See Our New Digs in Melnick Hall February 22!

On Monday, February 22, the staffs of WYSU and the YSU Foundation, new neighbors in YSU’s Melnick Hall on Wick Avenue, will host an open house to show off our new offices and studios. The open house will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. More information will be available at wysu.org.

WYSU completely funded its portion of the Melnick building project, thanks to a number of very generous donors and foundations, all of whom will be recognized in the facility. Of special note is an extremely generous gift from our good friend Mr. Arthur Wolfcale. It gives us great pleasure that the YSU Board of Trustees has passed a resolution to honor Art’s generosity by naming the WYSU-FM offices and studios in Melnick Hall the Arthur and Helen Wolfcale WYSU-FM Broadcast Facility. We will have a complete list of donors for our Melnick Hall facilities in an upcoming newsletter.

We hope to be broadcasting from this new facility by the end of January. This is the first time in WYSU’s 46-year history that a space has been designed specifically to house a public radio station, and we are very excited. So come by on February 22 to check us out.
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All programs are subject to change without notice.
The challenge might seem to be a minor one or possibly might even go unnoticed by most casual observers, but the final product of that effort is a major asset to WYSU and its listeners. After three arduous years of complex engineering work and delays for a variety of reasons, an auxiliary antenna was installed on YSU’s Stambaugh Stadium in November, just meeting the deadline of our three-year FCC construction permit. This backup antenna is for use during periods of maintenance or construction at the primary facility, an insurance policy that we hope to rarely use. As the trend toward 24-hour operation has become well-established in broadcasting, backup facilities of this type are no longer considered a luxury.

Although the new setup lacks both the height and high power of our main transmitter, the region should be well covered during those times when it is necessary to shut down our primary antenna to protect tower workers from radiation generated by the antenna or just for general maintenance. This new system is another way that WYSU strives to deliver uninterrupted high quality programming and public service to a loyal audience.
POPS AT THE BALLPARK RESCHEDULED!

The popular Pops at the Ballpark concert performed by the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra has a new date. The September concert, which was scheduled outdoors at the Eastwood Field in Niles, had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. The new date is Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 6:45 p.m. For ticket information call the Eastwood Field Box Office at 330-505-0000 or go to www.mvscrappers.com.

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2016

THE YOUNGSTOWN SYMPHONY RANDALL CRAIG FLEISCHER — MUSIC DIRECTOR —

In Concert With You

FEBRUARY 6, 2016
Disney in Concert: Tales as Old as Time
Scenes from some of Disney’s beloved animated feature films are shown and the music comes to life when the orchestra and vocalists perform songs from Tangled, Hercules, The Princess and the Frog, Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland and The Lion King.

MARCH 12, 2016
Ansel Adams: America
American landscape photography by Ansel Adams synchronized to the music of jazz icons Dave and Chris Brubeck.

All concerts conducted by Randall Craig Fleischer at the Edward W. Powers at 8 PM
For tickets call 330-744-0264 or online at youngstownsymphony.com

GOT A ‘CLASSIC’ YOU WANT TO UNLOAD?
Donate that car, boat, RV, or motorcycle to 88.5 WYSU-FM, and take the tax deduction!

We pick it up. We take it away. We hand you a receipt for your taxes.

It’s Easy. It’s Free.
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Radio you need to know.

NEED TO KNOW

The 88.5 FM WYSU Newsletter
**WYSU’S FALL DRIVE
Raises Second Highest Amount Ever!**

Thanks to the 1,098 people who pledged during our Fall Fund Drive, we raised over $136,096, our second highest fund drive total ever! **It was a listener-friendly drive**, without the programming interruptions, but with all the fun! (See photos of WYSU staff getting into the spirit of Halloween – the last day of the drive.)

Of those who pledged, 107 are new members. We couldn’t have done this without all of you: our talented professional and student staff, our generous volunteers, underwriters and food vendors. Thank you all!

$136,096 Your friends at 88.5 WYSU!

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**Do You Want To Volunteer For Us?**

**Here’s How!**

WYSU is always looking for good volunteers to help out with a variety of projects. People like you help make our fund drives successful, staff our tent at the YSU Festival of the Arts and assist at other WYSU events.

Right now we need volunteers to help at Mad About the Arts on Friday, February 19, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the McDonough Museum. If you want to do a “Mad” volunteer shift or help in any way, please call Tricia at 330-941-1777, or email her at tlperry01@ysu.edu.

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**WYSU volunteer Catherine Powers**

**Jolly Green Giant, Sleeping Beauty and volunteer Carol Sherman**

**Blaine Armstrong, WYSU Student Office Assistant**

**Left to right: Barbara Krauss, Tricia Perry, Gary Sexton, Blaine Armstrong, Cindy Bella and Susan Moorer**

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**NEED TO KNOW**

The 88.3 FM WYSU Newsletter
Mad About the Arts 2016 is Friday, February 19, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the McDonough Museum of Art, and tickets are now on sale at wysu.org. This is the 21st year for the event, with an extra salute to the McDonough on its 25th Anniversary. A champagne toast will mark that milestone. An unforgettable evening will follow, with contemporary art, jazz, dance music, wine tasting and food sampling. The party will begin with the YSU Jazz Ensemble and follow with dancing to the sounds of the Sensations.

Mad About the Arts is a joint effort of the McDonough Museum of Art, YSU’s center for contemporary art, and WYSU 88.5 FM, the valley’s listener-supported public radio station since 1969. After a one-year relocation, the event returns to its original site – at the McDonough on Wick Avenue. Tickets are $80 per person; $65 for YSU students, faculty, and staff; WYSU members; and alumni of the College of Creative Arts and Communication. For tickets visit wysu.org and click on the article about Mad. You can also call 330-941-1777.

