

ASCERTAINMENT STATEMENT-88-5 FM WXPB
4th Quarter 2023: October 1, 2023 through December 31, 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 WXPB's "Giving Tuesday" day of programming, and Bob Bumbera's interview with MANNA's CEO Sue Daugherty who talked about how for the past 33 years MANNA has served more than 45,000 Philadelphia area neighbors with more than 22 million medically nourishing meals. WXPB & Subaru partnered to provide a week's worth of meals for an one-person through MANNA's meal program, with a donation.

Public Radio Music Day was also commemorated on WXPB through a series of interviews, conducted by Morning Show co-host Bob Bumbera with three members of the non-profit music world regarding their commitment to music education. Those interviewed included: Hal Real- Founder and CEO of World Cafe Live; Sanovia Garrett-Program Director for Girls Rock Philly, and Jessica Craft, Founder of Philly's "Rock to the Future".

Every month throughout the 4th quarter of 2023 WXPB presented "Live from Kelly Writers' House: a monthly show recorded live at the Kelly Writers House on the Univ. of Pennsylvania. One of the shows featured participants from "Sit and Write"-a virtual co-working group for creative writers in Philadelphia and beyond, offering weekly drop-in sessions for

writers who benefit from “accountability buddies”. AS part of the series a song from Philadelphia singer-songwriter Sug Daniels was featured on the WXPB Morning Show. 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.

4th Qu. Ascertainments 10/1/23 to 12/31/23

10/2/23

Two scientists from the University of Pennsylvania have won the 2023 Nobel Prize in medicine for their research and discoveries that led to the development of the COVID-19 vaccine. Katalin Karikó is an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania and a professor at Sagan University in Hungary. & Drew Weissman is the director of the Penn Institute for RNA Innovations at the University of Pennsylvania. The 2 researchers become the 28th and 29th Nobel laureates affiliated with the Univ. of Pennsylvania And this week, The Nobel prizes in physics, chemistry, literature, economics, and of course, the Nobel peace will also be announced.

One of Philadelphia's MAJOR cultural events has concluded another successful run. The 2023 Philadelphia Fringe Festival has wrapped up with over 300 shows over a 4 week period. AND it is a bitter sweet season for the Philly Fringe Festival, as it's longtime President and co-founder Nick Stuccio has announced that he will be stepping down on April 1st of next year, after 27 years as president and producing director on April 1, of next year. Stuccio, was a teenage ballet dancer when he had the idea for the Philadelphia Fringe Festival, which debuted in

1997 with 60 groups.... but since has evolved into one of Philadelphia's marquee arts and cultural events.

A couple of year ago, Nick Stuccio was interviewed by Kevin Schmidt and for the Philly-Who Podcast, and he talked about what makes Philly a great setting for the the Fringe Festival

Nick Stuccio in an interview on the Philly-Who Podcast, a This year, the Philly Fringe festival (which ran from Sept. 7th thru Sept. 24th) featured more than 300 shows over four weeks, attracting about 35,000 attendees. Nick says he plans to stay in Philly, and remain connected to the arts and culture community while developing his next project. Info at FringeArts on Twitter, Instagram

10/4/23

There is going to be a BIG test of the nationwide emergency alert system today on every TV, radio and cellphone in the U.S., so be aware when you hear a very distinctive, jarring-warning tone blaring out. This is a test. This is is only a test. The test Of the Emergency Alert System and the Wireless Emergency Alerts, Again will happen today at- 2:20 p.m. EDT. The test is scheduled to last approximately one minute. It will only go out once, there will be no repeats. Only cellphones that are turned on will receive the message. If your phone is on but the sound and vibration features are turned off,

you'll still get the message. If your phone is set to Wi-Fi or airplane mode, it won't receive the alert because the message goes out over the cellular broadcast system, but The Wireless Emergency Alert will be accompanied by a vibration to make sure that the alerts will be available to the entire public, including people with disabilities.

