

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report 2023

October, November, December
WRTI, WRTL, WJAZ, WRTX, WRTY, WRTJ, WRTQ

Section I: Issues

WRTI has identified the following issues in our listening community as significant issues this quarter:

- **Culture** – General cultural issues and events, as well as the historical character of Philadelphia and its environs with special emphasis on artists and organizations in our coverage area. Continued programming to support our community in coping with the ongoing emotional stress of pandemic through the power of music to relax, re-energize, comfort, and heal.
- **Music Education and Appreciation** – Including all aspects of classical and jazz music, its performance, and the historical development of instruments and particular pieces of music.
- **Music Masters** – Information and insight into jazz and classical music legends, and up-and-coming talents, local, national and international.
- **News** from the region, the nation and the world relating to arts and culture.
- **Community awareness** – Including sharing first person voices of cultural leaders and the connection between their work and WRTI's mission.

Section II: Responsive Programs

The station has dealt with the above-referenced issues in the following programming.

Special Broadcast Content:

WRTI regularly invites classical and jazz artists and community music groups to the station for live broadcasts. These WRTI LIVE sessions, moderated by a WRTI host, are broadcast from the station's on-site performance studio and are rebroadcast from previous sessions. The sessions typically last 25-30 minutes and also include Facebook Live videos posted on WRTI's Facebook page. Information about specific broadcasts is set forth in Section III. WRTI Special Broadcast Content.

Digital Content:

WRTI offers tremendous community arts coverage on our digital platforms including our website, app, and social media. WRTI hosts announce the availability of its digital content at least once each day-part, usually over the course of a week. This digital content may include text, audio, images, and video. Information about specific digital content is set forth in Section IV. WRTI Digital Content.

Community Interest Announcements:

WRTI airs announcements of relevant community activities of interest to our audience such as community concerts and gatherings. Section V, Community Interest Announcements, lists the dates these announcements were broadcast.

Educational Outreach and Appreciation:

WRTI in partnership with the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society presented a series of free community classical concerts for school children and families in May and June of 2023. Concerts featured classical music by the East Coast Chamber Orchestra at Philadelphia's Free Library of Philadelphia's Parkway Central Branch on May 10th for Philadelphia Schools and WRTI provided additional support for the attendance of students from the Eugenio Maria De Hostos Charter School. On June 12th and 13th the Dalie Quartet performed Latin inspired classical music concerts at the Philadelphia Free Library of Wynnefield Branch, Fishtown Community Library and Richmond Branch Library, as well as the Wissahickon Valley Public Library's Blue Bell Branch. Section VI lists the outreach activities from this quarter.

Listeners' Music Requests:

Like other media, WRTI offers expanded content to listeners. WRTI listeners respond to programming and request content in diverse ways, including online through Facebook and through website feedback mechanisms. Each Wednesday from noon until 2 pm, the station opens the classical playlist to listeners' classical requests. Similarly, each Wednesday from 9 pm until midnight WRTI opens the jazz playlist to listeners' jazz requests. In both cases requests are made in advance by means of an online form, accessible on the station's website. Section VI. Listeners' Music Requests contains WRTI data relating to the number of listener requests for each genre, and the corresponding number of requests the station filled in a given week.

Section III. WRTI Special Media Broadcast Content

The following is a sample of WRTI's special broadcast content for the 4th quarter:

WRTI's @HOME video series:

@HOME is an initiative that is opening the door to video content from the global artists community

Composers Datebook:

A two-minute feature, with host John Birge, noting significant or intriguing musical events involving composers of the past and present—with music related to each. *Weekdays at 1:58 PM; Weekdays and Weekends at 9:58 PM on WRTI HD-2*

Sousalarm:

A daily feature of marches by a variety of composers including John Philip Sousa airing every weekday morning. *Weekdays at 7:15 AM*

Ongoing - Stardate:

Announcer Billy Henry shares enlightening facts about astronomy from the McDonald Observatory at the University of Texas. A daily feature airing *Weekdays at 7:40 AM and 3:40 PM; Weekends at 7:40 PM*

Ongoing - Breakfast with Bach:

WRTI plays music by Johann Sebastian Bach weekday mornings after the 8:00 NPR news. *Weekdays at 8:06 AM*

Ongoing - The Morning Meditation:

