

ASCERTAINMENT STATEMENT-88-5 FM WXPB

2nd Quarter 2023: April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

In ascertaining the public affairs needs of the WXPB listening community, the management and programming staff of WXPB assesses and reviews the essential issues and topics of importance to the University City, West Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania community, and the overall listening audience. Among the stories that served this purpose was a feature on the “Center City Philadelphia Jazz Festival” which returned after a three year hiatus. WXPB Morning Show Co-Host Bob Bumbera interviewed the founder of the festival-jazz trombonist Ernest Stuart, who talked about the origins of the festival and what we can expect this year. Also as part of the launch of Philadelphia’s “Love Your Park” week Bob Bumbera interviewed Maura McCarthy, the CEO of Fairmount Park Conservancy who discussed the events stemming from the partnership of the non-profit Fairmount Park Conservancy and Philadelphia’s Parks & Recreation Department, and runs through the third week in May. In commemoration of the Juneteenth federal holiday on June 19, 2023 celebrating the anniversary of the day in 1865, when the last of enslaved black people in Galveston Texas were officially notified that they were free Americans, the WXPB Morning Show talked about events happening in Philadelphia including an all day event at The African American Museum , and the second annual Juneteenth Celebration at the Rotunda at the University of Pennsylvania. As usual those consulted during this quarter included WXPB G.M. Roger LaMay, Program Director Bruce Warren, Assistant Program Director Mike Vasilkos, and WXPB Morning Show host Kristen Kurtis. Resources from the

University of Pennsylvania's Office and Community Relations and Center for Community Partnership were also utilized for ideas on programming dealing with community issues. The center is has designed a guide to help build effective partnerships between the Penn community and the West Philadelphia and University City neighborhoods.. This relationship helps devise community service programs for Penn students and stimulates new and creative initiative linking the Univ. of Penn to its direct neighborhood community. This quarter WXPB continued to broadcast Live from the Kelly Writers' House. Shows included local, Philadelphia poets and musical guests, & University of Pennsylvania students. WXPB also featured a number of ongoing programs addressing a variety of issues including ones focussing on the LGBTQ community (Out Music & Amazon Country) & Kids Corner- the only nightly radio show focussing solely on kids and their specific issues. WXPB continues to work diligently is serving the radio station's diverse audiences with insightful, and provocative programming that compliments the music.

Ascertainment Report-2nd Qu. April 1, 2023-June 30, 2023

April 4, 2023

The fate of abortion access in the state of Wisconsin likely rests with today's outcome of the race for state Supreme Court . The Wisconsin Supreme Court has been under conservative control for 15 years. This year's race became the most expensive contest of its kind in U.S. history. The future of legislative maps, voting rights and years of other policies in Wisconsin also hang in the balance.

A radio station in Afghanistan, that is operated and run by women has been shut down by the Taliban for playing music during the holy month of Ramadan. During their previous rule in the late 1990s, the Taliban barred most radio, TV and newspapers. They have not formally restricted music since they took power again in August 2021. Sadai Banowan, which means women's voice in the Dari dialect, is Afghanistan's only women-run station. The Taliban says the station broke laws and several times and must accept the rules to reopen. The head of the radio station denies any music was broadcast

A new study has shown that plants, emit cries for help, when they are under stress. Scientists in Israel managed to record the "popping noises" that plants make when dehydrated or under stress. But the sounds are so high-pitched, humans can't hear them. Researchers know that when under stress, some plants will vibrate, but scientists could not agree on whether the vibrations could become sound waves. Now a recent study from

Tel Aviv University says that plants emit ultrasonic sounds that convey what they need. The experiment studied tobacco and tomato plants in an acoustic chamber in a greenhouse.

April 7, 2023

In Tennessee, the state's Republican-dominated House has expelled two of three Democratic representatives for their roles in a demonstration in favor of gun control following the Nashville school shooting. The chamber voted to expel Representatives Justin Pearson and Justin Jones, while sparing Rep. Gloria Johnson. A week ago the 3 representatives backed gun control supporters in the chamber's gallery, days after 6 people including 3 children were murdered in a school shooting in Nashville.