10/6/23

The end of an era at NPR! Bob Boilen, the former director of *All Things Considered* who later co-founded the Tiny Desk Concerts in 2008 has retired after 3 1/2 decades at National Public Radio. Boilen tweeted: "After 35 years, "I've had the thrill of creating Tiny Desk Concerts, *All Songs Considered*, directing *All Things Considered* for 18 years and so much more. I love the people I've worked with, but it's time to find new challenges. thank you for listening/watching." Bob Boilen started at NPR in 1998 and went on to become the Director of *All Things Considered*, and host of *All Songs Considered*. And 15 years later, he and NPR Music editor Stephen Thompson (frustrated that they could not hear the bands while attending South by Southwest) joked that the musicians should "just perform at Boilen's desk at NPR. . Well, A month later "The Tiny Desk Concert" Series was born, In 2014, NPR decided it would host its first contest, inviting musicians

to submit a video of one of their songs. & then a winner is chosen to play a Tiny Desk Concert. Bob Boilen has been a part of some 1,200 Tiny Desk Concerts. After recording his final one, Boilen talked to NPR's Mary Louise Kelly about his job, and the unique way he guided listeners through the news, with the use of music! Bob Boilen of NPR's All Things Considered, All Songs Considered and of course the Tiny Desk Concerts. By the way- the name: Tiny Desk Concert, not only refers to Bob's desk @ NPR- (but is also taken from his 1970s psychedelic dance band called Tiny Desk Unit. His final show, gathered some of my favorite artists including Brian Eno, Lucy Dacus, Jeff Tweedy, Tom Yorke, and more to say goodbye.

10/9/23

Today is Indigenous Peoples Day in Philadelphia, as the city has tried to reframe the annual celebration and no longer recognizes the day as Columbus Day.

The holiday celebrates and honors indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. It is celebrated across the country on the second Monday in October, and is an official city and state holiday in various localities, but as of yet NOT a Federal Holiday) It began as a counter-celebration held on the same day as Columbus Day But

many people reject celebrating Christopher Columbus saying the explorer represents "the violent history of the colonization in the Western Hemisphere and the decimation of native Americans.

Starting in 2014, many cities and states adopted the Indigenous Peoples holiday. And In 2021, President Joe Biden formally commemorated the holiday with a presidential proclamation. That same year the City of Philadelphia's Historical Commission members voted for the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue from Marconi Plaza in South Broad Street, but soon faced a lawsuit from Friends of Marconi Plaza. A plywood box was erected around the figure as legal challenges mounted, and was removed late last year after a court order. For decades, the school district of Philadelphia gave students and staff off for Columbus Day, then shifted to Indigenous Peoples' Day. Now, classes will be held on what is now Indigenous Peoples' Day of Learning, so Post offices are closed today and mail will not be delivered. Some banks are closed & There is no trash pickup .

Over the weekend, the 13th Annual Philadelphia Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration at Bartram's Garden took place...and the Museum of the American

Revolution also host programs on the history, culture and revolutionary impact of Native Americans...

TODAY Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College will be celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day with a morning of the culture of Philly's original founding fathers (the Lenape nation). This free event is designed for toward children 3-12 years old.

Chemical engineers are pioneering a process to equip diesel ships with the onboard capacity to turn collected plastic garbage into fuel. It's called: "blue diesel" and would save time, money, and emissions necessary for ocean-cleaning. Millions of tons of plastic enter the oceans every year, but scientists at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts are creating a specialized reactor that converts harvested waste plastic, and compresses it at high temperature and pressure into "blue diesel" which would power a ship. "The project is still in the early stages," but they say that it's economically feasible compared to the current ocean clean-up vessel and boom system.

10/10/23

The Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance will be hosting its annual meeting and art party this Thursday, Oct. 12th at the Mann Center, as they celebrate

Philadelphia arts and culture community and also where they will be debut 3 new awards, honoring outstanding leaders and trailblazing arts and culture programs. The very 1st recipient of the “Change-maker Award” is Hal Real, the Founder and CEO of World Cafe Live in Philadelphia. Hal is being honored for his leadership, creativity, and commitment to keeping the “creative economy” moving forward in Philly . His vision and initiative spearheaded the creation of XPN’s home here at 30th and Walnut Streets 19 years ago, which sparked and new era in Philadelphia’s music, arts and cultural community.

