

WVIA-FM PUBLIC FILE QUARTERLY ISSUES / PROGRAM LIST REPORT

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GOVERNMENT

MORNING EDITION – WEEKDAYS 5 to 10 a.m.

RUN TIME – 5 Hours

SOURCE – NPR

Every weekday for over three decades, Morning Edition has taken listeners around the country and the world with two hours of multi-faceted stories and commentaries that inform, challenge and occasionally amuse. Morning Edition is the most listened-to news radio program in the country.

A bi-coastal, 24-hour news operation, Morning Edition is hosted by David Greene, Steve Inskeep, Noel King, and Rachel Martin. These hosts often get out from behind the anchor desk and travel around the world to report on the news firsthand.

Produced and distributed by NPR in Washington, D.C., Morning Edition draws on reporting from correspondents based around the world, and producers and reporters in locations in the United States. This reporting is supplemented by NPR Member Station reporters across the country as well as independent producers and reporters throughout the public radio system.

6/7/23

(1.) UKRAINE DAM AFTERMATH -- Russia and Ukraine traded accusations over who is to blame for the destruction of a dam on Ukraine's Dnipro (knee-PROH) River that has flooded homes and forced evacuations by thousands. - 4:15

(4.) FAITH FOR PRIDE -- Amid a wave of anti-LGBTQ bills in state legislatures, a national interfaith alliance is pushing back with a "Faith for Pride" campaign. – 4:21

(6.) OKLAHOMA RELIGIOUS SCHOOL -- An Oklahoma school board has approved what would be the first taxpayer-funded religious school. It's a virtual school and opponents say they'll take legal action against it. - 3:45

(8.) NYC HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS -- NPR's Leila Fadel talks to New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams about what's included in the Homeless Bill of Rights that city council members have passed. - 3:43

6/8/23

(1.) TRUMP INVESTIGATION UPDATE -- Former President Donald Trump's legal team has received a notice from Justice Department confirming that Trump is a target of an investigation into his handling of classified documents. - 4:17

(3.) WATER METER MESS -- Many communities still operate antiquated water meters that can leave residents with huge bills if a pipe breaks. One Alabama resident had to contend with a \$20,000 bill. - 3:27

(5.) SMOKE CHOKES NORTHEAST -- A blanket of smoke from Canadian wildfires continues to move south and hover over many Northeastern cities. Officials have issued many health alerts warning people to avoid outdoor activities. - 3:37

6/9/23

(1.) TRUMP IS INDICTED -- Donald Trump has become the first former president to be indicted by the federal government he once led. Trump faces 7 charges in the probe of documents found at his Florida resort. - 3:51

(2.) POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF TRUMP INDICTMENT -- As news of former President Donald Trump's indictment continues to reverberate around Washington and beyond, the political implications are far from clear. - 3:30

(8.) STAY SAFE AMID SMOKY AIR -- Much of the East Coast remains shrouded in haze as smoke from Canadian wildfires drifts south. But there are ways to minimize the health risks. - 3:19

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED - All Things Considered is the most listened-to, afternoon drive-time, news radio program in the country. Every weekday the two-hour show is hosted by Ailsa Chang, Audie Cornish, Mary Louise Kelly, and Ari Shapiro. In 1977, ATC expanded to seven days a week with a one-hour show on Saturdays and Sundays, which is hosted by Michel Martin. During each broadcast, stories and reports come to listeners from NPR reporters and correspondents based throughout the United States and the world. The hosts interview newsmakers and contribute their own reporting. Rounding out the mix are the disparate voices of a variety of commentators. All Things Considered has earned many of journalism's highest honors, including the George Foster Peabody Award, the Alfred I. DuPont Columbia University Award and the Overseas Press Club Award.

