

For the past three months of July, August, and September 2023, WZBC has continued to fulfill its mission of bringing quality programming to the greater Boston community with our programs, special events, and sponsorships.

Our station hosts two locally-oriented public affairs and news programs each week for the Newton and Boston community: “Truth and Justice Radio,” each Sunday from 6AM - 10AM, and “Sounds of Dissent” each Saturday from 11AM - 1PM. These programs are committed to local news and offer news pertinent and pressing to Boston residents.

In addition, each Saturday from 7PM - 10PM, the program “Caribbean Forum” addresses issues in Haitian and Caribbean communities.

Our show “Fuzzed Out Boston” which is Fridays at 5pm, is devoted exclusively to local artists of rock and experimental persuasions. The show helps expose the community to present and past talents of Boston, hopefully bringing them the necessary exposure to grow. With the reintroduction of live shows in the post-pandemic, this show is a great way to allow artists to expand across the city of Boston. This show also brings in local musicians and artists for interviews, both in person and remotely.

Coming back from our remote programming that we developed in March 2020 during the start of the pandemic, we have seen the sound of the station transform into a synthesis of old and new. We are lucky to welcome an abundance of shows, in addition to great retention. We have an all time amount of DJs in the studio, with more than half of the shows being broadcasted live.

WZBC typically contributes to the cultural growth of the Boston area through our daily concert reports which detail shows and events held at local venues. This semester we have established many new connections with local venues in order to continue our daily concert reports and ticket giveaways; we have also transitioned to announcing these on social media to engage a broader audience as well. In addition, we have welcomed back our ticket giveaway to the Coolidge Corner theater for movies playing locally. We are in the process of planning in-studio performances with local bands for the fall semester as well. We have been keeping up with monthly playlists that highlight different holidays, social justice issues, and seasons to engage our audience in new music that the board is enjoying, as well as sending out our new-addition music emails. Our focus for this semester is to unite both students and community members in a welcoming environment that fosters a love of music here at WZBC.

Respectfully submitted,
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