As lawmakers debate whether to ban TikTok nationwide, its Chinese parent company has quietly introduced a new app that's already getting some traction. The app, called Lemon8, it's a photo-based app that could be described as a mixture of Instagram and Pinterest with sprinkles of videos that resemble those posted on TikTok. The app was introduced in the U.S. in February with little fanfare. Lemon8 had 290,000 downloads in the U.S.,

April 14, 2023

The number of candidates seeking the democratic nomination for Mayor of Philadelphia has been reduced to 6 after Philadelphia City Council Member Derek Green announced that he is suspending his campaign for the Democratic Primary Election.

due to lack of financing.. Green is not yet endorsing one of his former rivals.

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Juul Labs has agreed to pay \$462 mill dollars to 6 states and Wash. DC to settle a lawsuit alleging the E-Cigarette maker marketed products to underage users.

A bronze statue of Country legend Charley Pride now stands outside the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. Pride's wife and son attended the unveiling yesterday. Pride's statue shows him standing and holding a guitar. It's near the statues for Loretta Lynn and Bill Monroe. A fourth statue, of Little Jimmy Dickens, is also on the Ryman's steps.

The first image of a black hole (that was captured in 2019) is already getting a makeover. Researchers have revealed an updated version of the black hole, which they made w/ AI technology. The black hole still looks like a fuzzy, orange doughnut-shaped object in a galaxy 53 million light-years from Earth. But it now has a skinnier ring and a darker center, which researchers believe is more accurate. The new image is based on the same data gathered by a network of radio telescopes, but researchers used artificial intelligence to fill in the gaps.

April 19, 2023

The famous "Hi, How Are You" mural in Austin Texas, created by the late Daniel Johnston, has been preserved. American Campus Communities bought the Goodall Wooten building in Austin (on which the mural was located) in 2018, with plans to

turn it into new student housing at the Univ. of Texas. The building has been demolished, except for the Wall with Johnston's mural. The building was home to the Sound Exchange music store when Daniel Johnston painted the mural in 1993. It of course features a frog with antennas (known as Jeremiah the Innocent) under the words "Hi, How Are You" which paid tribute to his album but has also become a symbol of asking about the mental health of everyone," Johnston himself had an ongoing struggle with manic depression," according to his website. The "Hi, How Are You Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to removing the stigma around mental health, one conversation at a time.

Historically volunteering has been strongest among college graduates & retirees However, nonprofit organizations across the country are currently scrambling for help, as the number of volunteers has fallen since the start of the pandemic over 3 years ago. According to a recent U.S. Census Bureau and AmeriCorps survey, formal volunteer participation was just 23.% during the pandemic, but it was the largest decrease the survey has recorded since they started tracking the numbers 2002, & they have not rebounded sufficiently. Now, IF you are interested in becoming a volunteer at XPN, just go to XPN.org, scroll down to the bottom of the home page, and click on "volunteer"- and there you will see the bio of XPN's Community Outreach Coordinator; Kerrin Lyons, and you can get all the info you need about being a part of your favorite radio station as a volunteer, even at the XPoNential Music Festival this Sept. 22, 23 and 24 at Wiggins park on the beautiful Camden Waterfront.

April 21, 2023

Earth Day events and activities got April 22, 2023

Earth Weekend is happening @ The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University: It's a weekend of live bee-demos, animal shows, science story times, hands-on workshops and music.

The Fashion District Philadelphia is hosting Earth Day Events for kids: who can start their own garden with seeds and compostable pots, this free event from 1 to 3 p.m. tomorrow

“Nature-palooza” is happening at Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education: All kinds of cool things happening along the hiking trail, including music played on instruments made from recycled items! This too is a free events, but a donation to the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education is suggested.