Music of Calm, Hope and Renewal. A daily feature that provides a focal point for listeners to tune in and consciously take a break from the non-stop flow of news and information associated with the pandemic. *Weekdays at 11 AM*

Ongoing - Midday Mozart:

WRTI plays a Mozart favorite every weekday a little after 1 PM, except for Wednesdays when we present At Your Request. *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 1:05 PM*

Ongoing - Flix@5:

A daily feature that celebrates music composed for film and television. *Weekdays at 5:05 PM*

Section IV:

Sampling of Arts Desk Features September, October, December 2023

Moment's Notice: Dezron Douglas, Greg Osby, Mat Maneri and more

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-01/moments-notice-dezron-douglas-greg-osby-anna-weber-and-more>

Nate Chinen

October 1, 2023

As October gets underway, live jazz can be found all over the greater Philadelphia area. Here are our top picks in the coming week.

Fanfare: Audra McDonald, Daniil Trifonov, and 'Immortal Bach'

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-01/fanfare-audra-mcdonald-daniil-trifonov-and-immortal-bach>

Melinda Whiting

October 1, 2023

The fall season is underway, and again The Philadelphia Orchestra leads off our list of recommended performances, with some real musical star power.

Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz International Piano Competition announces 11 semifinalists, including two from Philadelphia

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-10-03/herbie-hancock-institute-of-jazz-international-piano-competition-announces-11-semifinalists-including-two-from-philadelphia>

Nate Chinen

October 3, 2023

Philly's own Joe Block and Jordan Isaiah Williams are among the young players who will compete in the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz International Piano Competition, on Oct. 14 and 15.

Susie Ibarra and PRISM Quartet explore nature and heritage in a transfixing collaboration

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-10-04/susie-ibarra-and-prism-quartet-explore-nature-and-heritage-in-a-transfixing-collaboration>

Shaun Brady

October 4, 2023

'Procession Along the Aciga Tree,' a new recording by PRISM Quartet, reflects Susie Ibarra's deep connections to the natural world, the cultural rites of the Philippines, and the language of improvisation.

New Music by Native Composers, for Indigenous Peoples' Day

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-06/new-music-by-native-composers-for-indigenous-peoples-day>

John T.K. Scherch

October 6, 2023

Raven Chacon, Jerod Tate and Joe Rainey are among the noted composers drawing deep inspiration from their indigenous heritage, as we explore in a roundup of recent recordings.

For Courtney Bryan, a MacArthur "genius grant" is fuel to the fire

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-10-06/for-courtney-bryan-a-macarthur-genius-grant-is-fuel-to-the-fire>

Nate Chinen

October 6, 2023

A New Orleans-based composer and pianist, Courtney Bryan sees her work as a form of truth-telling.

Fanfare: Piffaro's 'The Year the Music Died,' and other intrigues

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-08/fanfare-piffaros-the-year-the-music-died-and-other-intrigues>

Meg Bragle

October 8, 2023

In this week's Fanfare, Meg Bragle highlights concerts by Piffaro, Mendelssohn Chorus, The Philadelphia Orchestra and more.

Moment's Notice: Don Braden, Sara Serpa, mssv and more

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-08/moments-notice-don-braden-sara-serpa-mssv-and-more>

Nate Chinen

October 8, 2023

Moment's Notice this week features Don Braden's classic-soul reinvention, and tributes to Miles Davis and Shirley Scott.

David T. Little and The Crossing probe an untouchable custom with 'SIN-EATER,' a "ritual grotesquerie"

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-10/david-t-little-and-the-crossing-probe-an-untouchable-custom-with-sin-eater-a-ritual-grotesquerie>

Steve Smith

October 10, 2023

Co-commissioned by The Crossing and Penn Live Arts, 'SIN-EATER' is David T. Little's exploration of an archaic practice with modern implications.

Pablo Batista on the earthy pulse propelling a starry career

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-11/pablo-batista-on-the-earthy-pulse-propelling-a-starry-career>

J. Michael Harrison

October 11, 2023

Percussionist Pablo Batista has worked with everyone from Alicia Keys to Grover Washington, Jr. During an in-studio session with WRTI's J. Michael Harrison, he reflects on his journey and much more.