10/11/23

The death toll in the Israeli-Hamas war is near 2,000 on each side as intense Israeli bombing continue in Gaza. Tens of thousands of Israeli troops are on the move as the country prepares for a possible ground operation in response to the surprise attack launched by Hamas early Saturday morning. More than 300,000 troops have been called up, the largest mobilization on short notice in Israel’s history. Yesterday, President Biden addressed the conflict.

Most of us are aware of the mental, spiritual and physical benefits of music. But now a new study shows

specifically how “classical music” brings listeners together in a profound way. Johan Brahms“ 'Opus 111 in G major is one of 3 classical pieces performed live by a string quintet for an audience, being observed by researchers from the University of Bern in Switzerland. 132 audience members were studied as they watched and listened to the classical music, & the researchers found that the music, synchronized the movement, heart rate, breathing rate, and the electrical conductivity of skin between ALL of them, as they essentially became synchronized as one unit! The movement of each audience member was tracked by overhead cameras and their physical responses were recorded through wearable sensors. The researchers say that Most synchronization in humans is caused by a direct social interaction with another person and is typically found in breathing or walking. But in this case, they observed significant synchronization in audience movement, heart rate, breathing rate, and the electrical conductivity of skin (which indicates arousal of the sympathetic nervous system). So, what does it all mean? Still no definitive answer: Perhaps that there is a deeper psychological & physiological relationship between listeners , when listening to music, and that connects us, even more profoundly than we already realize!

10/16/23

More than a million people have fled their homes in the Gaza Strip ahead of an expected Israel invasion. Negotiations are ongoing to partially re-open the Rafa crossing between Gaza and Egypt, as part of a humanitarian cease-fire, that would allow aid into Gaza, and foreigners to leave Gaza. The war that began Oct. 7 has become the deadliest of five Gaza wars for both sides, with more than 4,000 dead.

10/17/23

Move over carrots: Grapes are apparently pretty beneficial for your eyesight, too! A new, small study out of Singapore, shows that just a couple of handfuls of grapes per day for 4 months was enough to improve eye health in older adults. Grapes are high in anti-oxidants, and much of the degeneration of the eyes is from oxidative stress. The research team from the National University of Singapore studied 34 adults who ate either one-and-a-half cups of grapes a day or a placebo for 16 weeks. The grape eaters showed a significant increase in overall eye health. Grapes, which are a natural source of antioxidants and other polyphenols can decrease eye-stress and prevent the formation of eye disease, with possible beneficial effects on the retina.

10/19/23

More than 1 million Palestinians, roughly half of Gaza's population, have fled their homes in the north and Gaza City after Israel told them evacuate. Meantime, according to an AP report, Hamas terrorists likely fired North Korean weapons during their Oct. 7 assault on Israel, despite denials from North Korea that it provided weapons to Hamas.

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Contact negotiations between SEPTA and its largest union, Local 234 of the Transport Workers are entering a critical phase, ahead of a possible strike by some 5,000 employees. Starting on Monday negotiators from both sides will sequester in a hotel conference room to try and reach an agreement on a new deal and avoid a SPETA strike at the end of the month. The deadline is midnight on Oct. 31st, when the current contract expires. Local 234 members include operators, mechanics, cashiers and maintenance people who voted earlier this month to authorize a strike if no agreement is reached.

The University of the Arts in Philadelphia has undertaken a thought-provoking project partnering with students at 30 high schools and colleges, to think about their personal stories via their own ZIP codes. The project was inspired by author CJ Gross' book: "What's Your Zip Code Story?" and encourages students to reflect on their identity through a different lenses, in addition to race,

citizen status and class, when thinking about story of their lives!

