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special programs and guests

Music, Culture, Arts and Entertainment

Writer's Voice with Francesca Rheannon: We talk with playwright and author Octavio Solis about his book of stories about growing up in El Paso Texas, the son of Mexican migrants. It’s called "Relatos: Stories from a Life Lived Along the Border." We also talk about the mass shooting in El Paso and the impact it has had on Solis’ own family and hometown. Then, we re-air our 2018 interview with singer-songwriter Don Arbor about his song, “Everyone Comes From Somewhere”. It’s in honor of immigrants. Monday, August 19 at 10:00 PM.

First Voices Radio: In this edition of “First Voices Radio” we introduce you to Ernestine Hayes, Alaska State Writer Laureate. Ernestine -- Kaagwaantaan clan of the Eagle side of the Lingit (Tlingit) Nation -- is the author of "Blonde Indian" and many other works, including her latest book, "The Tao of Raven: An Alaska Native Memoir." Ernestine has a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing and literary arts and is an associate professor of English and writing at the University of Alaska Southeast. Ernestine’s presentation took place on June 2, 2017, in Portland, Oregon, during a NACF Convening of 2016 National Artist Fellows. The original audio recording for this program was provided courtesy of the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation. Tuesday, August 20 at 12 noon.

News and Public Affairs

This week’s guests on Counterpoint, hosted by Scott Harris:
1) Phyllis Bennis, director of the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, a fellow with the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam and author of many books her most recent titled, "Understanding ISIS and the new Global War on Terror: A Primer." Phyllis will discuss President Trump's tweet which let to Israel's decision to prevent Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar from traveling to Israel/Palestine to investigate the human rights situation for Palestinians living in the Israeli occupied West Bank.
2) Adam Green, a co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee talks about the work his group is doing in the lead up to the 2020 election, how important issues are being framed in recent Democratic presidential candidate debates, the corporate media coverage of progressive candidates’ electability, and the candidates’ positions on major issues in the primary, such as health care and immigration.
3) Aaron Regunberg an activist with Never Again Action and a former Rhode Island state legislator, recounts his group’s recent civil disobedience protest at Rhode Island’s Wyatt ICE detention facility, where a Captain at the prison attempted to drive his pickup truck through the protesters, injuring two - three others were also injured when other guards at the prison later used pepper spray against the protesters.
4) Fatima Rojas, an organizer with Unidad Latina en Acción, discusses her group's work that resulted in New Haven, CT Mayor Toni Harp issuing an executive order declaring New Haven's unofficial status as a sanctuary city -- and the ongoing work being done now to win a vote ratifying an official ordinance on sanctuary city status in the city's Board of Alders. Monday, August 19 at 8:00 PM and in the WPKN archive.

Sustainable East End airs portions of a recent youth climate forum presented at Guild Hall in East Hampton, with climate scientist Michael Mann, Gordan Raacke of Renewable Energy Long Island, and two leaders of the youth climate movement. Sustainable East End is heard on the 3rd Wednesday each month. Wednesday, August 21 at 7:30 PM and archived.

WPKN Events

The Twilight Live Music Cruises Series: This summer The Bridgeport & Port Jefferson Steamboat Company, J. Faith Presents and WPKN 89.5-FM Radio invite you to a Series of Twilight Concerts on Long Island Sound. The next show is Thursday, August 22, 2019 featuring the Zambonis. It's a Bridgeport departure at 7:00 PM. Then Thursday, August 29, 2019 featuring Ogee Wawa. That's a 6:30 PM Port Jefferson departure. 631-473-5138 for more info.

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