Event Raises Record Amount

On Friday, February 20, 500 people came out on a very cold night for the 20th annual Mad About the Arts event. Thanks to the many guests and generous underwriters, this year’s event raised $40,000, the most ever for Mad. Proceeds benefit both event partners – 88.5 WYSU and the McDonough Museum of Art at YSU.

The party was held at Stambaugh Auditorium, a special location for this landmark year. Guests enjoyed food and wine from 17 local vendors, as well as music by YSU Jazz Ensemble 2 directed by Dr. Kent Engelhardt and YSU Jazz Combo directed by Dr. Alton Merrell. In-kind donations and gifts from several businesses and individuals ensured that every detail was just right. The evening ended with the band Redline, and the dance floor was busy!

Enjoy the photos from the 20th Mad About the Arts on page seven.
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All programs are subject to change without notice.
With the roster now full for our Alaska trip this summer, it’s time to start planning for next year’s tour, and we’d love to have you be a part of it.

In the spring of 2016, WYSU is planning one of our most requested tours ever – an exciting trip to four Scandinavian countries, with an optional three-day trip to St. Petersburg, Russia.

From seafaring histories to fantastic fjords, there’s a lot to love about Scandinavia. Marvel at Norway’s amazing green cliffs and blue water, then set sail from Oslo to Denmark’s waterside capital. Hit the remaining Nordic capitals – Stockholm and Helsinki, two of the world’s most livable cities – and explore their maritime pasts and modern architecture.

Our WYSU-sponsored Go Ahead Tour includes:

- Expert Tour Directors
- Local cuisine with beer or wine
- Handpicked hotels
- Sightseeing with local guides
- Private transportation
- Personalized flight options

For more information, including pricing, please call 330-941-3363. You can also email krauss@wysu.org for details.
YOU CAN’T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

PAULA POUNDSTONE’S JOKES TICKLE A PACKED HOUSE IN YOUNGSTOWN

A flight attendant, a foot doctor, and a retired librarian – all Mahoning Valley residents – found themselves in the spotlight and the focus of some clever ribbing when they bought a ticket to see comedian Paula Poundstone Feb. 27 at the DeYor.

But no one seemed to mind!

A star of NPR’s Wait, Wait…Don’t Tell Me, Poundstone has a huge following among WYSU listeners, who made up a large portion of the audience. They seemed well aware of Poundstone’s unique style of finding her jokes in the audience. She entertained the crowd with her brilliantly adlibbed observations for two hours, then spent another two hours meeting fans at a special reception catered by Jeff and Nora Chrystal.

WYSU sponsored the event and benefited from a portion of ticket sales. Wait, Wait…Don’t Tell Me airs on 88.5 WYSU on Saturday at 11:00 am, and Sunday at 1:00 pm. Check out photos of the Poundstone event on pages 6 and 7.
Our spring fund drive is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 11 and go until the following Friday, the 17th. But we’re sincerely hoping it will never happen.

Yes, you read that right! Our goal this drive is to raise $130,000, and we are hoping we can achieve that before the drive even begins.

For decades now, public radio has led the pack in news and entertainment, and no commercials, but the drawback has always been semi-annual fund drives. We at WYSU are on a mission to change that, because it shouldn’t take a sledgehammer to convince listeners that public radio is something worth supporting. If we can persuade people to become new members, or renew their support through some gentle reminders, we won’t have to compromise the very programming that has made us the best on the radio.

After all, even people who say they enjoy fundraising will agree that less is more!

So when you hear the short pledge drive spots on the air over the next few weeks, please renew your membership support sooner rather than later. Every call will eliminate several minutes or even several hours of the drive, depending on the amount of your gift. If enough people respond early, we can bypass the drive altogether!

We can do this, but we need your help. Renew your membership to WYSU, and be as generous as you can.

Thanks, in advance, for your support.

WYSU NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
FOR SPRING DRIVE 2015

We are preparing for our annual Spring Fund Drive!

Our official Fund Drive week is going to begin on Saturday, April 11, 2015 and run (if necessary) through Friday, April 17th. We are going to mount a ‘soft campaign’ with on-air spots and intermittent pledge requests for four weeks beginning March 16 through April 10, prior to the official Spring Fund Drive, which will kick off on Saturday, April 11, if need be.

Our goal this year is $130,000. Once we reach our goal, we will be done. If we should be successful in reaching our goal during our ‘soft campaign,’ there will be no need for an ‘official’ full-throttle campaign.

We do, however, still want and need to be ready to go with our April 11 thru April 17 campaign, and to that end we will still need you, our wonderful volunteers to help us make it successful.

If you are interested, call Cindy Bella at 330-941-3363. We promise to feed you and you will have fun!
MAD ABOUT THE ARTS
20th Year and
Paula Poundstone’s Visit!

We’ve had a busy winter. WYSU thanks all who helped to make Mad About the Arts: the 20th Year and Paula Poundstone’s visit a success. A special thanks to our Mad partners: Leslie Brothers and the McDonough Museum staff, Catherine Cala, YSU Development, and our friends at the DeYor Performing Arts Center.

