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Welcome

Thank you to everyone who renewed their WKSU memberships or became a WKSU member for the first time during our recent summer fundraiser - or at any time during WKSU's 2015-2016 fiscal year! As we look forward to the next year of news coverage (starting off with a bang as the country nominates candidates for U.S. President), know that your contributions make it possible for WKSU to bring you more award-winning reporting! As thanks, check out the list of discounts available with [your WKSU member card!](#)

This Issue's Features



▶ [Here Comes the GOP](#)

The second the buzzer sounded to end the Cavaliers' victorious play-off run, workers moved into Quicken Loans Arena to transform it into the home of the 2016 Republican National Convention. The much-anticipated event is also expected to draw protests along with excitement as businessman and real estate mogul Donald Trump takes the stage when the GOP delegates cast their ballots and announce the party's top candidate.

Now through July 21, WKSU reporters cover the run-up to the RNC, the convention and activities that follow as the U.S. Presidential race hits full speed. M.L. Schultze will be at the Q, bringing you the RNC from an Ohio point of view. Schultze will have just enough time for a few loads of laundry before



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▶ [How do I become a WKSU member?](#)



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heading to Philadelphia as the Democrats take their turn in the spotlight on July 25 - 28.

Listen for stories from the RNC daily during *Morning Edition*, *Here and Now* and *All Things Considered*. For up-to-the-minute updates on Twitter, follow [@WKSU](#) and [@MLSchultze](#), and follow WKSU on Facebook at [WKSU.FM](#). Find all reports on this year's election season on the Election 2016 page at [WKSU.org](#).

To start off the festivities, Vivian Goodman reports on new RTA wall art with murals that will greet RNC visitors as they ride the train to convention events. Listen to the story [HERE](#).

▶ [Afghanistan: A Tragic Return To A War With No End](#)



The most critical question in Afghanistan today is whether the Afghan military can keep the country safe from the Taliban. An NPR team went looking for the answer, and two of the group were killed. NPR aired reports from military correspondent Tom Bowman, who escaped an attack while on the ground in Afghanistan. NPR photojournalist David Gilkey

and Afghan journalist and interpreter Zabihullah Tamanna were in another vehicle and did not survive.

Listen to Bowman's story [HERE](#) on his very personal experience with the "war with no end."

▶ [Community Conversations Visit the Wooster Inn](#)



After taking a break in July, WKSU's Community Conversations are back with an event at the Wooster Inn on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. WKSU has many listeners in Wooster and Wayne County and News Director Andrew Meyer, Program Director Ele Ellis and Reporter/Producer Tim Rudell are looking forward to meeting you and hearing

about the issues that are drawing attention from you and your neighbors.

WKSU's Community Conversations events are intended as an open discussion around a variety of topics suggested by listeners. The events are free, but registration is required to assure that all participants are comfortable. Beverages and snacks will be available.

Register through Eventbrite [HERE](#). Learn more on the Community Conversations page at [WKSU.org](#).

▶ [Actors' Summit Founders Look Back at 17 Years of Theater in Akron](#)



MaryJo Alexander, artistic director for Actors' Summit Theater in Akron, is retiring after 17 years.

The non-profit theater is closing as well. WKSU's Kabir Bhatia caught up with Alexander and her husband, Neil Thackaberry, who ran the theater with his wife until his retirement last year.

Listen to Bhatia's interview with the dynamic duo [HERE](#). The pair are retiring, but not disappearing from the Northeast Ohio theatre scene.

▶ [The View From Pluto: The NBA's Floor, Ceiling and Race to Win the Money Game](#)



While the Cavaliers are still basking in the glory of their first championship, other NBA teams have begun the frenzy of assembling their rosters for next year. It's called free agency – a period when teams can sign players whose contracts are up. And this month, they've been doling out dollars like never before. WKSU commentator Terry Pluto says there have been some outrageously huge contracts handed out in the first week of free agency.

