88.5FM
THE 88.5 FM WYSU NEWSLETTER

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RADIO YOU NEED TO KNOW.
88.5 Youngstown
88.1 Ashtabula
97.5 New Wilmington

1967 (Pre-WYSU!):
Don Elser, Steve Grecevich, and YSU President Albert Pugsley propose a fine arts radio station for Youngstown State University and the Mahoning Valley Community.

1969 (Birth of a station!):
At 10:00 a.m. October 23, 1969 WYSU-FM signs on the air at 88.5 MHZ as a charter member of National Public Radio, broadcasting 12 hours daily from its studios in room 310 of the former Valley Park Motel on Wick Avenue. Aired first edition of Folk Festival with Charles Darling. Original staff members were: Steve Grecevich, Director of Telecommunications; Bill Foster, Announcer/Record Librarian; Polly Golden, Secretary; Lew Moler, Chief Engineer; Richard Stevens, Program Director.

1971:
Began airing All Things Considered. NPR became part of the first radio network using satellite delivery of programs.

1972:
Aired first edition of Now’s The Time with Martin Berger.

1973:
Began airing Saturday Night on Broadway with Don Elser.

1974:
Began 18-hour broadcast day.

1976:
Moved studios to newly built Cushwa Hall.

1980:
Began 24-hour broadcast day. First on-air fundraiser.

1985:

1987:
Bill Foster passes away. Barbara Krauss named announcer/producer.

1988:
Ann Cliness named announcer/producer.

1990:
Began summer bus excursions to Blossom Music Center. Gary Sexton named program director.

1991:
Began operation of new 50,000 watt transmitter with broadcast antenna moved to the WKBN tower. Aired live coverage of the first Gulf War.

1993:
Ashtabula translator began operation at 90.1 FM. Catherine Cala named development officer.

1994:
Rick Popovich named announcer/producer, and WYSU began airing The Jazz Sofa.

1995:
New Wilmington translator began operation at 89.9.

1996:
Added state-of-the-art digital editing equipment. Co-sponsored first Mad About the Arts with the YSU McDonough Museum of Art. Automated overnight programs, saving Gary Sexton’s sanity.

1997:
Added political affairs program Commentary Café with Bill Binning and Bob Fitzer.

1998:
Michael Cervone named announcer/producer. Improved New Wilmington signal by moving translator to 97.5 FM.

2000:
WYSU activates a new antenna to increase broadcast coverage area. The WYSU iPhone app is introduced.

Antenna being installed on Stambaugh Stadium

WYSU travelers go to China. The station's broadcast engineer, Ed Goist named development underwriter.

WYSU created the Barbara Krauss Memorial Scholarship. Carolyn Van Valien named part-time announcer/producer and local host of Morning Edition.

Public radio is a great way to promote your business, organization or agency while supporting a great cause. Learn how you can become a WYSU underwriter at www.wysu.org. You’ll be in good company!

Thank you.

WYSU Underwriters!
Burning River Baroque Returns to the Mahoning Valley on October 18th!

WYSU-FM and St. John’s Episcopal Church present A Mad, Burning Desire, a concert featuring Burning River Baroque, on Friday, October 18, at 7:00 pm, at St. John’s church, on Wick Avenue, in Youngstown. Burning River Baroque creates Baroque music programs that inspire dialogue about contemporary social issues. A Mad, Burning Desire highlights the extraordinary accomplishments of the first English actresses who gained the legal right to take the public stage in the early 1660s. This program will shed light on these unconventional 17th-century women and issues surrounding mental health.

JOIN US FOR A PARTY!
The WYSU–FM 50th Anniversary CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 20, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Are you listening to…?
Freakonomics Radio • Saturdays at 12:00 pm

Discover the hidden side of everything with Stephen J. Dubner, co-author of the Freakonomics books. Each week, Freakonomics Radio tells you things you always thought you knew (but didn’t) and things you never thought you wanted to know (but do) — from the economics of sleep to how to become great at just about anything. Dubner speaks with Nobel laureates and provocateurs, intellectuals and entrepreneurs, and various other underachievers. Special features include series like “The Secret Life of a C.E.O.” as well as a live game show, “Tell Me Something I Don’t Know.”

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Join us at Mill Creek MetroParks’ Davis Center Auditorium, 123 McKinley Avenue, in Youngstown, as we celebrate the station’s 50th birthday! The party will feature WYSU on-air staff, live music, appetizers, a champagne toast, and much more! Admission will be FREE, and this event will be open to all WYSU members, listeners and friends. Please join us. We hope you will come and celebrate 50 years of WYSU with us!
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