

## Quarterly Issues Report

Quarter 4 Year 2023

### WBOR 91.1 Mhz, Brunswick, Maine

**Issues:** Arab music culture, Connection between university officials and students through radio, Introduction to American music and English language, Effects of social media on the brain, Bossa nova music development, Cross-genre music appreciation, Discovery of new artists, EDM and techno music development, Community engagement, Local environmental knowledge, Student experience, Community safety

WBOR leaned into the diverse range of backgrounds present in the Midcoast and Bowdoin community this past quarter, appealing to the special interests of not only international students and recent immigrants but also to expand the palate of programming for those who have lived in Maine their whole lives. On top of this, the station remained sensitive to local news, airing PSAs regarding the tragic shooting in Lewiston, Maine.

Name of Program	Date (s) Aired	Time (s) Aired	Length	Brief Description of Program
Radio Habibi	Mondays	9:30 am	30 minutes	Digging into the colorful underground music cultures of the Arab world, Radio Habibi brings indie pop, rock, and electronic music from Casa Blanca all the way to Beirut, for a weekly 30-minute party that is like food to the soul.  Mashrou Leila (Lebanon), Yuma (Tunisia), Bedouin Burger (Syria & Lebanon), AlSarah and the Nubatones (Sudan), Acid Arab (France)
The Dean's List	Tuesdays	2:00 pm	1 hour	An eclectic mix of music and artists selected by two of Bowdoin's academic Deans, with occasional guest DJs from Student Affairs and/or other college departments. This show plays favorites from the Deans' college years through today.  Ms. Lauryn Hill, SZA, Notorious B.I.G., Beyonce, Erykah Badu
America Healing	Saturdays	12:00 pm	1 hour	"American Healing" focuses on sharing music that introduced one student to American culture and the English language, helping ease her assimilation into Bowdoin College's culture. Tune in to perceive music in a new way, discover new music, or hear this student share personal anecdotes regarding her relationship with music. In addition, Eastern European and Central Asian music will be featured.

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				Paramore, Grimes, Guns n Roses, Florence and the Machine, FKA Twigs, Kino
The Brain Online: Your Brain on Social Media	Thursdays	8:00 am	1 hour	<p>The Radio Show Where Brains and Bytes Collide! Listen to this show for an engaging and entertaining journey into the digital realm, where the hosts explore the fascinating and sometimes puzzling aspects of today's social media landscape. By covering social media platforms including TikTok and Instagram, the hosts will investigate topics like "scrolling paralysis," the science of shortened attention spans, the "Fear of Missing Out," and the hidden mechanisms behind social media algorithms. Additionally, they will discuss online confirmation bias and its role in polarized thinking, shedding light on the digital echo chambers people unknowingly enter.</p> <p>Each episode will begin with captivating stories and real-life case studies before moving into potential neural mechanisms behind the phenomena.</p>
Basta Bossa	Saturdays	9:00 am	1 hour	<p>Whether you're a seasoned Bossa Nova connoisseur or newbie, this show is for you. Apart from grooving to the music, listeners are empowered to learn about the different musicians involved in its formation, diving into the influence that jazz and samba had on the genre, and even discovering bossa nova's regional variations.</p> <p>João Gilberto, Elis Regina, Chico Buarque , Luis Bonfá, Caetano Veloso</p>
Pantunes	Thursdays	1:00 pm	1 hour	<p>A play on the universal color language Pantone, "Pantunes" features songs that share a color in their album cover art. Sky blue songs could be "Always Forever" by Cults, "delicate creature" by iogi, "Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd, or "CYANIDE" by Daniel Caesar. Though the melodies may extend across genres, tempos, time periods, and purposes, each song is linked by a distinct hue.</p> <p>Pantunes will consist of predominantly funk, R&amp;B, neo-soul, indie, folk, and all subgenres of rock.</p>

