

90.5 WICN FM WORCESTER, MA
QUARTERLY ISSUES
Second Quarter 2021

This listing includes some of the significant issues responded to by WICN(FM), Worcester, Massachusetts along with the most significant treatment of those issues for the period April 1st – June 30th, 2021. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Arts

Sunday, May 23 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, May 25 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back award-winning poet, writer, and children's book author CHERYL SAVAGEAU. Tonight, we talk about her poetry found in collections like MOTHER/LAND.

Sunday, June 20 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, June 22 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome ROBERT STORR. He is a teacher, lecturer, curator, critic, and painter. From 1990 till 2002 he worked at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, where he was a curator and later, a senior curator. He is now a Professor of Painting at Yale University. We are talking about the collection of his writings: ROBERT STORR: WRITINGS ON ART 1980-2005.

Sunday, June 27 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, June 29 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back curator, critic, and painter ROBERT STORR. From 1990 till 2002 he worked at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, where he was a curator and later, a senior curator. He is now a Professor of Painting at Yale University. Tonight we talk about his book ROBERT STORR: INTERVIEWS ON ART. This is an amazing collection of transcribe interviews he did with a variety of artists includes artists like Louise Bourgeois, Ellsworth Kelly, Chuck Close, Brice Marden, Jeff Koons, and Mike Kelley.

Business

Thursday, April 1 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour.

Sunday, April 4 – 10:00PM
Monday, April 5 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

"Business Beat" is an in-depth interview show that highlights the world of Central New England's business and economic development leaders, hosted by Erin Hayes and Ian Barrett of the award-winning content creation agency MediaBoss. You'll learn about successes and failures as well as their hopes and dreams as Worcester's ongoing renaissance continues to attract a new generation of entrepreneurs.

Thursday, April 8 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. Kerry Leppo is the guest this week.

Sunday, April 11 – 10:00PM

Monday, April 12 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, April 15 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. Kerry Leppo is the guest this week.

Sunday, April 18 – 10:00PM

Monday, April 19 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, April 22 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour.

Sunday, April 25 – 10:00PM

Monday, April 26 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, April 29 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour.

Sunday, May 2 – 10:00PM

Monday, May 3 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, May 6 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. Paul Silva is the guest this week.

Sunday, May 9 – 10:00PM

Monday, May 10 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, May 13 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. Elizabeth Jefferis is the guest this week.

Sunday, May 16 – 10:00PM

Monday, May 17 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, May 20 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. Lisa Drexhage, Senior Project Manager for the Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC) is the guest this week.

Sunday, May 23 – 10:00PM

Monday, May 24 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, May 27 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour.

Sunday, May 30 – 10:00PM

Monday, May 31 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, June 3 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. This week's guest is Charles Luster, Executive Director of 2Gether We Eat. 2Gether We Eat is a Youth Hydroponic farming group that donates 100% back to the community.

Sunday, June 6 – 10:00PM

Monday, June 7 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, June 10 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. This week's guest is Ashley Fitzmeyer.

Sunday, June 13 – 10:00PM

Monday, June 14 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, June 17 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. This week's guest is Charles Steinberg, Part 1.

Sunday, June 20 – 10:00PM

Monday, June 21 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Thursday, June 24 – 6:00PM

Venture Forum

Mark Reed-Edwards talks about entrepreneurship in Central Massachusetts in this illuminating half-hour. This week's guest is Charles Steinberg, Part 2.

Sunday, June 27 – 10:00PM

Monday, June 28 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

See Sunday, April 4 description.

Culture – Popular, including Music

Thursday, April 1 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

WICN GM David Ginsburg and Worcester Cultural Coalition Marketing Manager Nikki Erskine share local arts and culture highlights, including streaming events plus indoor and outdoor activities that you can comfortably enjoy, in this fun half-hour conversation.

Sunday, April 4 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, April 6 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer LLOYD KAPLAN, Professor Emeritus at the Community College of Rhode Island and TOM SHAKER, teacher, writer, and host off WICN'S "SOUL SERENADE" about their new book: IN HARMONY: EARLY VOCAL GROUPS REMEMBERED AND CELEBRATED.

Thursday, April 8 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Sunday, April 11 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, April 13 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back vocalist, composer, arranger, author, and performing artist TISH ONEY. She will be talking about her new album THE BEST PART, as well as her long career as a soprano soloist.