RUN TIME – 2 Hours

PROGRAM SOURCE - NPR

Weekdays 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

6/8/23

(1.) OMB DIRECTOR -- NPR's Mary Louise Kelly speaks with Shalanda Young, director of the Office of Management and Budget, about her role as a lead negotiator on the debt ceiling deal and future threats of default. - 7:15

(3.) EATING DISORDERS CHATBOT -- The National Eating Disorders Association has indefinitely taken down a chatbot after the bot produced diet and weight loss advice. The nonprofit had already closed its human-staffed helpline. - 4:15

(5.) NORTH KOREA DEFECTOR PT 2 -- NPR's Mary Louise Kelly continues her talk with Kim Hyun-woo, who -- until 2014 -- held a senior post in North Korea's Ministry of State Security. This is his first interview. - 8:24

(10.) SCOTUS VOTING RIGHTS -- On Thursday, the U.S. Supreme Court stepped back from the brink of totally gutting the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act, reaffirmed the precedent interpreting how legislative districts must be drawn. - 4:27

6/13/23

(1.) SCENE OUTSIDE MIAMI COURTHOUSE -- Supporters and opponents of former President Donald Trump showed up outside the Miami federal courthouse

today. Trump was inside making an appearance to answer to a litany of federal charges. - 4:30

(2.) CANCER DRUG SHORTAGE -- The recent, abrupt shortage of critical cancer drugs highlights a broken business model in generic drugs that leaves patients in the U.S. and all over the world more vulnerable to similar shortages. - 6:30

(5.) MAY INFLATION ATC -- Falling prices for gas and eggs took some of the sting out of inflation. Consumer prices in May were 4% higher than a year ago. Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve decides what to do with interest rates. - 3:45

(10.) TRUMP WORLD REACTS -- After former President Donald Trump appeared in court Tuesday, his inner circle and his political team have to determine the best path forward for the GOP presidential candidate. - 4:00

6/14/23

(1.) STAKES OF CLASSIFIED DOCS -- NPR's Ari Shapiro speaks with former NSA general counsel Glenn Gerstell on the security risks of mishandled classified documents and if overclassifying documents puts sensitive intel at greater risk. - 5:45

(3.) CLIMATE CHANGE AND INSURANCE -- NPR's Ailsa Chang talks with Michael Wara, who directs a climate and energy policy program at Stanford, about the financial calculus insurers are doing as the threat of climate-fueled disasters grows. - 8:00

EDUCATION/ARTS & CULTURE

ARTSCENE - Weekdays at noon

PROGRAM SOURCE – WVIA-FM RUN TIME – VARIED

ArtScene, with Erika Funke as the host/producer, is a daily short program which brings attention to the area's arts and cultural events. Join her weekdays at noon for interviews, reviews and commentaries on films, books, jazz, and classical music. Let Erika's ArtScene help you plan your weekend!

4/27/23 – Sara Kelley & Jane Albin - Sara Kelley of the Lewisburg Arts Council, and Jane Albin, featured artist, speaking with WVIA's Fiona Powell about the 2023 Lewisburg Arts Festival, "Spring Beauty". The event will be held on April 29th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in downtown Lewisburg, PA.

For more information: www.lewisburgartscouncil.org/

4/28/23 - Sister Cor Immaculatum Heffernan, IHM & Patricia Rosetti - Sister Cor Immaculatum Heffernan, IHM, Professor of Art Emerita & artist at Marywood University, and Patricia Rosetti, Leadership Annual Giving Officer there, speaking about Sr. Cor & her works of art, in anticipation of Marywood's 10th Annual Community Leadership Celebration, during which Sr. Cor will receive the University's "Lead On Award," on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 5:30 at the Center for Athletics & Wellness on the campus in Scranton. There will be a special art auction as part of the program. www.marywood.edu/clc or 570-348-6238

5/1/23 – Marla MacDonald - Maria MacDonald, Executive Director of the Center for the Living City & founding faculty member of Marywood University's School of Architecture, speaking about Scranton native Jane Jacobs in anticipation of "Observe Scranton: Jane Jacobs's First City Festival," May 4th & 5th, 2023, to mark the 107th birthday of Jane Jacobs. One of the highlights will be a first look at the Historic Lace Village on Friday. For more information: www.observescranton.org/

5/3/23 – Dr. Joy Hirokawa, Julia Sobrinsky & Dr. Larry Lipkis - Dr. Joy Hirokawa, Founder & Artistic Director of the Bel Canto Youth Chorus; Julia Sobrinsky, Bel Canto chorister & composer; Dr. Larry Lipkis, Professor of Music & Composer-in-Residence at Moravian College, speaking about "Remember," an original work by Julia Sobrinsky that will have its premiere at Bel Canto's 30th Anniversary Spring Concert on May 6, 2023, at Wesley United Methodist Church at 4 pm. www.bach.org/

