

For the past three months of April, May, and June 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.

Continuing 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, as former DJs were able to return to the air despite not being located in Boston. We are lucky to have the engagement of alumni and current students in order to keep the programming flowing over the summer while students aren’t on campus.

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, such as MGM Music Hall in Boston; we have also transitioned to announcing these on social media to engage a broader audience as well. In the spring we conducted interviews and live in-studio performances with local bands, such as Paper Lady and Nuns Don’t Believe in God. We successfully held our spring concert, which will take place in April on Boston College’s campus. We hosted Cryogeysers, an alternative band from Los Angeles, as well as Speakerhug, who is a local band. In addition, monthly playlists have been released that highlight different holidays, social justice issues, along with the top albums played in the rock and NCP divisions. These can be seen on our website (through the “Board Playlists” tab) as well as our social media platforms (Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr). In addition to further promoting the local bands that we regularly air and enjoy, these playlists allow the Boston community and beyond to have a better understanding of the music that is played at WZBC.

Respectfully submitted,
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