Thursday, April 15 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Sunday, April 18 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, April 20 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with GARY GOLIO, fine artist, musician, writer, and psychotherapist. We will be talking about his latest book, part of his long series about musicians and artists for young readers: DARK WAS THE NIGHT: BLIND WILLIE JOHNSON'S JOURNEY TO THE STARS.

Thursday, April 22 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Sunday, April 25 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, April 27 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Ever wonder what it would be like to go on tour with one of the major rock bands? Tonight's guest on Inquiry, KIM HAWES has toured with bands like Hawkwind, Concrete Blonde, and Mötörhead. First as a merchandising marvel and then, amazingly, as a band manager. Her wonderful memoir is titled CONFESSIONS OF A FEMALE TOUR MANAGER: THIS WOMAN'S LIFE ON THE ROAD WITH SOME OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS ROCK BANDS EVER.

Thursday, April 29 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Sunday, May 2 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, May 4 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with poet TONY GLOEGGLER about his latest collection of poems WHAT KIND OF MAN. His narrative poems are unlike anything you have read. He has managed group homes for the developmentally disabled for over forty years, and has had open heart surgery and a kidney transplant and all those experiences, and much more, can be found in the poems in this collection.

Thursday, May 6 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Sunday, May 9 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, May 11 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we speak with artist, illustrator, and writer BISHAKH SOM about the graphic story collection: APSARA ENGINE.

Thursday, May 13 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Sunday, May 16 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, May 18 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Getting through high school and fitting in is a nightmare. So much more so if you are the victim of racism from fellow students, local police, and even college recruiters. On Inquiry tonight we talk with writer, high school Latin teacher, and sought-after tattooer PHUC TRAN. His new memoir is SIGH, GONE: A MISFIT'S MEMOIR OF GREAT BOOKS, PUNK ROCK, AND THE FIGHT TO FIT IN.

On Inquiry tonight we talk with award-winning cartoonist, artist, and illustrator ZEKE PEÑA. His lively, political, and surrealistic work is “an accessible way to reclaim stories and remix history”.

Thursday, May 20 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

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Thursday, May 27 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Sunday, May 30 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, June 1 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer, artist, and illustrator MIKE CURATO. His new graphic novel is a powerful and touching story of a young boy at camp one summer as he struggles to come to terms with his sexuality as well as dealing with the brutal bullying of other camp mates. This critically acclaimed book for young adults is titled FLAMER.

Thursday, June 3 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

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Thursday, June 10 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Thursday, June 17 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Sunday, June 20 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, June 22 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Our neighborhood cinemas and multiplexes have become home to a steady diet of big-budget films, endless sequels, and movies inspired by commercial comics or even toys. Everything is in CGI. Where are the human-sized films? Where can we find the films of new directors? Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back WHEELER WINSTON DIXON. He is the James Ryan Professor of Film Studies, Coordinator of the Film Studies Program, and Professor of English at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. His new book is a collection of essays about the themes and financing of contemporary cinema: SYNTHETIC CINEMA: THE 21ST-CENTURY MOVIE MACHINE.

Thursday, June 24 – 6:30PM

Culture Beat

See Thursday, April 1 description.

Community

Wednesday, April 7 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

Public Hearing is our podcast and radio show talking about smart cities, systems change, and equity-centered development through the lens of our home City of Worcester, MA. We explore challenges facing the community and discuss solutions with a focus on inclusion, equity, and prosperity. Hosted by Joshua Croke founder of Action! by Design.

Wednesday, April 14 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, April 21 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, April 28 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, May 5 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, May 12 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, May 19 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, May 26 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, June 2 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, June 9 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, June 16 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, June 23 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Wednesday, June 30 – 6:00PM

Public Hearing

See Wednesday, April 7 description.

Environment

Health

Sunday, June 20 – 10:30PM

Monday, June 21 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on "The Public Eye" AI speaks with author and educator Stef Shuster, whose new book: Trans Medicine, covers the topic of medical treatment for trans-genders here in America.

History

Sunday, April 25 – 10:30PM

Monday, April 26 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

Author and New England journalist, Amy Russo joins AI to talk about her new book; Women of the White House. In it, she takes a close look at first ladies both past and present and their unique personalities. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 PM.

Sunday, May 2 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, May 4 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back writer and historian JILL WATTS. She is a Professor of History at California State University. Her new book is a compelling account of the African Americans who worked hard to effect real and permanent political change during the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administrations. Professor Watts' "must read" book is: THE BLACK CABINET: THE UNTOLD STORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND POLITICS DURING THE AGE OF ROOSEVELT.