5/4/23 – Dr. Steven Sametz - Dr. Steven Sametz, Ronald J. Ulrich Professor of Music at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, speaking about the concert program titled, "A Sacred Garden," featuring music by Bernstein, Durufle & Dr. Sametz. The performances will take place May 5 & May 6, 2023, at the Zoellner Arts Center at 8 pm, under the direction of Steven Sametz and Sun Min Lee. For more information: www.choralarts.lehigh.edu/

5/5/23 – Cheryl Boga & Philip Kuehn - Cheryl Boga, Performance Music Conductor & Director, & Philip Kuehn, Conductor & Co-Director at the University of Scranton, speaking about the 40th Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert featuring 2 new works by Kuehn. The performance will take place on May 6, 2023, at 7:30 pm, at the Houlihan-McLean Center on the U of S campus. Admission is free. www.scranton.edu/music

5/8/23 – Mark Loughney & Dr. Darlene Miller-Lanning - Artist Mark Loughney, native of Dunmore, PA, & Dr. Darlene Miller-Lanning, Director of the Hope Horn Gallery at the University of Scranton, speaking about the exhibition titled, "Pyrrhic Defeat: A Visual Study of Mass Incarceration by Mark Loughney," running through May 12, 2023 at the Hope Horn Gallery. For more information: www.scranton.edu/

5/11/23 – Paige Balitsky - Paige Balitski, Artistic Director & Co-founder with Bob Balitski, of Diva Theater in Scranton, marking its 25th anniversary, speaking about the original production, "Perceptions: Stories from the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Communities". The show will be presented May 12 and May 13, 2023, at 8 pm, at the Olde Brick Theatre, 126 West Market Street in Scranton. Diva can be found on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DivaTheaterScranton](https://www.facebook.com/DivaTheaterScranton) or by calling 570-209-7766.

5/15/23 – Gerardo Edelstein - Gerardo Edelstein, Music Director & Conductor of the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra, speaking with WVIA's Fiona Powell about the final concert of the 2022-23 season on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 pm at the Community Arts Center in downtown Williamsport. There will be music of Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev & Moncayo. CACLive.com or www.williamsportsymphony.org/

5/18/23 – Monda Pande - Mona Pande, Rostered Folk Artist with the PA Council on the Arts, speaking about her work in connection with a solo exhibition at the Pauly Friedman Gallery at Misericordia University in Dallas, PA. "Indian Folk Art: Mona Pande" will run from April 21 to May 31, 2023. There will be an artist-led Indian Folk Art Workshop on May 19 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information: www.misericordia.edu/art

HOME GROWN MUSIC - Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

SOURCE – WVIA-FM

RUN TIME – 29:00

Homegrown Music is WVIA-FM's exclusive series which each week showcases the talents of regional contemporary music artists in recordings produced in the WVIA-FM studios by series host George Graham and is broadcast Tuesdays at 9:00 PM. Further information on Homegrown Music may be obtained via the World Wide Web at <https://www.wvia.org/radio/homegrown-music/> and <http://homegrownmusic.info>.

April 4 - Honey King. This New Jersey trio started out as a blues band, but became an acoustic folk group marked by very attractive original music, and great vocal harmonies. This is an encore of Honey King's 2012 Homegrown Music debut.

April 11 - The Currys. An acoustic family trio of two brothers and a cousin, the Currys feature the vocal harmonies that come from growing up together. Their debut album Follow from 2014 was one of George Graham's top picks of the year. Since then, they have released two additional recordings and made a Homegrown Music live concert appearance. This is an encore of their debut Homegrown Music session in 2014.

April 18 - Gunnar Madsen. A co-founder of the distinctive and witty a cappella group The Bobs, Gunnar Madsen has been creating a remarkable variety of interesting music over the years, including award-winning children's albums, music featured in the TV series "Sex in the City," and music and audio design used in Atari video games. From the Homegrown Music archive comes this 1999 session with Madsen accompanying himself at the piano.

