

# **WXDU DURHAM, NC**

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST SECOND QUARTER 2021**

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## **SECTION I: Issues Programming**

In an effort to promote community awareness and to fulfill its public service commitment and obligation, WXDU has identified the following issues to be of concern to the Duke University and Durham community:

1. Community Activism and Involvement
2. History
3. Arts and Literature
4. Sports
5. Science and Technology
6. Diversity and Culture

To address these issues, WXDU broadcasts the following radio shows:

**\*\*WXDU, by the decision of Duke University administration, has broadcast virtually no live programming from DJs due to COVID-19 quarantining. As of July, 2021, we are beginning to allow a limited number of DJs on air. Aside from them, music, PSAs, and news were broadcast continuously via our automated system. We run an hour of news programming on Sunday nights for all of Q2. \*\***

### **“WXDU News”**

*Sundays 8:00-9:00 pm*

Host Forrest DeMarcus plays a mix of syndicated news pieces and WXDU original content. Original content covers arts and humanities in the Duke and Durham area, and may include interviews, live lectures, and other forms of discussion.

### **Syndicated programming examples:**

**“Spectrum”** is produced by Deutsche Welle and gives updates on science and technology from around the world.

**“Living Planet”** is produced by Deutsche Welle to cover environmental science and sustainability.

**“Making Contact”** is produced by the Radio Project and “produces media that analyses critical social and environmental issues and encourages civic participation, by giving voice to diverse perspectives and opinions.

\*\* Additionally, the below shows were expected to be a part of our non-music programming for the quarter, were we not in a quarantine situation:

### **“WXDU Sports”**

*Every other Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 pm (transitioning to weekly)*

Duke alum DJs cover regional sports.

**“To the Front”**

*Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 pm*

Host Kym Register, musician and owner of a local LGBTQIA nightclub, and Danette Wilkins guide listeners through an hour of music performed exclusively by minorities of race, sex, sexual preference, and gender identity. Each show spotlights a single artist, label, or scene via music, information, interviews, and anecdotes.

**SECTION II: Responsive Programs**

WXDU creates and shares broadcast programming to address the above-referenced issues. Specific examples of our programming include:

Issue Category	Name of Show	Date aired	Duration (minutes)	Description
sociocultural issues; history	Top of Mind	4/4/2021	52	The need for immigration
social justice; activism	Making Contact	4/11/2021	30	Pandemic Inside: COVID19 & prisons part 1
social justice; activism	Making Contact	4/11/2021	30	Pandemic Inside: COVID19 & prisons part 2
sports; social justice	With Good Reason	4/18/2021	30	Bigger Than a Game: Black women in sports
arts and literature; social justice	With Good Reason	4/18/2021	30	Furious Flowers; Celebrating the Greats of African American Poetry
social justice; global equality	With Good Reason	4/25/2021	53	Protecting Human Rights: humanitarian aid; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
science; environmental and societal issues	Living Planet	5/2/2021	30	Now or Never: the planet's biggest environmental problems; part 1
science; environmental and societal issues	Living Planet	5/2/2021	30	Now or Never: the planet's biggest environmental problems; part 2
social inequality; social justice	Making Contact	5/9/2021	30	70 Million: where housing, not jails, are the solution to homelessness
science; environment	With Good Reason	5/9/2021	30	Let's Take a Walk: COVID-19 is changing nature
Sociocultural studies	PRX / Nathan Kupel	5/16/2021	58	As I Am: Asians in America

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science; nature	With Good Reason	5/23/2021	30	Plant Music
science; medicine; government	With Good Reason	5/23/2021	30	Lighting Up a Better Future: Marijuana Legalization
social justice	Making Contact	5/30/2011	30	MOVE Demands Justice for Children and the Return of Remains (1985 MOVE bombing)
activism	Making Contact	5/30/2021	30	Locked Down and Loaded: the 2020 Gun Surge
social inequality	With Good Reason	6/6/2021	30	Planned Destruction: social inequities in city planning
medicine; social inequality	With Good Reason	6/6/2021	30	Front Porch Healthcare: informal care in Covid times
history; social inequality	With Good Reason	6/13/2021	30	Celebrating American Freedom
history; social inequality	Making Contact	6/13/2021	30	From Juneteenth to Reparations
activism; social justice	Making Contact	6/20/2021	30	Lessons from Defund the Police
history; biography; civil rights	Making Contact	6/20/2021	30	Angelic Troublemaker: Bayard Rustin
environmentalism; global politics	World in Progress	7/4/2021	30	Pollution kills; gang violence in Haiti; COVID effect on humanitarian aid
science	Living Planet	7/4/2021	30	environmental impact of flora and fauna

**SECTION III: PUBLIC SERVICE STATION EVENTS**

Due to our staff quarantining from COVID-19, WXDU’s automated system was active 24/7 for nearly the entirety of **Q2, 2021**. It is set up to play a random assortment of music from a large database, inserting a recording of our station ID at the top of every hour and a recorded PSA roughly every 20 minutes. Below is a small sampling of topics from our recorded PSAs.