With 'Preludes,' Adam Birnbaum brings Bach into a new field of play

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-12/with-preludes-adam-birnbaum-brings-bach-into-a-new-field-of-play>

Nate Chinen

October 12, 2023

Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier receives a modern jazz makeover on 'Preludes,' a new trio album by pianist Adam Birnbaum. He talked about its inspiration and his approach in a conversation with WRTI's Nate Chinen.

Moment's Notice: Simon Moullier, Bobby Zankel, Daniel Villarreal

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-15/moments-notice-simon-moullier-bobby-zankel-daniel-villarreal>

Nate Chinen

October 15, 2023

New fire from vibraphonist Simon Moullier, drummer Daniel Villarreal, saxophonist Bobby Zankel and more, in this week's guide to live jazz in the Philly region.

Fanfare: 'The Feast of the Swan,' Bruckner's Sixth, and more

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-15/fanfare-the-feast-of-the-swan-bruckners-sixth-and-more>

Zev Kane

October 15, 2023

The Dutch vocal ensemble Cappella Pratensis and Swiss early-music specialists Sollazzo Ensemble are among our many highlights in the week ahead.

With excitement and an elegy, Jahari Stampley wins the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz International Piano Competition

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-10-16/with-excitement-and-an-elegy-jahari-stampley-wins-the-herbie-hancock-institute-of-jazz-international-piano-competition>

Nate Chinen

October 16, 2023

Jahari Stampley, a dazzling young pianist from Chicago, took first prize at the prestigious Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz International Piano Competition, prevailing over a field of 10 other competitors.

A bouquet of songs for Carla Bley

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-17/a-bouquet-of-songs-for-carla-bley>

October 17, 2023

In honor of the inimitable composer and pianist Carla Bley, who died today at 87, we're sharing a handful of compositions to remember her by.

The No Name Pops, still a Philly engine, kick into higher gear

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-18/the-no-name-pops-still-a-philly-engine-kick-into-higher-gear>

Bruce Hodges

October 18, 2023

In the wake of the Philly Pops, a new orchestra continues its spirit. Here's why that matters, and what's ahead.

Fanfare: 'Spectacular Strauss,' violist Kim Kashkashian and more

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-22/fanfare-spectacular-strauss-violist-kim-kashkashian-and-more>

Bruce Hodges

October 22, 2023

Moment's Notice: Terrace Martin, Vanguard Jazz Orchestra and more

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-22/moments-notice-terrace-martin-vanguard-jazz-orchestra-and-more>

Nate Chinen

October 22, 2023

This week's jazz highlights in Moment's Notice include two excellent big bands, an AACM elder, and a multiple-Grammy-winning producer.

The Philadelphia Orchestra and its musicians reach an agreement

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-22/the-philadelphia-orchestra-and-its-musicians-reach-an-agreement>

Nate Chinen

October 22, 2023

"This contract is a victory for the present and future for The Philadelphia Orchestra and its world-class musicians," said David Fay, chair of the negotiating committee.

A soundtrack for spooky season: spine-tingling scores in Flix@5

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-23/a-soundtrack-for-spooky-season-spine-tingling-scores-in-flix-5>

Meg Bragle

October 23, 2023

With Halloween around the corner, Flix@5 becomes a parade of great horror scores. Here are Meg Bragle's picks (all treats, no tricks).

Watch Odean Pope light a fire with Immanuel Wilkins and Kresten Osgood, freeform at the Ruba Club

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-24/watch-odean-pope-light-a-fire-with-immanuel-wilkins-and-kresten-osgood-freeform-at-the-ruba-club>

Nate Chinen

October 24, 2023

Last year, the Philadelphia jazz legend Odean Pope joined a former saxophone student, Immanuel Wilkins, and the Danish drummer Kresten Osgood for an inspired and entirely improvised set.

Philly vs. New Orleans: From the Exit Zero Jazz Fest, two concerts suggest a battle of the bands

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-25/philly-vs-new-orleans-from-the-exit-zero-jazz-fest-two-concerts-suggest-a-battle-of-the-bands>

Alex Ariff

October 25, 2023

Adonis Rose leads the Crescent City All-Stars and Orrin Evans assembles The Philly Jawn, in a pair of concert films from the 2023 Exit Zero Jazz Festival.

Moment's Notice: Joe Block comes home, and Orrin Evans presides

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-29/moments-notice-joe-block-comes-home-and-orrin-evans-presides>

Nate Chinen

October 29, 2023

There are some tough choices for a jazz fan in Philly this week. Moment's Notice is here to help you sort them out.

