

DEIAB DIGEST

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Belonging

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FESTIVAL Season

August brings many culturally diverse festivals to attend!

Puerto Rican Festival

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Pan Afrikan Festival

August 3 at Highland Bowl
The Pan Afrikan Festival empowers the community through education and awareness of Afrikan (both as a continent and as a people) and Afrikan American Heritage. [Info](#)

Front Porch Festival

August 3 at Baden Park
The goal of the celebration is to promote a healthy lifestyle for its workers and community members. [Info](#)

Carifest

August 10 at MLK Park
A cultural explosion of Caribbean music, cuisine, visual and performing arts in the City of Rochester. [Info](#)

Rochester Ukrainian Festival

August 15-18 at St Josaphat's
An effort to introduce Ukrainian Arts and Crafts, Ukrainian food, and Ukrainian music and dance to the Greater Rochester community. [Info](#)

Clarissa Street Reunion

August 17 at Clarissa Street
Celebrate, educate, honor and perpetuate the historical heritage and multicultural diversity of Clarissa Street. [Info](#)

Rochester VegFest

August 24 at Parcel 5
Rochester's all-vegan festival returns this summer for a day of fun with local vendors, guest speakers, cooking demos, raffle prizes, and more. [Info](#)

Sankofa Theatre Festival

August 24 at MuCCC
A one week African American theatrical festival of one-acts. [Info](#)

Rochester Summer Soul Festival

August 24 at Innovative Field
Signature concert series. [Info](#)

DEIAB SPOTLIGHT:

Ben Koffman



Position: Chief Engineer

How long have you worked at WXXI: 15 months

Describe your job in 5 words: Build, repair, transmission, production, technology.

Favorite cookie: Oatmeal raisin

Favorite restaurant: Avvino

What are you reading or watching: Autobiography of a Yogi by Paramahansa Yogananda.

DEI Book Club

Summer Hiatus

We are looking for reading and watching recommendations (and moderators) when we pick back up in the fall. Drop me a line!



DEI Learning

(YWCA Racial Justice Challenge)

The Maternal Mortality Crisis and Why it Remain an Issue
[Listen](#)

A 1970 Law Led to the Mass Sterilization of Native American Women. That History Still Matters
[Read](#)

Henrietta Lacks: The 'immortal' cells that changed the world
[Watch](#)

The Tuskegee Experiment: Crash Course American History #29
[Watch](#)



RADIO

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS ON 91.5

WXXI Classical Daily Hosts

Brenda Tremblay 6:00 – 10:00 am
 Steve Johnson 12:00 – 4:00 pm
 Mona Seghatoleslami 4:00 – 7:00 pm

WRUR Daily Host

9-12 Opening Tunings with Scott Regan
 Full schedule [here](#)

Besure to check our the WXXI Classical website for the Classical radio schedule, to listen live and read Classical music news from all over <https://www.wxxiclassical.org/>



Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra

Wednesdays at 8pm beginning August 28

The 2024 season kicks off its 13-episode broadcast season with a program that includes Coincident Dances, inspired by a walk composer Jessie Montgomery took through the streets of New York, hearing everything from Ghanaian dance music and Latin Jazz to techno and English consort music. She asks the orchestra to play the role of a “DJ of a multicultural dance track.”



SymphonyCast

in August and September feature performances from the 2024

BBC Proms, beginning on Friday August 9th (8:00-10:00p) with the “First Night of the BBC Proms.”

Classical Blog and Arts Features

[CD Spotlight: The Mystery Sonatas. Alan Choo, violin & Apollo's Fire](#)

[Countertenor John Holiday isn't trying to make you love him](#)

[Hello from “The Mountain”](#)

Women in Classical Music

WXXI Classical is committed to celebrating the achievements of women: from Hildegard of Bingen to Jennifer Higdon, performing, conducting, composing and more. You'll hear women highlighted every day, not just during Women's History Month in March, but year-round. [Resource](#)

WXXI Classical 91.5 50th Anniversary Memories

[Monthly reflections and memories of events](#)



Move to Include is a national initiative that uses the power of public media to promote inclusion. Project Manager Sarah Abbamonte <https://movetoinclude.us/>

Move to Include on Television

Symphony Celebration: The Blind Boys of Alabama with Dr. Henry Panion, III
 Friday, 8/16 at 9:00 pm