Until then, enjoy some photos from last year’s event!
Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell and WYSU:
A Great Partnership

We so appreciate our underwriters here at WYSU. This issue we are spotlighting Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell, Ltd., in business since 1834 – yes, that is 181 years! HHM has supported WYSU with underwriting and event sponsorships since 1999.

“Our clients and colleagues appreciate that we support the community’s leading organizations and causes, and we consider WYSU to be one of those organizations,” said Denise Glinatis Bayer, a lawyer at HHM, co-chair of the firm’s business development committee, and a YSU graduate. “A first-rate public radio station identifies the university and the community in a very positive way, and we’re proud to support it.”

HHM lawyers provide legal counsel and service to local businesses, non-profit organizations, government offices and individuals through offices in the downtown business districts of Youngstown, Warren, Salem and St. Clairsville.

Thank you, Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell, from WYSU! Your support means a great deal to us!

Denise Glinatis Bayer

Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell, Ltd. is pleased to be a prominent contributor to WYSU.

Our lawyers and staff appreciate the role of public radio in advancing quality programming, a stronger arts scene and a better quality of life for our community.
1/2 Plas Johnson. Solid modern-mainstream tenor, more than the “Pink Panther” guy.

1/9 Rampart Street Paraders, etc. Crisp, precise subspecies of traditional jazz, with Dick Cary and others of this interesting ilk.

1/16 Glenn Wilson. One of the YSU Dana alumni who’s achieved some prominence in the jazz world, in Glenn’s case on baritone sax.

1/23 Tony Martucci. Drummer often associated with Glenn Wilson, as in their visit to Youngstown in November; Martucci’s recordings as leader include some Joe Lovano contributions.

1/30 Roy Eldridge. Trumpet titan, unmatched for intensity.

2/6 Illinois Jacquet. Ferocious tenor saxophonist, sometimes showing a mellow Ben Websterish side; never a dull moment.

2/13 Junior Mance. A master modern-mainstream pianist, as leader and accompanist.

2/20 Ruby Braff. Traditional-mainstream cornetist with a uniquely lively elegance.

2/27 George Shearing. British-born pianist, long and deservedly popular doing his very own chordal thing.

3/5 Ralph LaLama. Now a prominent member of the jazz tenor-sax establishment, as forceful as he was in the 1970s at Dana.

3/12 Art Blakey. Powerful modern-jazz drummer, leader of many generations of his Jazz Messengers.

3/19 Lionel Hampton. Another irrepressible rhythmic force, on vibes, drums, and piano for eons.

3/26 Dexter Gordon. Big man with a big sound, a central figure in modern-jazz saxophone.

1/3 New Year’s Folk Sampler. A mixed bag of songs for the new year featuring songs with January in the title, i.e., “The January Man.”

1/10 When Steam Was King, Part II. Return to the days when the lonesome wailing of a steam engine was heard, not that of sirens nor explosions, with nostalgic railroads songs.

1/17 Extended Sets, Part LI. Join the late Jim Ringer, the Mississippi Sheiks of the 1920s, and the zany R. Crumb and his Cheap Suit Serenaders in 30-minute sets.

1/24 Country Cookin’, Part XCVII. Nashville sounds with Chet Atkins, Flatt & Scruggs, Ernest Tubb, Dolly Parton, etc.

1/31 And Now for Something Completely Different, Part XXVI. Another zany blend of folk and folk-like material with cowboy side-kick Walter Brennan!

2/7 Contemporary Folk, Part LXIV. Tom Paxton, Rod MacDonald, and Kate McDonnell headline this edition.

2/14 Play It Again Sam, Part I. Two versions of the same song contrasted by different musicians playing “Where Have All the Flowers Gone,” “Delia,” etc.

2/21 Play It Again Sam, Part II. Continues contrasting song variations; among others, “St. Louis Blues,” and “The Wreck of the Old 97.”


3/6 Folk Sampler, Part CXXI. More selections from the wide world of folk and folk-like music.

3/13 The Irish Sing Out. A collection of Irish songs and ballads saluting St. Patrick’s Day, with the valley’s own County Mayo, et al.


3/27 Folk 90. Bob Dylan is featured in this new 90-minute series, with concentration on his early works.
We had a lot going on this past year, and there is more to come in 2016!

A Look Back!

Paula Poundstone

Krista Tippett

Apollo’s Fire

Left to right: Barbara Krauss, Gina Marinelli, Dr. & Mrs. George Beelen
Scandinavian Success – Sicily is Next!

By Barbara Krauss

As you may have already heard, the next WYSU tour group is headed to four Scandinavian countries in May of next year, with an optional three-day extension to St. Petersburg. It’s true, the trip has long been sold out, but there is always the possibility of a cancellation or two, so if you think you might be interested in possibly joining us, give me a call and we can talk about your options.

In the meantime, it’s not too early to be planning for 2017. We’ll be visiting Sicily in early May for an exciting trip highlighting the food, culture, history and atmosphere of this charming and fascinating area of Italy. As soon as plans are finalized, you’ll be reading all about it right here in an upcoming WYSU newsletter!

Ciao, Barbara.
Reach out to WYSU's unique audience through program underwriting! It’s an economical and effective way to convey your message and express your support for a first-class community resource.

Contact the Development Office: 330-941-3364