Click [HERE](#) to find out why \$10 million is now "Delly money."

▶ [A Prairie Home Companion Recipe Request](#)



Thank you to everyone who turned out to Happy Days Lodge for the shindig to celebrate Garrison Keillor's tenure as host of *A Prairie Home Companion*! It was great meeting you and sharing this special event in the beauty of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Several people requested recipes for the treats provided before the show and there are now recipes for the granola bites and the spicy nuts posted on the Events page at [WKSU.org](#). If you would like one of the many recipes left in the recipe exchange, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to WKSU and you will receive three random recipe cards.

Find more information and see the recipes [HERE](#).



▶ [Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor And Nobel Laureate, Dies At 87](#)

Holocaust survivor, Nobel laureate and author Elie Wiesel has died at the age of 87. Wiesel survived the World War II Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald and death camp of Auschwitz. After liberation, he went to France, then Israel and the United States, where he advocated on behalf of victims of hate and persecution around the world.

▶ [**Irked By Broadcast Coverage, Gymnastics Sites Aim To Raise The Bar**](#)

As the Olympic trials loom in women's gymnastics, an informal group of blogs and podcasts called the "gymtneret" has been shaking up how the sport is covered - focusing on athleticism, not sparkles.

▶ [**Nonstop Flight: How The Frigatebird Can Soar For Weeks Without Stopping**](#)

The huge seagoing birds, called frigatebirds, fly for tens of miles without so much as a wing-flap, and as high as parts of the Rocky Mountains — and they do it by hitching a ride on a cloud. Scientists are astonished by these birds.

 Program Notes

▶ [**This American Life**](#)

Saturdays at 12 p.m. **July 9:** *The Fix Is In*. There are lots of situations that suggest that the fix is in. On this week's show, the whole program is devoted to one story, which goes inside the back rooms of one multinational corporation to capture the intricate workings - recorded on tape - of how they put the fix in.

▶ [**Reveal**](#)

Saturdays at 4 p.m. **July 9:** *Border Corruption*. *Reveal* and the Texas Tribune investigate corruption within one of America's biggest law enforcement agencies. Smuggling, trafficking and murder: what happens when watchdogs become criminals?

▶ [**Invisibilia**](#)

Saturdays at 2 p.m. **July 9:** *The Problem with the Solution*. Americans LOVE solutions. But are there problems we shouldn't try to solve? Lulu visits a town in Belgium with a completely different approach to dealing with mental illness.

▶ [**On Being**](#)

Sundays at 7 a.m. **July 10:** *Elizabeth Gilbert*. Writer Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat, Pray, Love* was a mega bestseller born from her own journey of self-discovery. She offers a conversation on creativity and the choice of curiosity over fear. It's universally available and good for our life together.

▶ [Radiolab](#)

Saturdays at 3 p.m. **July 9: Race.** When the human genome was first fully mapped in 2000, Bill Clinton, Craig Venter, and Francis Collins took the stage and pronounced that "The concept of race has no genetic or scientific basis." Our genes are nearly all the same, but that hasn't made race meaningless.

▶ [The Splendid Table](#)

Sundays at 2 p.m. **July 10:** This week, it's a conversation with Will Allen, a man who has proved to the world that urban farming can work.

▶ Don't see your favorite program listed here? To view a complete lineup, visit the [WKSU Programs page](#).

 Arts On-line

▶ [Lakeside presents Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem](#)

Lakeside
Wednesday, July 13th

Daisy Mayhem blends wicked grooves, sublime lead singing, harmonies, original songs and a deep repertoire into each show. The group performs a mixture of musical idioms, held together by musicianship, impeccable taste and charismatic vocals. Their shows feature country blues, vintage swing, modern songwriter fare and Appalachian fiddle tunes.