2024 Challenger Exhibition Game at the Little League World Series
 Saturday, 8/24 at 10:30 am

Art + Medicine: Disability, Culture, and Creativity"
 Thursday, 8/29 at 3:00 pm

AutismUp BINGO Night

Friday, August 2 7:00-8:30 pm
 Stop #6 of AutismUp's Amazing Race of Summer Activities! [Info](#)

RAA-ising the Bar! for Rochester Accessible Adventures

Friday, 8/2 at 4:30pm
 Three Heads Brewing [Info](#)

RestFest Virtual Film Festival

August 15-22
 Stream films & video artworks by Disabled, d/Deaf, chronically ill, mentally ill, and/or mad artists. [Info](#)

Name Me Lawand Advance Screening

Monday, August 19 6:30 pm
 The Little
 Lawand, deaf from birth, seeks a fresh start with his family in the UK after a traumatic year in a refugee camp. [Info](#)

FROM AROUND THE WEB

Susan and Lexi Haas, authors of "The Year of the Buttered Cat", [speak with PBS Books](#) "The Year of the Buttered Cat" is a funny and empowering memoir from a girl with a severe form of cerebral palsy

"unseen: Between the Lines - Exploring Intersectionality through Poetry and Performance"

Unseen dives deep into the life of Pedro, an aspiring social worker who faces restrictions as a blind, undocumented immigrant to get his college degree. [Watch](#)

"Sound and Silence" from the TED Radio Hour
 TED speakers explore the science of sound. [Listen](#)



[WXXI Main](#) [WXXI World](#) [WXXI Create](#)

[WXXI Kids 24/7](#) [WXXI Passport](#)

Great Performances "Merry Wives"

Sunday, August 4th at 1pm

Experience Shakespeare's comedy from the Public Theater's Shakespeare in the Park. Set in South Harlem, the play tells the story of the trickster Falstaff and the wily wives who outwit him in a celebration of Black joy, laughter and vitality. [More info](#)

A Boston (R) Evolution

Tuesday, August 13th at 10pm

Boston's acting mayor, a black woman once bussed as a child to hostile neighborhoods, breaks 200 years of white male mayors and ushers in the historic 2021 mayoral race. [More Info](#)

Symphony Celebration: The Blind Boys of Alabama with Dr. Henry Panion, III

Friday, August 16th at 9pm

A one-of-a-kind performance and documentary with the Blind Boys of Alabama and orchestra. Throughout the program, a documentary storytelling thread uses small vignettes to connect the artists and their songs. Beautifully orchestrated and conducted by Dr. Henry Panion III, A SYMPHONY CELEBRATION focuses on messages of humanity, peace and love. [More info](#)

Making Black America: Through the Grapevine

Monday, August 26th-Thursday, August 29th at 4pm

This four-hour series introduces a vibrant world at the heart of the Black experience. [More Info](#)

Voces "Almost American"

Monday, August 26th at 10pm

Celebrate the rich diversity of Latino arts and culture in this documentary showcase. Devoted to exploring the rich diversity of the Latino experience, VOCES presents new and established filmmakers and brings their powerful and illuminating stories to a national audience. [More Info](#)



Click to see [Now showing](#)

Click to see [Music in the café](#)

Dandelion

Opens July 26

A struggling singer-songwriter falls into an intoxicating romance that leads her to a deeper appreciation of her artistic journey and the discovery of a voice that is authentically her own. [Info](#)

James Baldwin Centennial Series

I Am Not Your Negro

Monday July 29 7:30 pm

Writer James Baldwin tells the story of race in modern America with his unfinished novel, "Remember This House". [Info](#)

Rochester Teen Film Festival

Thursday August 1

Honors the work of urban, suburban, and rural teen filmmakers. [Info](#)

Crossing

August 3,4, 7 and 8

Lia, a retired teacher, has promised to find her long-lost niece, Tekla. [Info](#)

Black Cinema Series Sing Sing

Friday August 9

Divine G, imprisoned at Sing Sing for a crime he didn't commit, finds purpose by acting in a theatre group with other incarcerated men. [Info](#)

¡Presente! Latin Film Series

This new series starts with a special screening of the film "Selena" on August 14 celebrating the life and legacy of Selena Quintanilla. [Info](#)