Fanfare: ECCO and Shai Wosner perform a new Vijay Iyer concerto

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-10-29/fanfare-ecco-and-shai-wosner-perform-a-new-vijay-iyer-concerto>

John T.K. Scherch

October 29, 2023

This week, Fanfare puts the focus on a new piano concerto, an inspiring comeback at the keyboard, and a noted friendship between two composers.

WRTI Young Artist Spotlight: Pianist and Cellist Nina Braum-Bharti

<https://www.wrti.org/2023-10-30/wrti-young-artist-spotlight-pianist-and-cellist-nina-braum-bharti>

Lydia Veilleux

October 30, 2023

Meet 16-year-old cellist and pianist Nina Braum-Bharti, member of the Musicopia String Orchestra and a mezzo in the Germantown Friends School A Capella.

Fanfare: Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Spencer Myer and more

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-11-05/fanfare-sheku-kanneh-mason-spencer-myer-and-more>

Melinda Whiting

November 5, 2023

A superstar cellist, an intrepid pianist, and a vocalist who's also one of our own. All in this week's Fanfare, from WRTI.

Moment's Notice: Dianne Reeves kicks off the Exit Zero Jazz Fest

<https://www.wrti.org/2023-11-05/moments-notice-dianne-reeves-kicks-off-the-exit-zero-jazz-fest>

Nate Chinen

November 5, 2023

The Exit Zero Jazz Festival returns to Cape May, while Cuban pianist Harold López-Nussa rolls into Chris' Jazz Cafe. All that and more in this week's Moment's Notice, from WRTI.

A new album sheds light on the abiding mystery of Hasaan Ibn Ali

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-11-09/a-new-album-sheds-light-on-the-abiding-mystery-of-hasaan-ibn-ali>

Shaun Brady

November 9, 2023

With a third archival release, 'Reaching for the Stars,' the elusive pianist and composer Hasaan Ibn Ali comes just a bit more into focus.

Sheku Kanneh-Mason's message to musicians in Play On Philly and beyond: don't forget to listen

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-11-10/sheku-kanneh-masons-message-to-musicians-in-play-on-philly-and-beyond-dont-forget-to-listen>

Nate Chinen

November 10, 2023

Superstar cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason spent a recent afternoon with young musicians, courtesy of Play On Philly and the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society. He brought his instrument and some good advice.

Classical music presents a vital front in the 2024 Grammy noms

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-11-10/classical-music-presents-a-vital-front-in-the-2024-grammy-noms>

Nate Chinen

November 10, 2023

Nominated classical artists will make up an impressive coalition at the 66th annual Grammy Awards.

Jazz's 2024 Grammy nominees suggest a sort of family reunion

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-11-10/jazzs-2024-grammy-nominees-suggest-a-sort-of-family-reunion>

Nate Chinen

November 10, 2023

The 2024 Grammy nominations are in, and the jazz field is chock full of returning heroes.

Kurt Rosenwinkel's Chopin Project, säje, and more in Moment's Notice

Nate Chinen

November 12, 2023

This week's Moment's Notice jazz picks include The Chopin Project, the vocal group säje, and Benny Benack III.

Fanfare: 'Anna Bolena' from AVA, and Davóne Tines at McCarter

Zev Kane

November 12, 2023

Tony Williams, saxophonist who mentored generations of Philly jazz talent, has died at 92

Shaun Brady

November 14, 2023

A saxophonist and educator who mentored generations of young Philadelphia jazz musicians, Tony Williams died on Nov. 11. He was 92.

Jazz and classical treats for every taste, in our 2023 Gift Guide

Nate Chinen

November 17, 2023

In search of the perfect gift for the music obsessive in your life — or looking to drop a few hints for family and friends? Look no further than the 2023 WRTI Holiday Gift Guide.

Arnetta Johnson, Erena Terakubo and more, in Moment's Notice

November 19, 2023

In this week's guide to live jazz in the Philadelphia area, we turn the spotlight on a trumpeter from Camden and a saxophonist from Sapporo, Japan.

Fanfare: Brooklyn Rider, the PYO, and some music for giving thanks

Meg Bragle

November 19, 2023

This week in Fanfare, Meg Bragle gives thanks with a handpicked selection of music as we head toward the holiday table.