12/25/23

Today is Public Radio Music Day as XPN, and non-commercial radio station across the country celebrate this year's theme of Building Community Through Music. Last month a resolution was introduced in Congress, declaring October 25th -Public Radio Music Day. Representative Mary Gay Scanlon (A Democratic Congresswoman representing Pennsylvania's 5th Congressional District) led a group of U.S. representatives introducing the bipartisan resolution in September . Scanlon, who received her law degree at the University of Pennsylvania, worked at her college radio station while an undergrad @ Colgate University. She emphasizes that "Public radio stations provide listeners across the United States a gateway to the world. The diversity of innovative programming is an unparalleled public service, connecting listeners to new music". Public Radio music Day highlights the contributions that public radio stations provide to music education, artist discovery, and preservation to the local music culture. Over 25 million Americans listen to public radio music stations each week , And as I mentioned Public Radio Music Day is a national commemoration led by the noncom MUSIC Alliance with the support of NPR.. Established in 2018,

The noncomMUSIC Alliance has more than 125 partner public radio stations, with the primary aim to bring diverse music entities together; raise and amplify their voices, and inform others –including public policy makers – about the need to support public radio's role in local communities across the country. The XPN Morning Show saluted Public Radio Music Day with interviews, conducted by co-host Bob Bumbera with three members of the non-profit music world about each of their commitment to music education: Hal Real- Founder and CEO of World Cafe Live; Sanovia Garrett , Program Director for Girls Rock Philly; and Jessica Craft, Founder of Philly's "Rock to the Future".

Tonight at 10pm on XPN, it's another edition of "Live from Kelly Writers' House...a Monthly show on XPN recorded live at the Kelly Writers House on the Univ. of Pennsylvania campus. Kelly Writers House is a unique programming space @ Penn that is home to over 150 public programs and projects every semester. Events such as live poetry readings, film screenings, lectures, & musical performances. Creative work from students who are enrolled in Penn's Creative Writing program is also featured regularly. Tonight's show on XPN features participants from "Sit and Write"-a virtual co-working group for creative writers in Philadelphia and beyond, offering weekly drop-in sessions for writers who benefit

from “accountability buddies”. And tonight’s music guest on Live from Kelly Writer’s House is: Philly singer-songwriter Sug Daniels.

11/10/23

A Philly Special Christmas Special is the 2nd holiday album featuring players from the Eagles, along w/a bevy of stars from the Philly music scene. Patti Labelle sings a duet with Jordan Mailata on a soulful rendition of the holiday classic, “This Christmas.” Jason Kelce and Lane Johnson are also on the album, along with producer Charlie Hall (of The War on Drugs) and also featuring: Amos Lee, Eric Bazilian and Rob Hyman of the Hooters, Kevin Hanson, Waxahatchee, and members of The War on Drugs, Dr. Dog and The Silver Ages Choir. Last year’s benefit Christmas album raised \$1.25 million for local Philadelphia charities. “A Philly Special Christmas Special” will be released on vinyl Dec. 1. And then a full release on Dec. 23

November 28

Today on XPN on this Giving Tuesday Subaru will provide a week’s worth of meals for an one-person through MANNA’s meal program. The goal is to get 500 donations to in order to receive a \$10,000 contribution from Subaru, to be given directly MANNA, which is a non-profit organization that uses nutrition to improve health for people with serious illnesses who need

nourishment to heal. Bob Bumbera interviewed MANNA's CEO Sue Daugherty who has been with the non-profit since 1999 when she joined as a registered dietitian. Sue Daugherty was so kind to take some time to speak with Bob about how for the past 33 years since its inception, MANNA has served more than 45,000 Philadelphia area neighbors with more than 22 million medically nourishing meals. XPN & Subaru want to increase that number substantially on Giving Tuesday with the support from XPN members & listeners.

Philadelphia's Office of Homeless Service has issued a Code Blue because of the cold temperatures. Wind chills are expected to be in the 20's today so with that in mind, The city has declared Code Blue, to take special measures to keep people who are homeless safe, including additional daytime hours at shelters throughout the city, additional overnight beds, and 24-hour outreach to find and transport the homeless to safe indoor spaces. Philadelphia's homeless outreach hotline at (215) 232-1984.