Wednesday, July 13 at 8:15 p.m., Hoover Auditorium, Lakeside, 419-798-4461

▶ [Mozart Under the Stars at Blossom](#)

Cleveland Orchestra
Saturday, July 16th

Conductor Michael Francis and guest artist David Fung on piano join the Cleveland Orchestra to perform Elgar's Introduction and Allegro, for string quartet and orchestra, Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 and A London Symphony (Symphony No. 2) by Vaughan Williams. The second WKSU half-price night at Blossom (WKSU member card must be presented at the box office for the discount).

Saturday, July 16 at 8 p.m., Blossom Music Center, Cuyahoga Falls, 216-231-1111

▶ [Mercury Theatre presents Finian's Rainbow](#)

Mercury Theatre Company
Friday, July 8th - Saturday, July 23rd

Set in the mythical southern state of Missitucky, *Finian's Rainbow* pits a charming Irish dreamer and his headstrong daughter against the host of complications that await them in their newly adopted land: a bigoted southern Senator, a credit crisis, a pesky leprechaun, and, of course, a complicated love affair that gives birth to some of the

▶ [Porthouse Theatre presents Ring of Fire](#)

Porthouse Theatre Company
Thursday, July 7th - Saturday, July 23rd

The music of legendary singer/songwriter/man in black Johnny Cash comes to life on stage in *Ring of Fire* as a small ensemble of performers weave a story out of some of America's best known songs.

July 7 - 23, Porthouse Theatre, the

most witty, charming and heartfelt songs ever written for the stage.

July 8 - 23, Regina Hall, Notre Dame College, South Euclid, 216-771-5862, BOGO tickets for July 9 with WKSU member card

► [Kent/Blossom Music presents Time for Three](#)

Kent/Blossom Music
Wednesday, July 13th

The Kent/Blossom Music Faculty Series continues with this season's Kulas Guest Artists. Time for Three – violinist Nicolas (Nick) Kendall, violinist Nikki Chooi and double-bassist Ranaan Meyer – is a group that defies any traditional genre, happily and infectiously. With an uncommon mix of virtuosity and showmanship, the American trio performs music from Bach to Brahms and beyond.

Wednesday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m.,
University Auditorium, Cartwright Hall,
Kent State University, 330-672-2787

► [Apollo's Fire presents Sugarloaf Mountain](#)

Apollo's Fire
Saturday, July 16th - Saturday, July 23rd

Long ago, the sparkling fiddle tunes and haunting ballads of the British Isles came across the water, taking root in the hills of Virginia. They mingled with Southern hymns and African spirituals – creating the soulful music we call Appalachian. Apollo's Fire's acclaimed production brings together music, singing and dancing as the people of the mountains raise their voices in celebration of daily life.

July 16, Laurel School's Butler Campus;
July 17, Avon Lake UCC; July 22, The Bath Church UCC; Geauga Lyric Theatre,
Chardon, 216-320-0012 ex 1

grounds of Blossom Music Center,
Cuyahoga Falls, 330-672-3884

► [Kent Blues Fest](#)

Kent Blues Fest
Friday, July 15th

Come to downtown Kent for dozens of free performances at 22 different locations - all within easy walking distance! Performers include Wallace Coleman at Brewhouse Pub, the Juke Hounds at Hometown Bank Plaza, Austin Walkin' Cane at Laziza, Colin John & Long Tall Deb at Ray's Place and 15 60 75 The Numbers Band at Venice Cafe. See more at KentBluesFest.com.

Friday, July 15 beginning at 5 p.m.,
downtown Kent, KentBluesFest.com

► [Huron Playhouse presents The Birds](#)

Huron Playhouse
Tuesday, July 12th - Friday, July 15th

In an isolated, abandoned house, strangers Nat and Diane take refuge from the unnerving masses of birds that attack everyone around them. There's no electricity, little food, and the birds always return. Their uncertain survival becomes even more doubtful when paranoia creeps into their little refuge, adding an internal threat to match the external threat of the birds.

July 12 - 15, Huron Playhouse, Huron,
419-433-4744

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