After 50 years, the hip soundtrack for 'A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving' is available as a full musical feast

Nate Chinen

November 20, 2023

Featuring young jazz aces like Tom Harrell and Mike Clark, the soundtrack for 'A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving' finds Vince Guaraldi at his funkiest. It's finally available in full, half a century after its debut.

Larry McKenna, tenor saxophonist and Philly jazz legend, dies at 86

Shaun Brady

November 20, 2023

A lifelong Philadelphian, tenor saxophonist Larry McKenna was the definition of a local legend. He died on Nov. 19 at 86.

Riley Mulherkar's "Ride or Die" marks a threshold and a testament

Nate Chinen

November 21, 2023

Trumpeter Riley Mulherkar will release his solo debut, 'Riley,' early next year. WRTI is proud to premiere a video for the first single, "Ride or Die."

Christian McBride's New Jawn, and other delights in Moment's Notice

Nate Chinen

November 26, 2023

Superhero bassist Christian McBride returns to the 215, and our own J. Michael Harrison celebrates 30 years on the air, in this week's Moment's Notice.

Fanfare: Staatskapelle Berlin, Bowerbird concerts and more

Bruce Hodges

November 26, 2023

This week, classical music lovers have a preponderance of excellent options in the Philadelphia area. Let Fanfare be your guide.

'La Divina: Maria Callas at 100': Hear the special for a limited time

November 27, 2023

For the centennial of opera icon Maria Callas, WRTI presents 'La Divina: Maria Callas at 100.' Listen here, for a limited time — until Christmas Day.

WRTI Young Artist Spotlight: Vocalist Ifika Rowe

Lydia Veilleux

November 29, 2023

Meet 17-year-old vocalist Ifika Rowe, a member of the Pennsylvania Girlchoir and a senior at the Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA).

Holiday jazz from George Burton, José James and Denise King

Nate Chinen

December 3, 2023

This week in Moment's Notice: three variations on Christmas jazz, along with music that stretches boundaries.

Fanfare: Deutsche Grammophon celebrates a milestone, and more

John T.K. Scherch

December 3, 2023

This week's Fanfare finds violinist Maria Dueñas on a star-studded label celebration, along with Christmas concerts, the Jasper Quartet and more.

The Metropolitan Opera on WRTI: the complete 2023-24 schedule

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-04/the-metropolitan-opera-on-wrti-the-complete-2023-24-schedule>

December 4, 2023

WRTI is proud to present the 2023-24 season of the Robert K. Johnson Foundation Metropolitan Opera Saturday Matinee Radio Broadcasts, every Saturday at 1 p.m. Here is the full schedule.

Watch an interview with cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason, on site at a West Philly elementary school

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-05/watch-an-interview-with-cellist-sheku-kanneh-mason-on-site-at-a-west-philly-elementary-school>

Nate Chinen

December 5, 2023

During a recent visit arranged by Play on Philly and the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, Sheku Kanneh-Mason answered some questions not only from schoolchildren but also from WRTI.

Moby, cultural polymath, on a life of affinity with classical music

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-06/moby-cultural-polymath-on-a-life-of-affinity-with-classical-music>

Zev Kane

December 6, 2023

Ahead of a concert with The Philadelphia Orchestra, Moby reflects on his lifelong bond with classical music, which brought him to the roster of Deutsche Grammophon.

Elena Urioste and Tom Poster of Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective share some music in our studio

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-08/elena-urioste-and-tom-poster-of-kaleidoscope-chamber-collective-share-some-music-in-our-studio>

John T.K. Scherch

December 8, 2023

Ahead of a concert at the Kimmel Cultural Campus on Dec. 13, violinist Elena Urioste and pianist Tom Poster of Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective performed pieces by Elgar and Amy Beach in our studio at WRTI.

The Vijay Iyer Trio shares a resonant first hint of 'Compassion'

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-12-08/the-vijay-iyer-trio-shares-a-resonant-first-hint-of-compassion>

Nate Chinen

December 8, 2023

'Compassion,' the second studio album by the Vijay Iyer Trio, will be released on Feb. 2. ECM has just shared a video of the title track.

With a new album and perspective, Greg Osby steps back into the light

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-08/with-a-new-album-and-perspective-greg-osby-steps-back-into-the-light>

Nate Chinen

December 8, 2023

'Minimalism' is the first studio album by saxophonist Greg Osby in 15 years. As he embarks on what he calls "a reemergence of sorts," he spoke at length with WRTI.