April 19 - A Homegrown Music Concert with WATER STREET and CARLA ULBRICH. WVIA's exclusive series of monthly live radio concert-broadcasts continued with a melodic rock band and a very witty comedic singer-songwriter. Water Street are a rock sextet known for their sophisticated original music. Their most recent release All We Tried to Be has been receiving critical praise. The band put in a Homegrown Music studio session last year, were scheduled to perform live in January, but the performance was called off due to a snowstorm. With hopefully better weather, and they make their live HGM live concert debut. Carla Ulbrich

calls herself a “professional smart Aleck” and for over 20 years, she has been writing songs that look at the humorous side of everything from romance to the pandemic. After an extended absence from the series, Ms. Ulbrich put in a studio session which aired earlier this year. She returns for a live performance of some of her newest songs along with some of her classics.

April 25 - Melodic Intersect. A distinctive world music quartet who include classical Indian sitar and tabla, along with jazz keyboard man Greg Hatza. They perform original improvisational music in this 2016 session.

April 26 - A Homegrown Jazz Special with STRING THEORY featuring Joe Battaglia. Guitarist Joe Battaglia has appeared several time on Homegrown Music, including with Gerry and Adam Niewood, along with his own groups. He returns with a new trio that includes bassist Rich Messbauer and drummer Daniel Gonzalez, performing original compositions.

KEYSTONE EDITION

Keystone Edition is a weekly newsmagazine on WVIA Radio that takes you into communities across the listening area, introducing you to the people, places, and events that make Northeastern & Central Pennsylvania unique. Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

4/2/23

FEATURE 2 - KEERIKAFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: "Considering Matthew Shepard" To Be Offered By Choral Society of NEPA & Bloomsburg University Choirs

INTRO: The Choral Society of Northeast PA and the Bloomsburg University Choirs join together to present the regional premiere of an important new work, "Considering Matthew Shepard." The oratorio was composed by Craig Hella Johnson in 2016 to remember the 1998 hate-crime murder of a gay college student from the state of Wyoming who was kidnapped, severely beaten, tied to a fence and left to die. The work incorporates a variety of musical styles and sets a wide range of texts by poets, as well as passages from Shepard’s journal and writings from his parents. There will be performances Saturday, April 15 at the First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit and also Sunday, April 16 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre. Keystone Edition's Erika Funke had a

chance to speak with Alan Baker, Music Director and Conductor of the choral forces, about the concerts...

OUTRO: Alan Baker, Music Director & Conductor of the Choral Society of NEPA & the Bloomsburg University Choirs, speaking with Keystone Edition's Erika Funke about the regional premiere of the oratorio, "Considering Matthew Shepard" by Craig Hella Johnson to be performed Saturday, April 15 at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit and also Sunday, April 16 at 4:00 pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre. There is no admission fee. For more information: www.choralsociety.net

4/9/23

FEATURE 2 - KEFIONAFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: "Spring Beauty" At the 2023 Lewisburg Arts Festival

INTRO: Artist Jane Albin sketches every day and she loves to capture the people and places around her--especially in the Susquehanna Valley. Albin is the featured artist for the 2023 Lewisburg Arts Festival that has as its theme, "Spring Beauty". Keystone Edition's Fiona Powell had a chance to speak with Jane Albin about her work...

OUTRO: Artist Jane Albin, speaking with Keystone Edition's Fiona Powell about her work in anticipation of the 2023 Lewisburg Arts Festival on April 29th and the exhibition of her paintings that will open with a reception on April 14th at the Open Door Gallery, 430 Market Street. The show will run through May 13th. For more information: lewisburgartscouncil.com.

4/16/23

FEATURE 2 - KEERIKAFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: WVIA To Celebrate 50 Years of Radio On Monday Night's KE Arts

INTRO: WVIA radio will mark its 50th anniversary one week from today. The station signed on the air on April 23, 1973, thanks to the skills of George Graham, who was the engineer in charge of assembling the equipment and preparing for the initial broadcast. There are many stories to be told about those early days, and this Monday, April 17, WVIA TV will present a special Keystone Edition Arts program celebrating 50 years of Public Radio WVIA, featuring the present hosts and former staffers returning for the occasion.

David Yonki is currently Health Educator for the City of Wilkes-Barre, but he started working at WVIA FM a few months after the initial sign-on. Keystone Edition's Erika Funke had a chance to speak with him at the station about those early days...

