



WPKN Review of 2018 Activities

January '18:

- Screening of the incredible true story of a small town with a big sound: **'MUSCLE SHOALS'** as part of Winter-Spring series of **WPKN's Music on Film** at The Bijou. Christine Ohlman intros the film for us.
- Year-end results: During the final 6-days of December, WPKN received a \$10,000 challenge match from several donors that was tripled!
- **WPKN podcasts grow** to 675 episodes with more than 39,000 listens.

February '18:

- WPKN celebrates **Black History** Month with extensive events: **John Coltrane movie**, **Bob Marley 1-day Celebration**; **2nd Annual Black Action Film Festival** at **THE ARCHIVE Movies & Music** in Bridgeport.
- WPKN broadcasts LIVE from Southport's **Pequot Mid-Winter Book Sale** with Mark Naftalin & Friends.
- WPKN screens the **John Coltrane documentary** film *'Chasing Trane'*
- WPKN receives a **Newman's Own Grant**.

March '18:

- WPKN's **Music Mash'18-Record Fair** draws 1000 people to Read's Artspace in Bridgeport. DSSD provides a billboard.
- **6th Annual Car Bob Show trip to the International Auto Show** in New York City with dinner in Chinatown.
- Double-feature for 'Music on Film' **Gram Parsons 'Fallen Angel'** and **Doug Sahm- 'Sir Doug and the Genuine Cosmic Groove'**

April '18:

- WPKN celebrates second year of **podcasting**. Statistics- 750 episodes, 45,000 listens
- Screening of **'24 Hour Party People'** at *The Bijou* as part of our WPKN Music on Film series
- WPKN Celebrates **Music By Women** and **The Rhythm Section**

May '18:

- **7nd Annual GOT BLUEGRASS** event at The Acoustic in Bridgeport
- **4th Annual Carl J. Frano Birthday Bash & Dance** at **The Institute Library** in New Haven
- WPKN participates in **The Great Give** coordinated by the **Community Foundation for Greater New Haven**.
- WPKN screens **THE WHO's 'The Kids Are Alright'**

June '18:

- Media partner of **'Pride in the Park'** in Norwalk the largest **LGBTQ** Pride event in Connecticut. WPKN had a tent staffed by volunteers.
- WPKN a "media partner" of the **International Festival of Arts & Ideas** in New Haven
- WPKN partners on **MAKE MUSIC DAY | MAKE MUSIC BRIDGEPORT** June 21
- WPKN hosts it's first in a series of **'New Volunteer Nights'**

July '18:

- WPKN a 'media' partner of the **Green River Festival** in Greenfield, MA
- WPKN partners with City Lights Gallery on **SAME SEX VARIETY SHOW** at The Bijou Theatre
- WPKN is a media partner with the **Litchfield Jazz Festival** in Litchfield, CT
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August '18:

- WPKN has a tent at the **29th annual Falcon Ridge Folk Festival** in Hillsdale, NY.

September '18:

- **Car Bob Show** selected by Lime Rock Park as LIVE broadcaster of the **Labor Day 'Historic Festival'**
- WPKN Celebrates its Pirate Radio and Punk Attitude with an on-air drive and a screening of the Film 'Pirate Radio'
- WPKN partners with the **New York Times** on a new digital subscription for **WPKN sustaining supporters**
- WPKN is a media partner of the growing **Black Rock Porchfest**

October '18:

- WPKN screens the film **WOODSTOCK- 3 Days of Peace and Music** at the Bijou Theatre in Bridgeport.
- Binnie Klein featured in *Daily Nutmeg* New Haven
- WPKN is a media partner and Steve di Costanzo the MC at the **Asbury Shorts Concerts Film Festival** at Fairfield Theatre Company

November '18:

- WPKN a media partner of the **10th Annual Bridgeport Art Trail**. Hosts benefit concert called **Latin America-NA** with Latin, jazz, bluegrass, afro-centric and poetry beats. **Bridgeport Audio Trail** held at the WPKN 'Open Studios'
- WPKN **Music on Film** series selection: *Grace Jones: Bloodlight and Bami* snowed out!
- WPKN's Board of Directors holds a retreat to discuss strategic vision.

December '18

- **1st Anniversary** of installation and activation of the **new WPKN transmitter** -December 12!
- **Winter Appeal Letter** sent to 5,000 of WPKN's supporters.
- \$10,000 **Challenge Match** for online donations to WPKN from December 26-December 31
- WPKN engages with a Grant Writer to help with fundraising
- Two films shown: **Grace Jones: Bloodlight & Bami** as well as the **Philip Glass film Koyaanisqatsi- Life Out of Balance**.