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Soundtracks of our Lives	Sundays	2:00 pm	2 hours	<p>Two unlikely friends, two decades between them, bond over rock music in its various forms. Join two Bowdoin College students as they offer listeners a show that is part music education, part music appreciation, but most importantly a show full of laughs between friends while they geek out on music. Each week they research a new music artist/band and bring you not only a music biography but an analysis of the magic that happens between the chords.</p> <p>The Cure, Pearl Jam, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dire Straits, Royal Thunder, The Police</p>
Gulch and Peak	Fridays	11:00 pm	1 hour	<p>Listeners will engage with a variety of genres including bio-informed EDM, kirtan, Spanish language glitch hop, and indie standards from the 90's and aughts. The name of the show, Gulch and Peak, colorfully expresses the range of sound and mood explored.</p> <p>El Buho, Will Oldham, Jahnvi Harrison, Polo &amp; Pan, Mercedes Nasta</p>
The Best of Our Knowledge: Learning Through Play and Expanding a Prison Learning Program	October 15	6:00 am	28 minutes 33 seconds	<p>Northeast Public Radio</p> <p>With a massive, multi-year expansion project finally completed, staff and educators at the Strong Museum of Play are eager to welcome new and returning crowds. And after two college-in-prison programs in New York hosted by private universities collapsed earlier this year, Bard College will pick up the slack.</p>
The Best of Our Knowledge: Invisible wonders and urban forestry	October 29	6:00 am	28 minutes 33 seconds	<p>Northeast Public Radio</p> <p>National Geographic scientist-photographer Anand Varma captures images of beautiful secrets hiding in plain sight. We'll speak with Varma about his book "Invisible Wonders: Photographs of the Hidden World." And we'll learn about a federally funded initiative that is researching urban forests.</p>

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<p>The Best of Our Knowledge: Experimental music and a school of rock</p>	<p>November 12</p>	<p>6:00 am</p>	<p>28 minutes 33 seconds</p>	<p>Northeast Public Radio</p> <p>We'll attend a demonstration of an experimental instrument – one that when installed can take up an entire concert stage. A new music school gives more than just guitar and piano lessons. And we'll visit a new community college lab that is training students for high-tech jobs</p>
<p>The Best of Our Knowledge: Trail cameras and parasitoid wasps</p>	<p>November 26</p>	<p>6:00 am</p>	<p>28 minutes 33 seconds</p>	<p>Northeast Public Radio</p> <p>An invasive insect, the Emerald Ash Borer poses threats to America's forests. A federally-supported study is using parasitoid wasps to control the arboreal pests. And we'll visit an environmental science professor in the field, as students collect trail cameras as part of a national study on mammal populations.</p>
<p>The Best of Our Knowledge: Forgiving student debt and a LEGO challenge</p>	<p>December 10</p>	<p>6:00 am</p>	<p>28 minutes 33 seconds</p>	<p>Northeast Public Radio</p> <p>As American students are facing more than \$1.7 trillion dollars in student loan debt, some private sector companies are now exploring their own student loan repayment programs. A LEGO building challenge gets kids to dive into a fun learning experience. Hearings were held in Vermont to examine changes to how the state's Agency of Education approves independent schools. And a new program in one public school system is working to foster a more productive and supportive community.</p>
<p>The Best of Our Knowledge: Boosting classroom morale through tech</p>	<p>December 24</p>	<p>6:00 am</p>	<p>28 minutes 34 seconds</p>	<p>Northeast Public Radio</p> <p>Many educators will say teaching can be a thankless job. A new app aims to help the entire school community share praise. We'll speak with the CEO of company HiLight. And with the College of Saint Rose set to close in June, a nearby college wants to help students continue their studies.</p>

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Crosswalk Safety	Whole Quarter	Daily	31 seconds	Local PSA produced by Bowdoin College's Office of Safety & Security for WBOR, aimed at promoting crosswalk safety on WBOR's campus and in the Brunswick, ME, community.
Lewiston	November 3 - December 1	Daily	1 minute	Maine State CDC produced PSA in the aftermath of the Lewiston shootings addressing the challenges of coping and offering resources to those impacted both directly and indirectly..
Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine	Whole Quarter	Daily	36 seconds	Local PSA produced by the Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine advertising resources available for those in the Midcoast region affected by sexual violence.
Drunk Driving	Whole Quarter	Daily	33 seconds	Local PSA produced by Bowdoin College's Office of Safety & Security for WBOR, encourages individuals to not drive drunk and to not let their friends drive drunk, as alcohol is involved in the deaths of over half of people killed in Maine highway crashes.
Flu Vaccine	Whole Quarter	Daily	30 seconds	National CDC produced PSA meant to encourage parents and individuals to get themselves and their families vaccinated, as each year thousands are hospitalized or die as a result of flu complications. Informs on best practices: only those 6 months and older, and some may need multiple doses.

This report is a sampling of WBOR's comprehensive log of programming and PSAs played in the fourth quarter of 2023. For more information, including detailed schedules and logs, please contact us at [wbor@bowdoin.edu](mailto:wbor@bowdoin.edu). Thank you.

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