There will be an Earth Day After Party at the Philadelphia Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion: It's an Earth *night* celebration at this after-hours party Sat. Night inside the Philadelphia Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion in Northeast Philly @ 8046 Frankford Avenue. More info on tickets at: PhillyButterflyMuseum.com.

This weekend there's going to be a Party for the Planet at Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown. This two-day planetary party features meet-and-greet stations with zoo animals, recycling demonstrations and tips for sustainable living. All

activities are included with regular zoo admission (Saturday & Sunday).

Music feature: The sound of jazz music will be emanating throughout parts of Center City Philadelphia tomorrow, as the “Center City Jazz Festival” returns after a 3-year hiatus. The 6 hour jazz Marathon will take place along the Samson Street Corridor in Center City, at places like Chris’ Jazz Cafe, Fergie’s Pub, & Frankie Bradleys. In all 20 jazz acts at five different venues, but all within a short walking distance of one other. The Center City Jazz festival is the brainchild of Philadelphia jazz trombonist Ernest Stuart, who started it in 2012. Ernest told me, that he originally came up with the idea for it years ago, after one of Philly’s jazz clubs stopped featuring jazz acts.

(Bob Bumbera’s interview with Ernest Stuart, with a music bed of his jazz trombone music)

That’s Philly Jazz musician Ernest Stuart, who is not planning on playing his trombone during the Center City Jazz Festival (which he founded) but you never know! However, 20 other jazz artists will be performing at the 5 participating venues along Sansom Street Saturday from 1 to 7pm. All the info you need to know at CCJazzFest.com

Week of May 2 through May 5, 2023

Discussed the annual industry conference for non-commercial triple-A radio stations, NON-COMMvention returns as an in-person gathering on May 2-5, 2023 at World Cafe Live. WXPB Members have a special opportunity to attend all of the music performances at this year’s NON-COMM. With a Listener Pass you get access to: 3 evening artist showcases; 3 Free At Noon concerts; The Music Meeting. NON-COMMvention is produced

by WXPB for Triple A stations and will take place Tuesday, May 2 to Friday, May 5 at World Cafe Live / WXPB in Philadelphia. Evening and noontime musical showcases will feature 30+ of today's leading artists and bands from around the world. Conference sessions explore the best practices, opportunities, and challenges for stations with a focus on artist and community impact and sustainability. The complete artist lineup, schedule of events, and information regarding registration and accommodations is available by navigating TheTop22.com. Also, please join us in donating to the Rita Houston Memorial Fund. In memory of our friend and colleague, former WFUV Program Director, and radio legend RITA HOUSTON, the NON-COMMvention will once again endeavor to bring to this year's event a deserving female programmer from a smaller market station in honor of Rita's contributions to her station, the format, and the many musicians she championed. This year we honored much beloved and recently retired XPB employee Tess Coffey

May 11, 2023- AS part of the launch of Philadelphia's "Love Your Park" week, WXPB News Director and Morning Show Co-Host Bob Bumbera interviewed Maura McCarthy, the CEO of Fairmount Park Conservancy. "Love Your Park" week is a partnership of the non-profit Fairmount Park Conservancy and Philadelphia's Parks & Recreation Department, and ran from May 13th through May 21st. "Love Your Park Week" is a week-long celebration of parks across Philadelphia. Register to volunteer at one of dozens of parks across Philadelphia! Friends of parks across Philadelphia will be tending gardens and flower beds, caring for trees, and cleaning up our parks after the winter season.

June 19, 2023

Today is the Juneteenth, the federal holiday celebrating the anniversary of the day in 1865, when the last of enslaved black people in Galveston Texas were officially notified by U.S Army troops arriving from Philadelphia, that they were free Americans. Two and half years before that in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared a formal end to slavery in the U.S. Since then, June 19th has been observed in communities and states as a holiday, AND officially recognized as a federal holiday in 2021.

Professor Amilcar Shabazz is a professor in the department of American studies and director of the African American studies program at the University of Alabama. He says Juneteenth (which is also referred to as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day) is not just about celebrating a day or a single historical event – it's a celebration of freedom, resilience, community and the possibilities of good things to come. Professor Shabazz is also co-editor of "The Forty Acres Documents: What Did the United States Really Promise the People Freed from Slavery?

