

## Quarterly Issues Report – WXXI Classical, WXXO-FM 91.5 For the period January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

### ARTS & CULTURE

**CD SPOTLIGHT:** Every 2-3 weeks, WXXI Classical features new releases by artists that you'll want to know and some by great artists and ensembles that deserve to be in the spotlight again. This **on-air initiative** is expanded on our website at <https://www.wxxiclassical.org/cd-spotlight>. We also use this initiative to shine a spotlight on issues in the world of classical music. In this quarter WXXI Classical featured:

- fivebyfive's [Breath & Fire](#)
- [Ludwig van Beethoven Complete Piano Sonatas, Vol. 1](#)
- Abel Selaoe, [Where is Home \(Hae ke Kae\)](#)
- Lawrence Brownlee, [Rising](#)
- [Velvet Brown, tuba](#)
- Neave Trio, [A Room of Her Own](#)
- [As Steals the Morn, Handel Arias and Scenes for Tenor](#)

### ARTS & CULTURE:

#### **Arts News: Arts Funding**

**Mon 1/15/24**

**8:05am**

**1:30 arts news**

As the city of Rochester and Monroe County work to increase arts funding, they're creating a team to make sure more people know about the available opportunities for artists. WXXI's Rebecca Rafferty tells us more.

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI): Dialogue on Disability Week – Jan 22-28, 2024** Classical 91.5 celebrates and shares the stories of the abilities of musicians with disabilities on air and on our web page <https://www.wxxiclassical.org/dialogue-on-disability-celebrating-abilities>. In addition to presenting performances by musicians with disabilities on air, this year we produced seven brief on-air features to highlight musicians with differing abilities in a new series we called [Move to Include: Celebrating Great Musicians](#). The seven features were:

- [Valerie Capers](#) African American pianist & composer who is blind
- [Evelyn Glennie](#) Scottish percussionist who is deaf
- [David Helfgott](#) Australian pianist who lives with schizoaffective disorder
- [Molly Joyce](#) American composer, educator and performer who has an impaired left hand due to an automobile accident
- [Maurice Ravel](#) French composer believed to have what today we know as Alzheimer's disease
- [John Rutter](#) British composer and conductor who experiences post-viral fatigue syndrome
- [Nick van Bloss](#) British pianist diagnosed with non-swearing Tourette Syndrome

**(DEI): Gateways Radio, Tuesdays 8:00-9:00p.m. beginning 1/16/24-4/9/24 (13-weeks).** *Gateways Radio*, hosted by bassoonist Liki Karuna (aka Garrett McQueen), features exceptional compositions and exquisite performances, celebrating the Gateways Music Festival's mission of connecting and

supporting classical musicians of African descent and serving as a source of inspiration, enlightenment, and engagement for communities—especially communities underrepresented in classical music.



**FEB: Black History Month**

As February is Black History Month, all hosts will be highlighting music composed, performed or conducted by musicians of African descent.

**Arts News: Five to Revive**

**Thu 2/1/24**

**8:05am**

**1-min arts feature**

The Rochester Landmark Society releases its Five to Revive list of endangered structures etc.

**Arts News: High Falls State Park**

**Mon 2/5/24**

**8:05am**

**1-min arts news**

Planning for a new High Falls State Park is moving forward.

**(DEI): The Year of the Dragon: A Joyful Celebration, Saturday 2/10 at 12:00-1:00pm.** The Chinese lunar new year of the Dragon is commemorated with traditions and rituals observed in everything from food to clothing. Ancestors are honored, and peace and happiness are bestowed on family and friends. The history, rituals, and traditions of Chinese New Year are celebrated alongside traditional Chinese music in this one-hour special, hosted and produced by Dr. Wanda Yang Temko.

**ARTS: Blue Centennial: Celebrating a Century of Gershwin's Rhapsody, Mon 2/12, 3:00-4:00pm.** In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the debut of George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, host Valerie Kahler explores this jazz-age showstopper with interviews and performances by the artists who've brought it to life over the last 100 years.

**(DEI): Morehouse College Glee Club 2023 Tour, SAT 2/17, 5:00-6:00pm.** On March 14, 2023 the Morehouse College Glee Club, directed by Rochester native Dr. David Morrow, returned to Asbury First Church to present a concert as part of their 2023 Tour. We'll enjoy music by Handel, new arrangements of familiar spirituals and hymn tunes, as well as Adrian Dunn's *Requiem* from *The unarmed Child*, a work that marries traditional requiem format with lyrics by rapper Daniel Shegog. Mona Seghatoleslami hosts.

**(DEI): Take Me to the Water, Monday 2/19 at 3:00-4:00pm.** This one-hour special featuring harpist Ashley Jackson's program *Take Me to the Water*, an immersive audio experience that touches on themes from African mythology, the antebellum spiritual traditional and water's transporative, transmogrifying nature. Hosted by Vernon Neal (host of the podcast "Rhapsody in Black.")

**Arts News: Rochester Ranking**

**Wed 2/21/24**

**8:05am**

**1-min arts news**

Rochester is ranked in the Top 10 cities for affordability, commute time and friendliness.

**👩 Women's History Month:**

**Throughout March - Broadcast times vary, 1/daypart**

**20 - :40 vignettes**

WXXI Classical has written and produced three new profiles of women in classical music, bringing our total to nearly 60, :40 vignettes highlighting the accomplishments of women in classical music. These also appear on our website at <https://www.classical915.org/topic/celebrating-contributions-women-classical-music>.

** Arts News: Women's Hall of Fame**

**Tue 3/20/24**

**8:05am**

**1-min arts news**

The National Women's Hall of Fame has received a half-million dollar federal grant to continue work at its historic building in Seneca Falls.

**Arts News: Geva Announces new season**

**Tue 3/26/24**

**8:05am**

**1-min arts news**

Geva Theatre has gone public with the lineup for its 2024-25 season. WXXI's Daniel Kushner explains the company's strategic plan for making its productions more accessible.

**Arts News: RBTL Announces new season**

**Thu 3/28/24**

**8:05am**

**2-min arts feature**

The Rochester Broadway Theatre League -- known as RBTL -- has revealed its 2024-25 season, featuring 8 touring shows of New York productions.

**† St. John Passion at the Leipzig Bach Festival, Fri 3/29/24 @ 2:00-4:00pm.** One of Bach's finest, most inspiring compositions, his *St. John Passion* is presented by The Choir and Orchestra of the J.S. Bach Foundation at Leipzig's St. Thomas Church, where Bach premiered its first performance. Bach expert Rudolf Lutz conducts with a line-up of international soloists.

**EDUCATION: Live from Hochstein**

**Wednesdays, 3/20/24-5/15/24**

**12:10-1:50 p.m./rpt 10:00 p.m. 50-60 minute program**

*Live from Hochstein* returns for nine weeks of live performances including a celebration of the Nazareth College's 3rd [Women in Music Festival](#) (3/27) which highlights the artistry of women composers.