Sunday, May 2 – 10:30PM

Monday, May 3 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

"Abraham Lincoln, racist"? Some today think that he was. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI speaks with historian and NY Times best-selling author John Cribb. His new book sheds light on the truth about the man who signed the emancipation proclamation which gave black slaves their freedom.

Sunday, May 23 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, May 25 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Shortly after the American nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, certain people in Hollywood decided that those events would make a great script for a film. What followed was a long series of craziness as people like President Truman, General Groves, the many scientists of the Manhattan Project, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ayn Rand and many other took turns crafting the script to suit their agendas. It's a tale worthy of a Pynchon novel, but it's all true. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer, historian, editor GREG MARSHALL about his new book: THE BEGINNING OR THE END: HOW HOLLYWOOD-AND AMERICA-LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE THE BOMB.

Sunday, June 6 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, June 8 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back NICHOLAS FOX WEBER writer and Director of the Albers Foundation. Tonight we talk about his stunning new art history ANNI & JOSEF ALBERS: EQUAL AND UNEQUAL. On tonight's show we will talk about Josef and Anni's early years, how they met, and their life at the Bauhaus

For the last century and a half, the development of effective insecticides and fertilizers has gone hand in hand with the development of chemical weapons. It was often the case of unintended consequences, but it was also a case of chemists working for a war effort. This is a complicated and grimly fascinating history. Tonight's guest on Inquiry is FRANK A. VON HIPPEL a professor of ecotoxicology at Northern Arizona University. His new book is THE CHEMICAL AGE: HOW

CHEMISTS FOUGHT FAMINE AND DISEASE, KILLED MILLIONS, AND CHANGED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EARTH.

Sunday, June 13 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, June 15 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight Inquiry welcomes back writer, biographer, director of the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation NICHOLAS FOX WEBER. We continue our conversation about his new book ANNI & JOSEF ALBERS: EQUAL AND UNEQUAL. Tonight we talk about how the Albers left Germany and came to the famous Black Mountain College in North Carolina.

Sunday, June 13 – 10:30PM
Monday, June 14 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI speaks with author Peter Canellos about his new book; “The Great Dissenter” the life of Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan. Harlan’s life and tenure on the bench is one of historical significance.

Sunday, June 27 – 10:30PM
Monday, June 28 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on “The Public Eye” AI is joined by Boston-based investigative reporter and author, Michael Blanding. In his new book, NORTH by SHAKESPEARE discusses the use of plagiarism in some of the master’s written works. Tune in this Sunday and Monday evening.

Humanities

Sunday, May 9 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, May 11 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with EMILY THOMAS. She is Associate Professor in Philosophy at Durham University. Her new book examines how philosophers have considered travel and even how some philosophers affected the tourist industry. Thomas’ new book is: THE MEANING OF TRAVEL: PHILOSOPHERS ABROAD.

Sunday, May 9 – 10:30PM
Monday, May 10 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on “The Public Eye” AI is joined by author and law professor, Frank Buckley. His new book: “CURIOSITY, and its 12 Rules for Life” emphasizes the need for all of us to be more inquisitive, ask questions and become more enlightened. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 for a discussion on why curiosity did not kill the cat.

Politics/Current Affairs

Sunday, April 4 – 10:30PM
Monday, April 5 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on “The Public Eye” AI is joined by author and Department of Defense consultant, Brandon Weichert to talk about his new book, “WINNING SPACE” How America Remains a Superpower. Is America losing its advantage both militarily and technologically?

Sunday, April 11 – 10:30PM
Monday, April 12 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

How have billionaires been able to grow their fortunes while most of us have simply tried to hang on? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI is joined by Chuck Collins, author of the new book, The Wealth Hoarders. Chuck Collins is the director of the Program on Inequality and the Common Good at the Institute for Policy Studies. His research and insightful views can explain the reason for this country’s wealth gap.

Sunday, April 18 – 10:30PM

Monday, April 19 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

In her new book, NO COMMON GROUND author and Historian, Karen Cox argues that Confederate Monuments must be removed from public places as they are seen as symbols of racial injustice. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI speaks with Karen Cox about her book.

Sunday, May 16 – 10:30PM

Monday, May 17 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on “The Public Eye” AI is joined by University of Chicago professor and White House adviser, Casey Mulligan. His latest research indicates that the COVID19 stay-at-home orders and restrictions might have been too much and now have impacted the US economy.