<b>Automated PSA Topics (samples)</b>
Childhood Asthma
March of Dimes
Hands-Only CPR
Mens Preventive Health
Youth Reckless Driving Prevention
Childhood Obesity
Hispanic Parental Engagement (College)
GED Achievement
Foreclosure Prevention
Lifelong Literacy
Teen Dating Violence Prevention
Big Brothers & Sisters
Humane Society
Newborn & Child Survival
American Stroke Association
Forest Service
Feeding America
CDC-Coronavirus
Caregiver Assistance
Retirement
Gun Safety
Empowering Girls in STEM
Alzheimers

In addition, with the reintroduction of in-studio DJs, we began to offer more timely and local PSAs:

**Local Housing/Rental Assistance Programs (relevant ongoing) Op log: RENT**

Many cities and counties in North Carolina now offer emergency housing and rental assistance due to hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. For qualifying and application information, search online for the following programs that apply to you:

Durham Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Orange County Emergency Housing Assistance

House Wake! Financial Assistance Program

NC Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions Program

**Durham Arts Council Artist Support Grants (relevant until Sept 3) Op log: ASG**

The Durham Arts Council's Artist Support Grants application period is now open. These project grants should enhance the applicant's skills and abilities to create work, improve their business operations or capacity to bring their work to new audiences. Eligible applicants must have lived in Durham, Orange, Alamance or Person Counties, NC, for one year before the application due date, September 3rd, be at least 18 years of age, and are not in a degree program in their art form. More information can be found on the DAC's Artist Support Grant page, [durhamarts.org/artist-support/](http://durhamarts.org/artist-support/)

**Duke Gardens (relevant ongoing)**

**Op log: GRDN**

The Sarah P. Duke Gardens at Duke University entered phase 2 of reopening on June 1st. The Gardens are open to the public with a limited capacity from 8:00am to dusk. Parking is only in the Gardens' parking lot, with no weekend overflow lots available.

Further information can be found at [gardens.duke.edu/phase2](http://gardens.duke.edu/phase2)

**Borgen Project (relevant ongoing)**

**Op log: BORG**

Fact: The global rate of malnourishment has been reduced by 50% in the past two decades and more children are in school today than at any time period in history.

Fact: By tackling world poverty, we can alleviate the suffering of millions and tackle the most troublesome causes of violent extremism worldwide.

Fact: You can take action locally to help our global community, and help your own community, by volunteering for The Borgen Project. Learn more at: [borgenproject.org](http://borgenproject.org)

**Brickside 2021 (relevant until 4/11)** [REDACTED] **Op log: BKSIDE**

WXDU and Duke Coffeehouse are proud to present Brickside 2021, our annual spring music festival! This year's festival will run from April 10-11 and will feature Helado Negro, Ouri, Le Weekend, Moor Mother, Nadah El Shazly, and Matt Douglas. Both nights of music will be free to stream on Facebook and [dukecoffeehouse.org](http://dukecoffeehouse.org). Learn more at [facebook.com/wxdumf](https://facebook.com/wxdumf)

**Nasher's Thursday Open Hours (relevant until 4/29)** **Op log: NASH**

For the rest of the Spring 2021 semester, The Nasher Museum of Art invites Duke students, faculty, and staff to enjoy self-guided visits every Thursday from noon to 3pm, no appointment needed. Drop-ins will be limited to the first 40 people who arrive. All visitors will be expected to complete daily symptom monitoring before entry and to abide by the Duke Compact Standards. For more information, please contact [rebecca.s.levine@duke.edu](mailto:rebecca.s.levine@duke.edu).

**Tax Filing Deadline Extension (relevant until 5/17)** [REDACTED] **Op log: TAX**

The North Carolina Department of Revenue announced that it will extend the April 15 tax filing and payment deadline to May 17, 2021. Tax payments received after April 15 will be charged interest, accruing from April 15 to the date of payment. The deadline extension only applies to individual income tax returns originally due April 15.

**COVID-19 Vaccines (ongoing)** [REDACTED] **Op log: VAX**

In Durham County, all adults over the age of 16 will be eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine on April 7, 2021. The vaccine is free everywhere in North Carolina. No photo ID or insurance is needed, and US Citizenship is not required or checked. To make an appointment, you can join the Durham County Department of Health's appointment scheduling list at [tinyurl.com/DCoSchedulingList](https://tinyurl.com/DCoSchedulingList) or find a vaccine provider near you at [myspot.nc.gov](https://myspot.nc.gov)