In Medical technology news- Scientists have created a new device that allows blind people "Hear" facial features. A new study used the device that reshapes images into sound signals to let blind people "see" facial features. The results have shed new light on the brain areas used to identify and process faces. The scientists

Georgetown University Medical center used a technology called 'sensory substitution' that transforms visual shapes into sounds by means of a computer chip," - with facial features changed into sound waves. Participants then identified the "sound" of geometric shapes before they were built up into more complex symbols that represent faces. Eventually All of the blind subjects were able to identify the faces more than 85% of the time in the study. The findings suggest that exposure to the contours and geometry of facial expression, rather than visual input, is critical to the function of the brain's face recognition network & and that with training, the brain can simply "switch on abilities" that transform visual shapes into sounds, which are hidden away in our brains.

December 12, 2023

University of Pennsylvania President Liz Magill has released a video after she received backlash from those who were not satisfied with her responses (including PA Gov. Josh Shapiro) during a hearing at Capitol Hill this week, to address recent antisemitic incidents on college campuses. During the congressional hearing Magill declined to say outright "that calling for the genocide of Jewish people on the Penn campus would violate university policy". President Magill has promised to review Penn's code of conduct

Time Magazine has named Taylor Swift its person of the year. She was chosen from a group of 9 finalists that included: King Charles III, and OpenAI chief executive Sam Altman. Last year, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was Time's person of the year.

12/20/23

Philadelphia's Chinatown Stitch Project, has chosen a construction design that would partially cap the the Vine Expressway from 10th to 13th Streets. The proposed plan would geographically reunite the Chinatown community that was physically split-apart decades ago when 676 was constructed . The proposal, that would cost hundreds of millions of dollars; would public green spaces and recreational sports zones, with the possibility of connecting with an expanded Reading Viaduct Rail Park in the future.

In a historic ruling, the Colorado Supreme Court is removing former President Donald Trump from the state's primary ballot, saying "that he is ineligible to be president after his role in the Jan. 6th, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. The ruling Tuesday marks the first time in history that Section 3 of the 14th Amendment has been used to disqualify a presidential candidate. The provision forbids those who "engaged in insurrection" from holding office and was used mainly after the Civil War to keep former Confederates out of government.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
for Kids Corner
Fourth Quarter, 2023 / October 2nd through December 28th**

ISSUE: Science / Space Exploration

Program Name: Kids Corner

Broadcast Date(s): November 28, 2023 / November 29, 2022

Broadcast Time: 19:00-20:00

Program Summary: it's the next installments 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.

Program Details: Longtime guest of Kids Corner, Derrick Pitts is the Chief Astronomer at the Fels Planetarium within the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. He joins us monthly as we open the phones and invite kids to share in the joy and wonderment of space exploration. During these two hours we were so flooded with kids chatting about space, from magnetars and pulsars to exploring new theories of multi-universes ... the kids are as amazing as Derrick!

ISSUE: Art History and Appreciation

Program Name: Kids Corner

Broadcast Date(s): October 5, 2023 / November 2, 2023 / December 7, 2023

Broadcast Time: 19:00-20:00

Program Summary: This ongoing series Celebrating Art, with Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw, Class of 1940 Bicentennial Term Associate Professor of the Department of the History of Art at the University of Pennsylvania.

Program Details: Each installment of the Spotlight series explored the backstory of various artists who were born in that month. Many of these artists are unknown to our young listeners and Professor Shaw frames their life story in such a way to inspire kids and encourage them to learn more. Additionally, each month we have a web element that offers visual links. to the art work we discuss on air, so that listeners can both listen and view simultaneously.

WXPB 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 FOURTH QUARTER / 50 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:

Oct 2
Oct 9
Oct 16
Oct 23
Oct 30
Oct 31
Nov 6
Nov 13
Nov 20
Nov 27
Dec 4
Dec 11
Dec 18
Dec 22
Dec 26
Dec 27
Dec 28

KIDS CORNER PROGRAM / 2023 FOURTH QUARTER OVERVIEW

Oct 3: Kids Corner Costume Party – kids discuss what they are going to be for Halloween this year

Oct 4: Kids Corner Bookmobile: Kathy and the kids recommend good books for listeners to check out!