OUTRO: David Yonki, Health Educator for the City of Wilkes-Barre, and a former staff member of WVIA Radio, talking about the early days with Keystone Edition's Erika Funke. April 23, 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of WVIA Radio, and to celebrate the milestone, WVIA TV will present a special Keystone Edition Arts program this Monday evening, April 17, at 7:00, featuring the current WVIA radio staff members, and some from the past, taking viewers behind the scenes and sharing stories about public radio in this region. You can watch Keystone Edition Arts this Monday evening at 7:00 on WVIA TV or online at wvia.org.

FEATURE 5 - KEFIONAFINAL.mp3

INTRO: We have a pair of anniversaries to celebrate this week. The Weis Center for the Performing Arts at Bucknell University is wrapping up its 35th anniversary season with a concert by the jazz supergroup Artemis. And since WVIA Radio is celebrating a 50th anniversary, we'll be at that concert to celebrate together. WVIA's Fiona Powell spoke with Artemis pianist and musical director, Renee Rosnes.

OUTRO: Renee Rosnes is pianist and musical director of the jazz band Artemis, performing Thursday April 20 at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts at Bucknell University. WVIA's George Graham will facilitate a pre-concert chat with the band in the Weis Center lobby at 6:45, then introduce the concert at 7:30. Details at Bucknell.edu/weiscenter. And you can hear more of this interview at wvia.org/artscene.

4/23/23

NEWS 1 - From Keystone State News Connection - KECHESAFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: EPA Reaches Proposed Settlement in Chesapeake Bay Pollution Lawsuit Involving PA

INTRO: The E-P-A has reached a tentative settlement in a lawsuit over the agency's failure to make Pennsylvania abide by the same clean-water requirements as other states in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Brett Peveto reports.

4/30/23

FEATURE 4 - KEERIKAFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: Laughing Our Way To Better Health?

INTRO: We often hear the phrase, "Laughter is the best medicine," and there's much research that backs up the healing effects of good, full laughter. Jeannine Luby is a comedian from Scranton and founder of *Laugh to Live* that promotes the health benefits of laughter. Luby spoke with Keystone Edition's Erika Funke about how she came to her work...

OUTRO: Jeannine Luby of Scranton speaking with Keystone Edition's Erika Funke about 2 events featuring nationally-known comedian Gab Bonesso-- May 4th at the Cooperage Project in Hawley at 6:30 pm; and on May 5th at the Space at Olive in Scranton at 8 pm. For more info: www.naminepa.org

5/7/23

FEATURE 3 - Chris N. - KECHRISFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: Leadership Lackawanna Participants Look To Beautify Area Through Community Service Projects

INTRO: Improving a Little League concession stand and a youth football program press box, renovating a position of a teen center, building a walking trail around an animal sanctuary, and transforming a vacant urban lot into a vibrant, attractive space...these are all projects being finished this spring by participants in the core program of Leadership Lackawanna. Five team leaders gathered at WVIA to explain the community improvement projects they're working on.

OUTRO: That's Kelly Laird, along with Tom Charge, Karla Perks, Jessica Mislinski, and Jim Warren, who, along with their Leadership Lackawanna teammates are working on 5 community service projects in Moscow, Dalton, and several neighborhoods of Scranton.

FEATURE 4 - KEERIKAFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: New WVIA Documentary Takes It To the Gridiron

INTRO: WVIA-TV will present the broadcast premiere of the original documentary film, "ROAR: The story of the Southern Columbia Football Tigers" this Thursday, May 11th at 8 pm. Award-winning filmmaker Alexander Monelli spoke recently with Keystone Edition's Erika about the story...

OUTRO: Award-winning filmmaker Alexander Monelli of WVIA speaking with Keystone Edition's Erika Funke about his new documentary, "ROAR: the story of the Southern Columbia Football Tigers" that will have its broadcast premiere this Thursday, May 11th, at 8 pm, on WVIA-TV and online at wvia.org/ For more information: www.wvia.org.

