylvania.

Program Details: Our first two installments of the series explored the different places that we see art in our daily lives, like in schools, on the walls of our homes, in people's yards, murals on the street, and sculpture in public places. Then we talked about visiting museums, the different kinds and sizes of museums, community art spaces, etc.; what it is like to visit an art museum with your class or with your family or friends; how to touch with your eyes and start talking about what you see; and also that most museums have accommodations for people with special needs.

ISSUE: American History

Program Name: Kids Corner

Broadcast Date(s): April 28, 2022

Broadcast Time: 19:00-20:00

Program Summary: We launched a new, ongoing series The History Behind History with our resident historian Kenneth C. Davis- a bestselling author of Don't Know Much About History and other books in the Don't Know Much About® series.

Program Details: For more than 30 years, Kenneth C. Davis has proven that Americans don't hate history — just the dull version they slept through in class. Davis's approach is to refresh us on the subjects we should have learned in school. He does it by busting myths, setting the record straight, and making history human. In our inaugural edition of The History Behind History, Davis explored the hidden history of slavery in America.

WXPB ASCERTAINMENT FORM

PROGRAM NAME: Kids Corner

HOST: Kathy O'Connell

PRODUCER: Robert Drake

AIRS: Mondays through Thursdays 19:00

LENGTH: 60 minutes

Created in January 1988, the primary mission of Kids Corner continues to be one that provides a stimulating variety of educational and entertaining programs for children ages 5-13. The show enables children to get involved in interactive segments and demonstrate their knowledge, talent and abilities. In addition, it serves as a resource for parents, educators and professionals in child-related fields.

2022 SECOND QUARTER / 47 episodes

Kids Corner Music Hour – airs weekly every Monday as well as on special occasions and features an hour of music from regional and national musicians that target the younger ear. In this quarter, the Kids Corner Music Hour aired:

April 4
April 11
April 18
April 25
May 2
May 16
May 23
June 6
June 13
June 21
June 22
June 27
June 28

KIDS CORNER PROGRAM / 2022 SECOND QUARTER OVERVIEW

April 5: Kids Corner Poll Question: Kids discuss their favorite season
April 6: Kids Corner Bookmobile: Kathy and the kids recommend good books for listeners to check out!
April 7: Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw joins us to begin an ongoing series exploring Art History
April 12: Kids Corner Poll: Discussing various Spring Traditions.
April 13: Collection Corner
April 14: Luke Hopely of the National Park Service joins us to discuss the happenings at the Independence National Historic Park
April 19: Sam Lemhenny, producer of the Philadelphia Flower Show joins us to unveil his plans for the 2022 Show happening in June.
April 20: It's Craft Night on Kids Corner as kids talk about their arts and craft projects they do at home

April 21: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher of the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education joins us with his monthly Science Potpourri game segment

April 26: it's the next installment of SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts of the Franklin Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments.

April 27: Kids Corner Poll Question: What Do You Grow? Kids talk about their gardens.

April 28: We debut a new monthly segment with historian Kenneth C. Davis – The History Behind History, exploring the hidden stories behind some of history's most important moments. This month we explore the history behind slavery in America.

May 10: Kids call to talk about their Moms in honor of Mother's Day.

May 11: Kids Corner Collection Corner – kids talk about the things they collect

May 12: Kitchen Chemistry with Dr. Lisa Chirlian exploring the science found in the kitchen

May 17: Kids Corner Poll Question: What is your favorite outdoor activity?

May 18: It's Craft Night on Kids Corner as kids talk about their arts and craft projects they do at home Who's Who in History – Kathy and the kids nominate people from history for our Wall of Fame.

May 19: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher of the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education joins us with his monthly Green Acres segment

May 24: Kids Corner Poll Question – kids share their favorite picnic menu items as we count down to Memorial Day Weekend

May 25: It's the Rec Room where kids recommend good TV shows and movies for other kids to watch

May 26: The History Behind History: historian Kenneth C. Davis explores the history behind Memorial Day.

May 30: it's the next installment of SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts of the Franklin Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments.

June 1: Annie Potts and Steven Singer join us from Rise Up Singing to discuss the power of song

June 2: Art History with Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw

June 7: Kids Corner Poll Question: What would you do with one hour of free time?