Little Concert Series

Hanna PK

Monday August 12 7:30 pm

Local favorite and blues powerhouse Hanna PK returns to Rochester, from her new base in Louisiana, for a rockin' evening with her band, live on stage. [Info](#)

One Take Film Series

Sugarcane

Thursday August 15 7:00 pm

Saturday August 17 3:00 pm

An investigation into abuse and missing children at an Indian residential school sparks a reckoning on the nearby Sugarcane Reserve. [Info](#)

DìDì (弟弟)

Opens Friday August 16

an impressionable 13-year-old Taiwanese American boy learns what his family can't teach him: how to skate, how to flirt, and how to love his mom. [Info](#)

Seven Samarai

Sunday August 18 4:30 pm

Wednesday Aug 21 6:30 pm

Akira Kurosawa tells the story of a sixteenth-century village whose desperate inhabitants hire the eponymous warriors to protect them from invading bandits. [Info](#)



NEWS

WXXI News
<https://www.wxxinews.org/>
 Executive Editor Denise Young
 News Director Randy Gorbman

CITY MAGAZINE
<https://www.roccitymag.com/>
 Editor Leah Stacy

[Rochester celebrates Pride with the largest parade and festival in the event's history](#)

[Stories You May Have Missed
 Doctor claims she was pulled from Golisano Children's Hospital NICU after raising safety concerns](#)

[Monroe County and House of Mercy team up for new mental health peer advocacy training](#)

[Neighborhood equity top of mind for Rochester family during Cool Sweep](#)

[Connections: State Sen. Samra Brouk on mental health](#)

[Disabilities Beat: Understanding the value of direct support professionals \(DSPs\)](#)

[ABC gets federal funding to continue Head Start early education programs](#)

[Meet Demario Strickland, Rochester schools' new interim superintendent](#)

[City will pay firefighter \\$150K plus four years salary to settle lawsuit involving Juneteenth parody party](#)

[Connections: Longtime activist and Ibero co-founder Domingo Garcia](#)

[Connections: Local entrepreneur Anna Vos on her brand, Anna Parade, and how to effect change at the corporate level](#)

[Connections: What are emotional emancipation circles?](#)

COMMUNITY

Find many more events in the [CITY Events Calendar](#)

PBS KIDS Launches Civics Content Initiative, rolling out a full slate of civics-themed content, featuring a second season of hit shorts series, [CITY ISLAND](#), and two new music video series, [CITY ISLAND SINGS](#) and [TOGETHER WE CAN](#). [More Info](#)

Wake Up!: The Cinema of Spike Lee



Dryden Theatre presents Spike Lee's filmography in its entirety. [Info](#)

25th Hour – August 1 7:30 pm

She Hate Me – August 16 7:30 pm

Skaneateles Festival
 July 30 – August 24
 World Class Music by the Lake [Info](#)

RPO Instrument Petting Zoo
 Friday, August 2 10:00 am
 Fairport Public Library
 Children and families can explore, touch, and play a variety of musical instruments in a fun and interactive setting. [Info](#)

AI Sigi! Sports Classic Tennis Benefit
 August 9 and 10
 Tennis Club of Rochester [Info](#)

Mobile Library
 August 10 and 31
 Memorial Art Gallery
 Free activities, book browsing, and coloring pages, featuring the art of local artist Jackie E. Davis (Underpants and Overbites) [Info](#)

Community CleanUps with Seneca Park Zoo
 Aug 10 5-7pm [Info](#)
 Lower Maplewood Park
 Aug 24 9a-12p [Info](#)
 Thomas P Ryan R-Center

Past Forward: Native American Art from Gilcrease Museum

Through August 25
 Memorial Art Gallery
 A collection built by Native philanthropist and arts patron Thomas Gilcrease (Muscogee Nation; 1890–1962) [Info](#)

Kids Free Days!
 Thursdays in August
 Genesee Country Village & Museum [Info](#)

LGBTQ+ Support Groups
 Trillium Health [Info](#)

Coming soon: **Rochester Community University**, a program to help residents learn how to advocate for themselves and their neighborhoods. Participants attend a series of workshops that give them insight into City Hall and local resources that they can then use to address issues affecting them.