In Philadelphia today, The African American Museum will host an all-day, family-friendly outdoor festival in partnership with Wawa and Welcome America, today from June 19th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free event will feature a community marketplace spotlighting Black-owned businesses, & community resources, & there will also be free admission to the museum @ 701 Arch St, to explore the new exhibition, "Rising Sun: Artists in an Uncertain America".

The University of Pennsylvania will also be Hosting the 2nd annual Juneteenth Celebration at The Rotunda at Penn today at 5 p.m. The event will feature guest speakers, a fashion show, food, and spoken-word performances.

Yesterday Philadelphia hosted the largest Juneteenth parade in the entire country: celebrating the holiday and offering resources to the community. The all day festival featured more than 200 vendors, along with a parade in West Philadelphia that went down 52nd Street ending at Malcolm X Park.

June 30, 2023

The Supreme Court has made a landmark decision that has struck down affirmative action and has left colleges across the nation searching for new ways to promote student diversity. University of Pennsylvania President Liz Magill released a statement that read in part: “ This Supreme Court’s decision will require changes in Penn’s admissions practices. But our values and beliefs will not change and we will seek ways to admit individual students who will contribute to the kind of exceptional community that is essential to Penn’s educational mission. President Joe Biden asked the Education Department to explore policies that could help colleges build diverse student bodies. Today, the Supreme Court is expected to issue its ruling on student loan forgiveness for millions of Americans with college debt.

The last living sibling of Martin Luther King Jr., has died. Christine King Farris was 95 years old. For decades after her brother's assassination in 1968, Christine King Farris worked

along with Dr. King's widow Coretta Scott King to preserve and promote his legacy.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
for Kids Corner
Second Quarter, 2023 / April 3 through June 29th**

ISSUE: Science / Natural Science

Program Name: Kids Corner

Broadcast Date(s): April 27, 2023 / May 18, 2023, June 22, 2023

Broadcast Time: 19:00-20:00

Program Summary: it's a new monthly installment of **Wild Philly: Explode the Amazing Nature in and Around Philadelphia bacher**, with our longtime environmentalist and author of Wild Philly, Mike Weilbacher – who joins us to do a deep dive on the nature found all around us.

Program Details: Longtime guest of Kids Corner, Mike Weilbacher joins us monthly as we explore the nooks and crannies of nature found throughout the city and all around the region. From birds and bugs to understanding the science of clouds – we cover it all, naturally!

WXPN ASCERTAINMENT FORM

PROGRAM NAME: Kids Corner

HOST: Kathy O'Connell

PRODUCER: Robert Drake

AIRS: Mondays through Thursdays 19:00

LENGTH: 60 minutes

Created in January 1988, the primary mission of Kids Corner continues to be one that provides a stimulating variety of educational and entertaining programs for children ages 5-13. The show enables children to get involved in interactive segments and demonstrate their knowledge, talent and abilities. In addition, it serves as a resource for parents, educators and professionals in child-related fields.

2023 SECOND QUARTER / 48 episodes

Kids Corner Music Hour – airs weekly every Monday as well as on special occasions and features an hour of music from regional and national musicians that target the younger ear. In this quarter, the Kids Corner Music Hour aired:

April 3
April 10
April 17
April 23
May 1
May 8
May 15
May 17
May 22
June 5
June 12
June 19
June 20
June 26