June 8: Kids Corner Bookmobile: Kathy and the kids recommend good books for listeners to check out!

June 9: Kitchen Chemistry with Dr. Lisa Chirlian exploring the science found in the kitchen

June 14: Kids call to talk about their Dads in honor of Father's Day.

June 15: It's the Rec Room where kids recommend good TV shows and movies for other kids to watch

June 16: : Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher of the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education joins us with his monthly Green Acres segment

June 20: We recognize Juneteenth and speak with Ivan Henderson, Vice President of Programming at the African American Museum of Philadelphia as well as Kerri Sautner, Chief Learning Officer at the National Constitution Center to get both a historical and cultural perspective on America's newest federal holiday.

June 23: Pet Sounds with Veterinarian Dr. Mindy Cohan – getting your pets ready for summer!

June 29: an in-studio concert from "1,2,3 Andres" – showcasing Latin music and cultures.

June 30: The History Behind History: historian Kenneth C. Davis explores the history behind July the 4th

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
for OUTsounds / Amazon Country
Second Quarter, 2022 / April 1st through June 30th**

ISSUE: Film Studies / Film History

Program Name: OUTsounds

Broadcast Date(s): June 5, 2022

Broadcast Time: 23:30-00:00

Program Summary: A discussion of the Pride Month programming from the *Philadelphia Film Society* with Senior Programmer **Trey Shields**.

Program Details: In this chat we reviewed the unique programming PFS has planned for the month of June, including a retrospective on Philadelphia's Princess, Grace Kelly and a rare screening of the underground cult film *Liquid Sky*, which was one of the first gender-fluid films to gain a cult audience.

ISSUE: Art History and Appreciation

Program Name: OUTsounds

Broadcast Date(s): June 19, 2022

Broadcast Time: 23:3-00:00

Program Summary: A discussion about the new exhibit exploring the life and works of the openly-gay artist Keith Haring, now on display at the *James A. Michener Art Museum* in Doylestown PA. We spoke with its curator, **Joshua Lessard**.

Program Details: Keith Haring: A Radiant Legacy features more than 100 unique and notable works from a private collection, including two rare Subway drawings, complete suites of many of the artist's icon print series and *Medusa Head* (the largest print in the artist's oeuvre). Keith Haring (1958-1990) was arguably the most accomplished and prominent American artist of the 1980s. Born in Reading, PA, and raised in nearby Kutztown, Haring developed an early love for drawing. Working in a variety of mediums—including paintings, prints, posters, drawings, sculpture, and street art—Haring developed a style that was instantly recognizable. Through his friendship with artists Kenny Scharf and Jean-Michel Basquiat, he became interested in the colorful graffiti art of city streets which would influence his meteoric rise. During his brief ten-year career, Haring rewrote the rulebook for contemporary art, integrating the seemingly discrete arenas of New York City's gritty downtown counterculture and uptown art aristocracy. A friend of Andy Warhol's, Haring unabashedly developed and promoted his own brand through commercial partnerships, mass market products, and even his own storefront. Equally important was his social justice activism, raising awareness of AIDS and fighting against racism and the proliferation of illegal drugs.

WXPB ASCERTAINMENT FORM

PROGRAM NAME: OUTsounds
HOST: Robert Drake
AIRS: Sundays at 23:30
LENGTH: 30 minutes

OUTsounds celebrates out artists worldwide and showcases music created and performed by members of the LGBTQ community. On occasion, Robert will also air short interviews with members of the LGBTQ community – these chats will be noted above, as they occur.

2022 SECOND QUARTER

13 episodes

April 3
April 10
April 17
April 24
May 1
May 8
May 15
May 22
May 29
June 5
June 12
June 19
June 26

PROGRAM NAME: Amazon Country
HOST: Debra D'Alessandro
AIRS: Sundays at 23:00
LENGTH: 30 minutes

Amazon Country is a program dedicated to celebrating and spotlighting the artistic creations found within the lesbian/feminist community. Throughout each show, host Debra D'Alessandro showcases music created and performed by members of the lesbian/feminist community. On occasion, Debra will also air short interviews with members of the LGBTQ community – these chats will be noted above, as they occur.

2022 SECOND QUARTER

13 episodes

April 3
April 10
April 17
April 24
May 1
May 8
May 15
May 22
May 29
June 5
June 12
June 19
June 26