Enjoy the photos!
Still MAD!
Can you guess who these people are? Some are still walking the halls of WYSU! We found this photo in our photo archives circa 1994.

New times are good for DOING GOOD

Recent changes to NPR's Morning Edition schedule on WYSU mean that you now hear Doing Good hosted by Gina Marinelli at a new time, on Tuesdays at 5:45 and again at 7:45 am. Another change – the length of the locally produced interview program has been expanded to five minutes, and no one is complaining. That includes Marinelli, who is happy to have more time to talk to her guests about how they are making a positive difference in our community.

Past segments of Doing Good can be found at wysu.org.

WYSU-FM OPEN MEETING POLICY

All meetings of WYSU-FM’s Advisory Board, Youngstown State University’s Board of Trustees, and Youngstown State Universities Board of Trustees’ Institutional Engagement Committee are open to the public.

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees is WYSU-FM’s supervisory board. The meetings that might address WYSU-FM business are the General Meetings and the Institutional Advancement Committee Meetings.

The WYSU-FM Advisory Board does not make station policy, but it is open to the public for observation and comments.

Notices for all meetings will be posted on the WYSU-FM website – www.wysu.org.

On-air announcements for all meetings will be made on WYSU-FM, 88.5 MHz.

Any questions about WYSU-FM’s open meeting policy can be addressed to Gary Sexton, station director, at sexton@wysu.org, or by phone at 330-941-3363.
4/4 Clark Terry – The late trumpeter, a witty and irreplaceable member of the jazz community.

4/11 Booker Ervin – Unique, forceful Texas tenor player; some recordings that were intended for our recent Ervin show have emerged, demanding air-time.


4/25 Albert Ayler – Saxophonist and innovator, iconic, fierce figure of the free-jazz movement.

5/2 George Lewis – Mellow clarinetist, a link to the earliest New Orleans music.


5/16 Tommy Flanagan – Eloquent modern-jazz pianist, revered by his colleagues.

5/23 Thelonious Monk – Modern pianist, one of a profound kind.

5/30 Vic Dickenson – Trombonist of rare artistry and wit.

6/6 From the Shadows – Selected recordings that never fit the format – not enough material for a whole show on this person, etc. Worthy modern material.

6/13 Benny Goodman – Virtuosic clarinetist, iconic Swing-Era bandleader, etc., including some of his later work when he could pay what and when he wanted to.

6/20 Ellington – Such a lot of magnificent, varied music from so many years.

6/27 Bud Freeman – One of the first great tenor saxophonists, an influence on Lester Young and a supple, captivating soloist.

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DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT?

WE HAVE A CALENDAR!

Did you know WYSU provides a Community Calendar page as a FREE public service? It is easy to enter an event: go to wysu.org and visit the Community Calendar page under the COMMUNITY menu. Remember to put in all the necessary information and a contact number or email address.

We concentrate on fine and performing art events, large community events, and YSU events. We cannot guarantee times or frequency when airing your information.

Contact Susan Moorer at 330-941-3364 if you would like something guaranteed, as in underwriting or a day sponsorship.

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The 88.5 FM WYSU Newsletter
Folk Festival, with Charles Darling
Sunday, 8:00 - 9:30 pm

4/5 Play It Again Sam, Part XI.

4/12 Fund Drive Hootnanny. I won’t be in the studio but you can still support Folk Festival which I have hosted since 1969 on WYSU by pledging support during the broadcast at wysu.org, or call during office hours, or write to the station. Please give generously to keep quality programming on WYSU. Thanks!

4/19 Blues in the Night, Part XVI.

4/26 Contemporary Folk, Part LXII.
Ohio and Pennsylvania talent featured: Dennis Cheplick & Ray Young, Brian Henke, Gail Finnie, Walt Campbell, and Brady’s Leap.

5/3 Folk Sampler, Part CXX.
Recent releases from 2014 including reissued Dylan & the Band, Dom Flemmons, Michael Jonathan, and Wyatt Easterling.

5/10 And Now for Something Completely Different, Part XXV.
Another zany batch of folk and folk-like music. Includes Sabicas and Bobby Darin!

5/17 Blood, Booze, and Bones. Ed McCurdy and others sing gory and tipsy songs for your delectation.

5/24 Country Cookin’, Part XCV.
More old-timey and bluegrass sounds from the Southern Appalachians and related regions.

5/31 Extended Sets, Part XLVIII.
Stars Kevin Roth, Priscilla Herbman, and Lonnie Donegan in three, thirty-minute gigs.

6/7 Folk Varieties, Part II.
More contemporary, traditional, blues, bluegrass, folk-rock, kiddies, humorous, and seafaring music featured.

6/14 Traditional American and British Ballads, Part III.
The folk process of continuity and change keep ballads several centuries old still alive.

6/21 Reissues of Classic Folk LPs, Part I.
With Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Judy Collins, Bob Dylan, Brothers Four, Peter Paul and Mary, John Denver, etc.

Rare gems by early jug bands featuring Cannon’s Jug Stompers, Dixieland Jug Blowers, Memphis Jug Band, Washboard Rhythm Kings, and King David’s Jug Band among others.

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