Oct 5: Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw joins us continue her ongoing series exploring Art History

Oct 10: Kids Corner Costume Party – kids discuss what they are going to be for Halloween this year

Oct 11: Kathy and kids discuss Halloween movies and TV shows for the family.
Oct 12: Kitchen Chemistry with Dr. Lisa Chirlian exploring the science found in the kitchen
Oct 17: Kids Corner Costume Party – kids discuss what they are going to be for Halloween this year
Oct 18: Kids Corner Costume Party – kids discuss what they are going to be for Halloween this year
Oct 19: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Science Potpourri game segment
Oct 24: Kids Corner Costume Party – kids discuss what they are going to be for Halloween this year
Oct 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.
Oct 26: The history behind Halloween with historian Kenneth C Davis
Nov 1: What WERE you for Halloween?
Nov 2: Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw joins us continue her ongoing series exploring Art History
Nov 7: Kids Corner Poll Question – tonight we talk about favorite family gatherings
Nov 8: Kids Corner Collection Corner – kids talk about the things they collect
Nov 9: Kitchen Chemistry with Dr. Lisa Chirlian exploring the science found in the kitchen
Nov 14: Kids Corner Poll Question: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?
Nov 15: It's Craft Night on Kids Corner as kids talk about their arts and craft projects they do at home.
Nov 16: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Green Acres segment
Nov 21: Adam Bigalow joins us to talk about his journey biking across America in 70 days!
Nov 22: The history behind Thanksgiving with our historian Kenneth C. Davis
Nov 28: 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.
Nov 30: Mama Doni joins us to celebrate Hanukkah
Dec 5: Favorite parts of the holiday season
Dec 6: Kids Corner Bookmobile: Kathy and the kids recommend good books for listeners to check out!
Dec 7: Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw joins us continue her ongoing series exploring Art History
Dec 12: The Bells Choir joins us to perform selections with their bells.
Dec 13: Kathy and the kids talk holiday TV and Movies to watch as a family
Dec 14: Dr. Lisa Chirlian explores genealogy and family history
Dec 19: Favorite part of 2023
Dec 20: Kids call and share holiday greetings on the air.
Dec 21: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Green Acres segment

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
for OUTsounds / Amazon Country
Fourth Quarter, 2023 / October 1st through December 17th**

ISSUE: Art History and Appreciation

Program Name: OUTsounds

Broadcast Date(s): October 8, 2023

Broadcast Time: 23:30:00

Program Summary: A discussion about the new exhibit exploring the life and works of the openly-gay artist Keith Haring, now on display at the *James A. Michener Art Museum* in Doylestown PA. We spoke with its curator, **Joshua Lessard**.

Program Details: Keith Haring: A Radiant Legacy features more than 100 unique and notable works from a private collection, including two rare Subway drawings, complete suites of many of the artist's icon print series and Medusa Head (the largest print in the artist's oeuvre). Keith Haring (1958-1990) was arguably the most accomplished and prominent American artist of the 1980s. Born in Reading, PA, and raised in nearby Kutztown, Haring developed an early love for drawing. Working in a variety of mediums—including paintings, prints, posters, drawings, sculpture, and street art—Haring developed a style that was instantly recognizable. Through his friendship with artists Kenny Scharf and Jean-Michel Basquiat, he became interested in the colorful graffiti art of city streets which would influence his meteoric rise. During his brief ten-year career, Haring rewrote the rulebook for contemporary art, integrating the seemingly discrete arenas of New York City's gritty downtown counterculture and uptown art aristocracy. A friend of Andy Warhol's, Haring unabashedly developed and promoted his own brand through commercial partnerships, mass market products, and even his own storefront. Equally important was his social justice activism, raising awareness of AIDS and fighting against racism and the proliferation of illegal drugs.

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 FOURTH QUARTER

11 episodes

October 1
October 8
October 15
October 22
October 29
November 5
November 12
November 19
November 26
December 10
December 17

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.

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