Fanfare: LyricFest, The Crossing, Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-10/fanfare-lyricfest-the-crossing-kaleidoscope-chamber-collective>

Melinda Whiting

December 10, 2023

Chelsea Reed, Joe Block and Laura Orzechoski deck the halls

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-10/chelsea-reed-joe-block-and-laura-orzechoski-deck-the-halls>

Nate Chinen

December 10, 2023

Christmas jazz season is upon us, and this week in moment's notice, we have a few local options for spreading the cheer.

Lau Noah's new single is a fine duet with Cécile McLorin Salvant

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2023-12-12/lau-noahs-new-single-is-a-fine-duet-with-cecile-mclorin-salvant>

Nate Chinen

December 12, 2023

A DOS, the new album by Catalan singer-songwriter and guitarist Lau Noah, revels in duologue. Watch a video for its latest single, "Siete Lágrimas," featuring jazz vocalist Cécile McLorin Salvant.

Our classical hosts share the Best Albums and Experiences of 2023

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-13/our-classical-hosts-share-the-best-albums-and-experiences-of-2023>

December 13, 2023

This year saw many classical music highlights in Philadelphia and beyond. Our hosts picked some of their favorites.

Hallelujah! Behold our complete 2023 classical holiday schedule

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-13/hallelujah-behold-our-complete-2023-classical-holiday-schedule>

December 13, 2023

Looking for the perfect music to bring you endless hours of merriment and cheer this holiday season? WRTI's sleighful of Christmas music is here!

The 'Santa Claus Symphony,' born in Philly, that split American classical music into factions

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-15/the-santa-claus-symphony-born-in-philly-that-split-american-classical-music-into-factions>

Steve Smith

December 15, 2023

William Henry Fry, an influential critic, composer and Philadelphian, had a point to make with 'Santa Claus: A Christmas Symphony,' which premiered in 1853. Concert audiences loved it; others, not so much.

The Hot Fives: our jazz hosts pick five favorite tracks from 2023

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-15/the-hot-fives-our-jazz-hosts-pick-five-favorite-tracks-from-2023>

December 15, 2023

We asked our jazz hosts to curate their five favorite tracks of 2023. We're calling this WRTI's Hot Fives, and we can all but guarantee there's something new here for you to discover.

Jingle all the way with our holiday jazz programming on WRTI

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-15/jingle-all-the-way-with-our-holiday-jazz-programming-on-wrti>

December 15, 2023

Join WRTI Jazz for the sweet swing of yuletide carols and annual specials to lift your spirits, keep you company, and enhance your holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy 2024 from all of your friends at WRTI.

Moment's Notice: Samara Joy's holiday family affair and more

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-17/moments-notice-samara-joys-holiday-family-affair-and-more>

Nate Chinen

December 17, 2023

Moment's Notice this is week is another holiday bonanza, headlined by Samara Joy's A Joyful Holiday. Also: Bobby Zankel celebrates the solstice, and the Postmodern Jukebox rolls through town.

Handel's 'Messiah,' Tchaikovsky's 'Nutcracker' and more festive flair

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-17/handels-messiah-tchaikovskys-nutcracker-and-more-festive-flair>

Meg Bragle

December 17, 2023

Fanfare this week is a stocking full of Christmas wonder, including Handel's 'Messiah' and the Philadelphia Girls Choir.

WRTI Young Artist Spotlight: Saxophonist Katie Neary

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-18/wrti-young-artist-spotlight-saxophonist-katie-neary>

Lydia Veilleux

December 18, 2023

Meet Katie Neary, an 18-year-old jazz saxophonist and a first-year jazz studies performance student at Boyer College of Music and Dance at Temple University.

Jazz highlights of the new season, including Cécile McLorin Salvant

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-31/jazz-highlights-of-the-new-season-cecile-mclorin-salvant>

Nate Chinen

December 31, 2023

As we close the door on 2023, it's a good time to take note of some jazz highlights from the next couple of months. As usual, Moment's Notice has you covered.

A 2024 Season Preview, with Pierre-Laurent Aimard and more

<https://www.wrti.org/wrti-spotlight/2023-12-31/fanfare-2024-season-preview>

Bruce Hodges

December 31, 2023

In Philadelphia, the coldest part of the year can also serve as a backdrop to some of the year's best musical events. As usual, Fanfare is here to help.