Sunday, May 23 – 10:30PM

Monday, May 24 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

Could we soon see tuition-free college here in the US? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI is joined by author, educated, and former White House advisor, Michelle Miller-Adams. Her new book; The Path to Free College outlines how and why free tuition would make sense.

Sunday, May 30 – 10:30PM

Monday, May 31 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on “The Public Eye” AI is joined by Army Special Forces veteran and best-selling author, Jim Hanson. His new book, “Winning the Second Civil War” highlights the internal strife and conflicts that are undermining the true need for cooperation and respect in this country.

Sunday, June 6 – 10:30PM

Monday, June 7 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

Best-selling author and award-winning filmmaker Sebastian Junger join AI this week to talk about his new book, FREEDOM. In it, Junger talks about the great gift of freedom that so many take for granted and what it takes to achieve freedom.

Science & Nature

Sunday, April 4 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, April 6 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back LITA JUDGE. She is the author and illustrator of several award-winning picture books for young people. Tonight, we talk about her just published book: THE WISDOM OF TREES: HOW TREES WORK TOGETHER TO FORM A NATURAL KINGDOM. Using some of the latest research from forest ecologists, Judge tells how we now understand trees in a dramatically different way: as entities that can communicate and relate to other trees.

Sunday, April 11 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, April 13 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

The magnificent Blakiston’s Fish Owl is the largest owl in the world. It lives in rugged and remote areas of Primorye Province in extreme eastern Russia in areas along rivers that flow to the Sea of Japan. Tonight’s guest on Inquiry is JONATHAN C. SLAGHT. He is the Russia and Northern Asia coordinator for the Wildlife Conservation Society. For years he has studied this fish owl in its natural habitat to develop a conservation plan for its survival. Now, he has written a book about these adventures: OWLS OF THE EASTERN ICE: A QUEST TO FIND AND SAVE THE WORLD’S LARGEST OWL.

Sunday, April 18 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, April 20 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight's guest on Inquiry is KENNETH CATANIA. He is the Stevenson Professor of Biological Sciences at Vanderbilt University. Throughout his career he has studied the sensory adaptations of some very strange creatures like the Star-nosed Mole, the Tentacled Snake, and the Electric Eel. He has even looked into why Worm Grunting works. All these amazing tales of true research science are found in his new book GREAT ADAPTATIONS: STAR-NOSED MOLES, ELECTRIC EELS, AND OTHER TALES OF EVOLUTION'S MYSTERIES SOLVED.

Sunday, May 30 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, June 1 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Have you ever wondered how it's all going to end? Not just you. Not just the Earth Not simply our solar system. But the whole kit and caboodle, every jot and neutron, gone forever. Tonight's guest on Inquiry has some very serious scientific theories about the ultimate fate of the universe. DR. KATIE MACK is a theoretical astrophysicist and assistant professor of physics at North Carolina State University. The title of her book says it all: THE END OF EVERYTHING (ASTROPHYSICALLY SPEAKING). Tonight we'll discuss the possibility of vacuum decay and other phenomenological pleasantries.

Sunday, June 13 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, June 15 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Ever since humans have studied the skies, they have attempted to learn how the cosmos works. By the beginning of the 20th Century, relativity and later quantum mechanics have revealed that the forces governing atomic particles are strange and operate in ways unexpected. Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with PAUL HALPERN, a professor of physics at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. His latest book chronicles this millennia search for the forces that govern the universe: SYNCHRONICITY: THE EPIC QUEST TO UNDERSTAND THE QUANTUM NATURE OF CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Sunday, June 27 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, June 29 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Why do seemingly intelligent people believe in crazy things that are obviously untrue? There are folks who believe that the earth is flat, the earth is hollow, that the moon landing never happened, or that dinosaurs never existed. Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back geology and paleontology professor DONALD R. PROTHERO to talk about his must read new book WEIRD EARTH: DEBUNKING IDEAS ABOUT OUR PLANET.

Technology

Sunday, April 25 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, April 27 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Imagine a website that hosts thousands of tough to find art images, recordings of artists talking, experimental films, concrete poetry and much, much more. Also imagine that this website is open source, free to anyone of visits the site. That is the website UbuWeb. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with the person who started UbuWeb KENNETH GOLDSMITH. He teaches writing at the University of Pennsylvania. His new book is a history of UbuWeb, an introduction to numerous other website collections, and an introduction to quite a number of artists whose work you may not have experienced. Oh, and there's a great discussion of copyright laws and "free use". DUCHAMP IS MY LAWYER: THE POLEMICS, PRAGMATICS, AND POETICS OF UBUWEB.