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WKAR NewsTalk Brings Fresh Lineup to Capital Region Listeners

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Hidden Brain, It's Been a Minute*

EAST LANSING, MI; Oct. 1, 2017 -- Beginning Oct. 1, **WKAR Public Media** from Michigan State University presents **WKAR NewsTalk**, a fresh radio lineup of new shows and longtime favorites for newshounds, talk radio junkies, and global citizens of Michigan's Capital Region.

WKAR NewsTalk is heard on **AM 870** during daylight hours and streaming around the clock on wkar.org. New additions to the schedule are **Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!**, **This American Life**, **Hidden Brain** and **It's Been a Minute**.

"There's a growing audience for fact-based news and reasoned talk that explores the complex issues we face today," said Peter Whorf, WKAR radio station manager. "This new lineup showcases the journalistic excellence of the BBC and NPR, combined with the analysis and deep-dive conversations of brand new programs such as Shankar Vedantam's **Hidden Brain** and Sam Sanders' **It's Been a Minute**. I'm especially eager to share with our listeners the premieres of NPR's newest offerings."

The nation's best mix of classical music, plus and local and NPR news, continues to be heard on **90.5 FM** in the Capital Region. **Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!** and **This American Life** have also been added to the **90.5 FM** schedule.

This American Life presents news stories on a weekly theme, with an occasional comedy routine thrown in. The show airs on **WKAR NewsTalk** Saturdays at noon and on **90.5 FM** Fridays at 6 p.m.

Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me! is NPR's weekly hour-long quiz program, hosted by Peter Sagal. Each week listeners test their knowledge against some of the best and brightest in the news and entertainment world while figuring out what's real news and what's made up. The show airs on **WKAR NewsTalk** Sundays at 2 p.m. and on **90.5 FM** Saturdays at 10 a.m.

It's Been a Minute with Sam Sanders provides an irreverent, casual space for listeners trying to keep up with the pace of current events. Sanders talks with journalists, newsmakers, and listeners about news, popular culture, and the internet -- stories big and small, about all subjects, with equal vigor and interest. The show airs on **WKAR NewsTalk** Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 8 p.m.

Hidden Brain uses science and storytelling to help curious people understand the world, current events and themselves. Hosted by popular Morning Edition contributor Shankar Vedantam, the show airs on **WKAR NewsTalk** Saturdays at 1 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

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WKAR NewsTalk continues to be the Capital Region destination for **BBC Newshour**, **BBC World**, **Current State with Reginald Hardwick**, **Current Sports with Al Martin**, **Ondas En Español with El Chayo**, plus **Morning Edition** and **All Things Considered**.

More Ways to Listen: 24/7 WKAR NewsTalk on 94.5 FM

Listeners in East Lansing and Meridian Township can now tune in to **WKAR NewsTalk** 24 hours day, thanks to an FCC project aimed at enabling AM stations to broadcast at night using FM translators. For those in range (an estimated 50,000 listeners) the service can be heard on **94.5 FM**.

About WKAR Public Media

WKAR Public Media is the Michigan Capital Region source for award-winning original television and radio, and the best from PBS and NPR. WKAR is part of Michigan State University College of Communication Arts & Sciences and includes WKAR-TV, WKAR Radio, wkar.org, WKAR Radio Reading Service, WKAR Family, WKAR Ready to Learn and Interactive Video Services.

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