Sampling of 3rd Qtr. Video of the Week (VOW)

WEEK OF 10/2 – ARTURO STABLE - “HAVANA LIGHTS”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/arturo-stable-havana-lights>

WEEK OF 10/9 – PABLO BATISTA - “A CONVERSATION WITH PERCUSSIONIST PABLO BATISTA”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/pablo-batista-a-conversation-with-percussionist-pablo-batista>

WEEK OF 10/16 – ROBERT GLASPER - “CALLS”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/robert-glasper-calls>

WEEK OF 10/23 – GREG SPERO – “MOONLIGHT IMPROV”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/greg-spero-moonlight-improv>

WEEK OF 10/30 – WARREN OREE – “OREE SONG”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/warren-oree-a-song>

WEEK OF 11/6 – TIM BREY – “NEWS”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/tim-brey-news>

WEEK OF 11/13 – ANTHONY TIDD - “SUPA SISTA”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/anthony-tidd-sup-a-sista>

WEEK OF 11/20 – MATTHEW CLAYTON - “SACRED SPACE”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/matthew-clayton-sacred-space>

WEEK OF 11/27 – ALOE BLACC/GREG SPERO, STOLEN MOMENTS -” WORK IT OUT”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/greg-spero-work-it-out>

WEEK OF 12/4 – BRENT WHITE - “BROKEN TOY & UNTIL THE DAY”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/brent-white-broken-toy-until-that-day>

WEEK OF 12/11 – LAURIN TALESE - “TRENCH COAT”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/laurin-talese-trench-coat>

WEEK OF 12/18 – GREG SPERO - “VARIATIONS ON LONGING “(VIRGIN IVORY)”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/greg-spero-variations-on-longing-virgin-ivory>

WEEK OF 12/25 – NASIR DICKERSON - ALBUM RELEASE CELEBRATION – “LET IT SHINE”

<https://livesessions.npr.org/videos/nasir-dickerson-let-it-shine-album-release-celebration>

Section V. Community Interest Announcements

WRTI aired the following announcements for community events and members during this reporting period.

Air Date	Air Time	Community Member	Length
October 2023			
10/1/2023	6:39 AM	McCarter Theatre	:30
10/1/2023	10:39 AM	McCarter Theatre	:30
10/1/2023	11:19 AM	Penn Live Arts	:30
10/1/2023	3:58 PM	Penn Live Arts	:30
10/2/2023	9:19 AM	Ballet X	:30
10/2/2023	2:39 PM	Lively Arts Series @ MCCC	:30
10/2/2023	11:19 PM	Lively Arts Series @ MCCC	:30
10/3/2023	8:19 AM	Ballet X	:30
10/3/2023	12:39 PM	Lively Arts Series @ MCCC	:30
10/3/2023	7:39 PM	Lively Arts Series @ MCCC	:30
10/4/2023	6:39 AM	Lively Arts Series @ MCCC	:30
10/4/2023	7:50 AM	Ballet X	:30
10/4/2023	10:39 PM	Lively Arts Series @ MCCC	:30
10/5/2023	8:19 AM	Lively Arts Series @ MCCC	:30
10/5/2023	9:39 AM	Ballet X	:30
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10/7/2023	9:39 AM	Ballet X	:30
10/9/2023	7:39 AM	Lively Arts Series @ MCCC	:30
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10/23/2023	6:19 AM	Penn Live Arts	:30
10/23/2023	10:39 AM	McCarter Theatre	:30
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Section VI. Educational Outreach and Appreciation

In October, the string program, which serves thirty-two children, commenced at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School. This program was sponsored by WRTI and delivered in partnership with Musicopia. The students performed in their first Winter Concert on December 18th, 2023.

On October 29th, WRTI partnered with the Philadelphia Music Alliance for Youth (PMAY) and the Woodmere Art Museum to present a free community concert of eight PMAY Artists students at the Woodmere Art Museum. PMAY supports fifth through twelfth graders from communities that are historically excluded on the symphony orchestra stage and those who encounter hardships to realize their musical potential and ultimately pursue their dreams of becoming professional classical musicians. This concert was well-attended by the community and WRTI listeners.

