

# WPKN Newsletter June 19, 2017

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special programs and guests

## Music, Culture, Arts and Entertainment

*Writer's Voice* with Francesca Rheannon: *Writer's Voice* spends the hour with James Forman, Jr., talking about his groundbreaking book, "Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America." It's a close look at a major influence in the development of mass incarceration in America -- one that until now, has gone largely unnoticed: the role that African American leaders played in the growth of mass incarceration. It's a case of unforeseen consequences arising out of the best of intentions. **Monday, June 19 at 10:00 PM.**

A short interview with composer Martin Bresnick on his new composition WHITMAN, MELVILLE, DICKINSON - PASSIONS OF BLOOM, a large-scale work for soloists, chorus, and orchestra, which will have its [world premiere](#) Tuesday evening at the Arts and Ideas festival in New Haven. The work incorporates the writing of Harold Bloom and centers on three important poets Walt Whitman, Herman Melville, and Emily Dickinson. **Tuesday, June 20 at 8:40 AM.**

*A Miniature World*: Host Binnie Klein welcomes author and comic/phenom Samantha Irby for an interview about her essay collection, "We Are Never Meeting in Real Life" which has burst onto the NY Times bestseller list. "Reading Irby...cracked my heart all the way open. From black women and mental health to the legacies created by poverty to dating while living in an all too human body...I cannot remember the last time I was so moved by a book" – Roxanne Gay (*Difficult Women and Bad Feminist*). Copies of Irby's book will be available as special premiums for WPKN's fundraising during *A Miniature World*. **Thursday, June 22, at 11:00 AM.**

## News and Public Affairs

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

- 1) Kate Kizer, Director of Policy and Advocacy with the Yemen Peace Project discusses the effort in Congress to stop the US- Saudi arms deal, Saudi influence in Washington across both Democratic and Republican administrations -- and the ongoing carnage in Yemen's civil war.
- 2) Melissa Mays, a founder of the group Water You Fighting For, examines the current situation in Flint, Michigan with regard to lead contamination in the city water supply, and the recent move by Michigan's attorney general to charge 5+ city and state officials with involuntary manslaughter for their role in the outbreak of Legionnaire's disease in Flint that killed 12 people.
- 3) Patriotic Millionaires Chair Morris Pearl, former managing director at BlackRock, Inc., one of the largest investment firms in the world, talks about Republican Congressional action to weaken and/or repeal critical parts of Dodd-Frank financial regulations, and the possible consequences for the nation's banking system during a future economic crisis.
- 4) Physician and 2012 and 2016 Green Party Presidential candidate Jill Stein speaking on a panel titled, "Reality Check: Why Now More Than ever it's time for radical resistance and independent green-left collaboration," at the Left Forum conference in New York City on June 3rd.

**Monday, June 19 at 8:00 PM and in the WPKN [archive](#).**

*Sustainable East End*: Suffolk County Vector Control sprays Methoprene, a chemical recognized as lethal to marine life, on eastern long island marshlands in an effort to kill mosquitos. Francesca Rheannon speaks with Kevin McAllister of the environmental watch dog group DefendH2O about efforts to end the spraying.

**Wednesday, June 21 at 7:30 PM and [archived](#).**

## WPKN Events

WPKN's *music on film* series continues with "Monterey Pop Festival" Thursday June 22 at the Bijou, 2926 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for students) with music and a Two Roads beer sampling at 6:00, and the classic 1967 concert documentary at 7:00 PM.



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