5/28/23

NEWS FEATURE 1 - TOM R. - KETOMFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: Luzerne County Company Chosen To Develop Hemp Industry Accelerator Program

INTRO: Once outlawed for over 80 years, industrial hemp in Pennsylvania received a boost earlier this month. WVIA's Tom Riese reports for Keystone Edition Radio, a company in Luzerne County was selected to develop a hemp industry accelerator program.

6/4/23

NEWS 1 - KETEACHERS.mp3 - From WPSU

Headline - How High Is PA's Teacher Attrition Rate??

INTRO: A new study by a Penn State professor warns that Pennsylvania's teacher attrition rate is the highest on record. For Keystone Edition, James Engel spoke to Professor Ed Fuller about what this means for the commonwealth's schools.

NEWS 2 - KEWETLANDSFINAL.mp3 - From Keystone State News Connection

HEADLINE: Supreme Court Makes Decision In Private Property/Wetlands Case, Faces Backlash

INTRO: From conservation to sportsmen's groups, the U-S Supreme Court is getting plenty of backlash over its most recent ruling that weakens federal protections for wetlands. Danielle Smith reports on what it could mean for Pennsylvania.

FEATURE 2 - Erika - KEERIKAFINAL.mp3

HEADLINE: PATASphere Offering Summer Performing Arts Camp

INTRO: Her father is a poet, so it's not a surprise that Cari Tellis is sensitive to the reverberations of words and phrases. When she founded the Performing Arts Training Academy 10 years ago, she chose a name that would have many layers--"PATA-sphere" seemed right, no doubt, because it sounds like "atmosphere" and "stratosphere" or even "light-year"! Reach-for-the sky kind of terms.

This year's summer performing arts camp will be held for 3 weeks on the campus of Misericordia University in Dallas, just outside of Wilkes-Barre, and participants will receive professional training in all aspects of the performing arts. Dr. Tellis is a professor at Misericordia and a voice specialist and she and Jacob Thomas, Marketing Director, paid a visit to the WVIA studios to talk with Keystone Edition's Erika Funke about PATASphere and its summer offerings...

OUTRO: Dr. Cari Tellis, Professor in the Speech-Language Pathology Department at Misericordia University and founder of PATASphere, and Jacob Thomas, PATASphere Marketing Director, speaking with Keystone Edition's Erika Funke about the 10th annual performing arts summer camp to be presented by PATASphere on the Misericordia campus, just outside of Wilkes-Barre. The program runs from July 3 through July 23, and scholarships are available. For more information: www.patasphere.org/

WVIA-HD2

WORLD CAFÉ

WEEKDAYS 7 A.M. TO 9 A.M.

PROGRAM SOURCE – NPR

RUN TIME – 2 HOURS

WXPN's live performance and interview program featuring music and conversation from a variety of important musicians.

4/26/23

Joe P delivers fuzzy guitar rock on 'French Blonde'

When New Jersey artist Joe P's band Deal Casino decided to call it quits during the early stages of the pandemic, frontman Joe Parella started posting nightly performances on TikTok. His videos began to take off, earning him hundreds of thousands of followers on the app, as well as the attention of entertainers such as Zane Lowe. In this *World Cafe* session, Joe P joins us for a mini-concert to perform songs from his latest EP, *French Blonde*.

5/16/23

Why Dr. Dog's Scott McMicken called on a band of strangers for his solo record

Scott McMicken was working on his debut solo album for over a year when he realized something was missing: The music he was making needed a live band.

Rather than call on his bandmates from [Dr. Dog](#), the Philadelphia band he started over 20 years ago, he and his producer, Nick Kinsey, assembled a band of mostly strangers to help him create *Shabang*. McMicken says that experience was one of the most rewarding of his career. He dubbed this new configuration Scott McMicken and THE EVER-EXPANDING, and they joined the *World Cafe* for a live performance. Plus, McMicken chats about this leap of faith and the making of *Shabang*.

5/23/23

30A Songwriters Sessions: Eddie 9V

Next up in our showcase from the 30A Songwriters Festival: a performance from blues, roots and soul musician Eddie 9 Volt. Based in Atlanta, Eddie's an old soul with a young heart, and he takes inspiration from guitar legend [Freddie King](#). His latest album, 2023's *Capricorn*, is named for the legendary studio in Macon, where it was recorded. In this session, you'll hear live performances from that album, recorded by [WMOT](#) at the festival in January. Plus, a cut from his 2021 album, *Little Black Flies*.