KIDS CORNER PROGRAM / 2023 SECOND QUARTER OVERVIEW

Apr 4: KC Poll: Kids talk about ways they volunteer in their community
Apr 5: Kids Corner Bookmobile: Kathy and the kids recommend good books for listeners to check out!
Apr 6: Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw joins us continue her ongoing series exploring Art History
Apr 11: KC Poll: Kids share some of their favorite poems during National Poetry Month
Apr 12: The Collections Corner: Kids share their collections with us.
Apr 13: A Seat @ The Table – Dr. Lisa Chirlian joins us with her monthly exploration of the Periodic Table
Apr 18: KC Poll: What makes your favorite lunch?
Apr 19: It's Craft Night on Kids Corner as kids talk about their arts and craft projects they do at home
Apr 20: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Wild Philly segment, exploring the natural science around us.
Apr 25: it's the next installment of SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts of the Franklin Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments.
Apr 26: KC Poll: Who makes you laugh?
Apr 27: Mike Weilbacher joins us to talk about Climate Change; what it is and what can we do?
May 9: Tell us about your moms as we near Mother's Day

May 10: ANTS ON A LOG (local performing trio) join us live in studio for the hour with songs & stories
May 11: A Seat @ The Table – Dr. Lisa Chirlian joins us with her monthly exploration of the Periodic Table
May 16: Our local gardener Jeff Clarke joins us to talk about spring planting and more
May 18: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Wild Philly segment, exploring the natural science around us.
May 23: KC Poll: Favorite part of the upcoming summer season
May 24: Kathy and the kids talk fave TV and Movies
May 25: Historian Kenneth C. Davis shares the history behind the Memorial Day holiday.
May 30: It's the next installment of SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts of the Franklin Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments.
May 31: Kids share their tips for preparing to go to Summer Camps
June 1: Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw joins us continue her ongoing series exploring Art History
June 6: Tell us about your dads as we prepare for Father's Day
June 7: The Kids Corner Bookmobile – kids share their favorite books with Kathy
June 8: A Seat @ The Table – Dr. Lisa Chirlian joins us with her monthly exploration of the Periodic Table
June 13: Musician Kira Willey joins Kathy for an hour of songs and stories
June 14: The history behind the Flag Day holiday as told by historian Kenneth C Davis
June 15: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Wild Philly segment, exploring the natural science around us.
June 21: It's Craft Night on Kids Corner as kids talk about their arts and craft projects they do at home.
June 22: Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw joins us continue her ongoing series exploring Art History
June 27: It's the next installment of SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts of the Franklin Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments.
June 28: Kerry Sautner of the National Constitution Center visits to share what's going on at the NCC
June 29: A encore visit by Ben Franklin, portrayed by Ralph Archbold

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
for OUTsounds / Amazon Country
Second Quarter, 2023 / April 2nd through June 25th**

ISSUE: Art History and Appreciation

Program Name: OUTsounds

Broadcast Date(s): June 4, 2023

Broadcast Time: 23:30-00:00

Program Summary: An exploration of the history of the Stonewall Rebellion as we begin Pride Month

Program Details: Fifty years after the Stonewall Uprising, we look at what happened that night, through the voices of people who were there. WNYC's Jennifer Vanasco says that Stonewall — a filthy dive bar — was a most unlikely setting for the start of a crusade.

WXPB ASCERTAINMENT FORM

PROGRAM NAME: OUTsounds

HOST: Robert Drake

AIRS: Sundays at 23:30

LENGTH: 30 minutes

OUTsounds celebrates out artists worldwide and showcases music created and performed by members of the LGBTQ community. On occasion, Robert will also air short interviews with members of the LGBTQ community – these chats will be noted above, as they occur.

2023 SECOND QUARTER

12 episodes

April 2
April 9
April 16
April 23
April 30
May 7
May 14
May 21
June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25

PROGRAM NAME: Amazon Country

HOST: Debra D'Alessandro

AIRS: Sundays at 23:00

LENGTH: 30 minutes

Amazon Country is a program dedicated to celebrating and spotlighting the artistic creations found within the lesbian/feminist community. Throughout each show, host Debra D'Alessandro showcases music created and performed by members of the lesbian/feminist community. On occasion, Debra will also air short interviews with members of the LGBTQ community – these chats will be noted above, as they occur.

2023 SECOND QUARTER

12 episodes

April 2
April 9
April 16
April 23
April 30
May 7
May 14
May 21
June 4
June 11
June 18