On November 3rd, WRTI partnered with the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society to present a free concert for one hundred and sixty-seven Philadelphia public school children featuring members of the East Coast Chamber Orchestra at the Philadelphia Free Library Parkway Branch. WRTI also provided transportation funds for Overbrook Educational Center and Eugenio Maria De Hostos Charter schools to attend this event.

On December 6th, WRTI partnered with Jasper Chamber Concerts to present concerts at John H. Taggart Elementary School in Philadelphia to two class groups serving forty students.

WRTI partnered with Play on Philly to sponsor their *Composing for Young Orchestras* project, which aims to diversify the classical music canon for youth orchestras. One hundred and fifty students rehearsed pieces by composers Michael-Thomas Fomai and Jungyoon Wei in December. Support from WRTI allowed students to rehearse in a professional concert venue, with audio and video technology to support both composers giving rehearsal feedback via Zoom. The premiere of these works will take place in May of 2024.

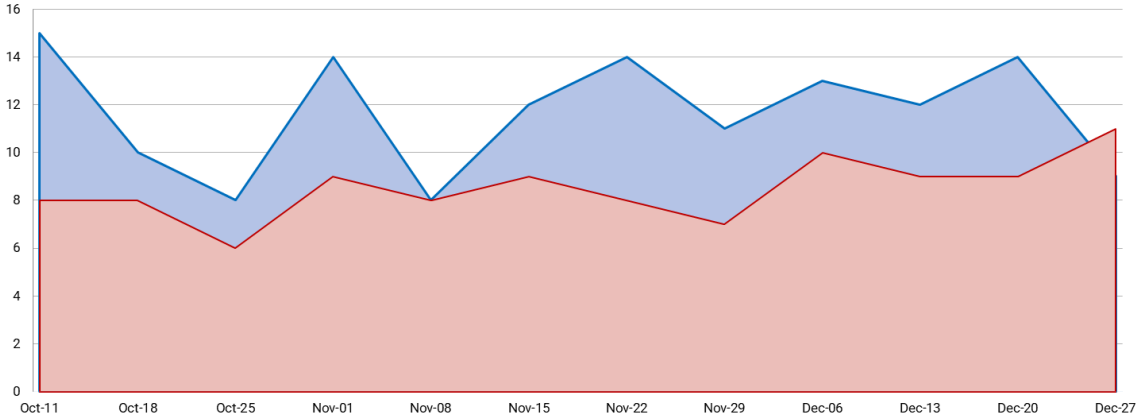
WRTI released three [Young Artist Spotlight](https://www.wrti.org/wrti-young-artist-spotlight) (https://www.wrti.org/wrti-young-artist-spotlight) news stories featuring young musicians from our community. These students were also featured in WRTI's [Meet the Instrument](https://www.wrti.org/meet-the-instruments) (https://www.wrti.org/meet-the-instruments) series, which is an educational video series where young artists from the community introduce their instruments. October's [Meet the Cello](https://youtu.be/5fXKDYaq6X0?feature=shared) (https://youtu.be/5fXKDYaq6X0?feature=shared) video featured cellist Nina Braum-Bharti, a student from WRTI's educational partner organization, Musicopia. November's [Meet the Voice](https://youtu.be/8G9vsf9Klfc?feature=shared) (https://youtu.be/8G9vsf9Klfc?feature=shared) video featured Ifika Rowe from Commonwealth Youthchoirs, also an Education partner of WRTI. We featured Temple University Boyer College of Music student Katie Neary in the [Meet the Saxophone](https://youtu.be/zbN_5owsmfU?feature=shared) (https://youtu.be/zbN_5owsmfU?feature=shared) video in December.

Section VII. Listeners' Music Requests — Classical and Jazz

Classical Requests:

The graph below contains WRTI data relating to the number of listener requests and the corresponding number of requests the station was able to fulfill each week in the current quarter. These requests pertain to classical selections aired from noon until 3 pm each Wednesday noted.

**Classical - At Your Request
Listener Requests Received and Selections Aired**



	Oct-11	Oct-18	Oct-25	Nov-01	Nov-08	Nov-15	Nov-22	Nov-29	Dec-06	Dec-13	Dec-20	Dec-27
Listener Requests Received	15	10	8	14	8	12	14	11	13	12	14	9
Selections Aired	8	8	6	9	8	9	8	7	10	9	9	11