5/24/23

Happy Birthday, Bob!

[Bob Dylan](#) turns 82 today, so we're taking this opportunity to celebrate some of the legendary songwriter's music, as well as covers of his work over the years. Born in 1941 in Duluth, Minn., Dylan has a discography that's been covered by a wide range of musicians drawing from many genres: [The Byrds](#), [Nina Simone](#), [Guns N' Roses](#), [Cat Power](#), Jerry Garcia, [Eddie Vedder](#), and Rage Against The Machine. Then, of course, there's the unquestionable brilliance of [Jimi Hendrix](#)'s "All Along The Watchtower," which has influenced the way Dylan himself performs the song live.

5/30/23

The Culture Corner: Revisiting The Roots' influential 'Organix'

In a new Culture Corner, John Morrison talks about how The Roots' approach – hip-hop with a live band – was connected to the history of hip-hop and how it helped shape the genre's future... and started The Roots on the road to becoming one of the most influential hip-hop groups of all time.

6/2/23

Hear Ben Folds perform songs from his new album 'What Matters Most'

[Ben Folds](#) has been playing music since the late '80s, becoming famous in the '90s with his band Ben Folds Five and following that up with a fruitful and creative solo career that's seen him release four full-length solo albums, including a brand new one called *What Matters Most*. In this episode of *World Cafe*, Folds digs into the

way he thinks about songwriting and storytelling. Plus, you'll hear some live performances recorded exclusively for the World Cafe.

6/6/23

Watch rising country, Americana artists perform for the Black Opry Residency

Yesterday on *World Cafe*, we heard from the five up-and-coming country and Americana artists who took part in WXPB's [Black Opry Residency](#) this year: Grace Givertz, The Kentucky Gentlemen (Brandon and Derek Campbell), Tylar Bryant, Samantha Rise and Denitia. The cohort performed in front of a live audience in Philly during the weeklong program, which was created to help Black country, folk and Americana artists build sustainable careers and broaden their audiences.

6/14/23

After briefly losing the ability to sing, Natalie Merchant's voice shines anew

[Natalie Merchant](#)'s new album is something that easily could've not happened. A few years ago, she underwent spinal cord surgery, and in the aftermath, Merchant briefly lost her ability to sing. She says that, at the time, she was content finding something else to do. After all, she was busy with parenting, teaching and advocacy work. But a chance connection with another writer, a poet named Robin Robertson, helped put Merchant's new album in motion.

Keep Your Courage revolves around love in all its forms. It's a stunning record, and her voice sounds as great as ever. In this session, Merchant talks about her songwriting technique, and she also talks about her life outside of music making, including serving on the board of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

6/19/23

Check out this special Juneteenth mix from 'World Cafe'

To help you celebrate Juneteenth this year, *World Cafe* has put together a playlist featuring classic tracks from Black musicians like [The Temptations](#), [Mavis Staples](#), [Jimi Hendrix](#) and more. The mix also includes new music we've been loving, like [Janelle Monáe](#)'s just-released *The Age of Pleasure*, as well as new songs from [Arlo Parks](#) and [Devon Gilfillian](#). We hope this selection of music inspires joy and triumph as we recognize Juneteenth, which commemorates the fall of slavery in the U.S. — and more specifically, the day the news reached Galveston, Texas, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued in 1863.

6/23/23

Decades after leaving Côte d'Ivoire, Peter One is finally enjoying his second act

If you had gone to see our guest today in West Africa back in the late '80s, you would have been one of hundreds, or maybe thousands in a huge crowd. [Peter One](#) had built a fanbase with his 1985 debut album with fellow Ivory Coast musician Jess Sah Bi called *Our Garden Needs its Flowers*. And then, Peter One left it all behind to move to America. His plan was to pursue a music career in the U.S., and even though he ended up in Nashville, there were some setbacks. He worked as a nurse for years before his music was finally rediscovered. Now, Peter One has finally released his first album since that 1985 debut; it's called *Come Back To Me*. In this session, Peter One joins *World Cafe* to talk about the long road to his second act, plus a performance recorded in front of a live audience in Philly.