John Munson Takes Over Hosting Duties on *At Issue*

You might have noticed a new, yet familiar, voice hosting *At Issue* from 3pm to 5pm weekdays on the Ideas Network.

WPR Northern Regional Manager, John Munson, will be interim host, filling in after Ben Merens' departure the end of January. Munson will (mostly) host the program from the WPR studio in Superior, while working with producers located in the WPR Milwaukee studio.

Munson made his radio debut at age three in a children's shoe commercial and was DJ-ing by age 14. He earned a BS in History/Political Science and an MA in Mass Communications. He taught at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and at UW-Superior, and started guest-hosting on WPR in the 1990s.

This isn't the first time Munson has filled in on the Ideas Network; he's also stepped in for Joy Cardin, Kathleen Dunn, and Larry Meiller at various times during his tenure at WPR.

Garrison Keillor holds the mic while *Prairie Home Companion's* Fred Newman demonstrates his sound effects skills for a young guest at our recent post-show reception in Madison.

Find audio, video and more from the January 26 broadcast here.

Winter Pledge Drive

The Wisconsin Public Radio Winter Membership Drive is in full-swing, and we're proud to offer the "Food for 40" thank-you gift again this year.

WPR has been offering "Food for 40" during one pledge drive a year since 2010. In that time, WPR listeners have provided more than 200,000 meals to those in need around the state.

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In what spare time he has, Munson likes books, cooking, music, golf, theater (acting), family, and dogs (not necessarily in that order).

**Follow the new *At Issue* Facebook page to keep up with the show.**

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**Have Dinner with Zorba, Tom or Kathleen Dunn**

Listeners are invited to attend our annual Dinner for Listeners events across Wisconsin.

Join Zorba Paster and Tom Clark as they keynote the Milwaukee dinner on Thursday, April 11, starting at 6pm at Villa Filomena. Attendees will be encouraged to ask questions just like a regular On Your Health program. Tom will take your questions and Zorba will dispense health advice with his usual enthusiasm and contagious laughter. The cost is $40/person to attend. Learn more and register to join us April 11 here.

Join Kathleen Dunn on Monday, April 22 at 5pm for Western Wisconsin's annual dinner at the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson. Following the dinner will be presentations from WPR personalities and staff, and a keynote address from Kathleen. This year marks her 20th anniversary on-air at Wisconsin Public Radio and she will share stories of her tenure at WPR. The cost is $25/person to attend. More information will be available soon on the Eau Claire regional website.

These dinners allow WPR to show appreciation to all of our loyal listeners. It’s a unique opportunity for you to interact with radio personalities, local staff members and other fans of Wisconsin Public Radio.

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**Connect with WPR through Social Media Platforms**

On your desktop, tablet or smartphone you can connect with Wisconsin Public Radio, our hosts and shows, via a myriad of social media.

WPR has more than 11,000 Facebook "Likes" and more than 10,000 followers on Twitter. More than 20 WPR statewide and regional programs offer Facebook pages and nearly a dozen
hosts, managers and programs use Twitter.

The goal for all this "liking," "tweeting," "blogging" and "pinning" is to engage WPR's community and encourage community dialogue. Social media provides an opportunity to continue the dialogue off-air, provide additional information about topics and to respond to listeners' interests with expert guests and program content.

Click here for a list of WPR local and national programs and how you can engage them in social media.

Also, take a few moments to review WPR's official policy for everyone participating in our online community. We look forward to a lively social community!

Sneak Peeks at Upcoming Programming. . .

**Ideas Network**
Talk About Issues That Matter to You

**February 19: State Supreme Court Primary Race**
WPR will broadcast news updates tonight at 8:04pm, 9:04pm and 10:04pm when the polls close. Learn the results of the primary race for State Supreme Court.

**February 20 at 7pm: Governor Walker Budget Address**
Governor Walker delivers his budget address on Wednesday night. Hear it live on both networks at 7pm. WPR's Shawn Johnson and WPT's Frederica Freyberg co-host.

**February 20 at 8am: The Joy Cardin Show**
Joy speaks to guest Karen Oberhauser, professor in the department of fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology at the University of Minnesota, about the lifespan of monarch butterflies, how and why they migrate and how you can help them.
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February 24 at 5pm: Simply Folk
Join host Stephanie Elkins and hear live music from John Stano, winner of the 2012 Wisconsin Singer Songwriter Competition.

March 24 at 5pm: Simply Folk
Join host Stephanie Elkins to hear music from Joe Pug.

WPR News & Events Around Wisconsin
Meet Wisconsin Public Radio program hosts, producers and staff in and around Wisconsin at these upcoming events. For more updates on local events, performances and activities in your area, follow our regional links.

Eau Claire Area
Spring 2013 Interns
Interns Amber Kroening, Hillary Crusan, Liz Hebert and Hannah Weikel began work at the station in January. Amber (Underwriting) is an advertising major at UW-Eau Claire. Hillary (Publicity) is a public relations major at UW-Eau Claire. Liz (Event Planning) is an international studies major at UW-River Falls. Hannah (News Reporting) is a journalism major at UW-Eau Claire.
More information and full intern bios here.

2013 Listener Dinner
Kathleen Dunn will join Eau Claire regional WPR personalities and staff as this year's Listener Dinner keynote speaker. The dinner will take place on April 22 at the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson. More information coming soon here.

Find information about Eau Claire area events at: www.wpr.org/eauclaire.

La Crosse Area
Prairie Smoke at the Pump House Regional Arts Center
WPR-La Crosse music host Tami Bartels welcomes local folk group "Prairie Smoke" for a concert of original music along with traditional Celtic and American folk songs on Saturday, February 23 at 7:30pm. More information here.

Wednesday Night Blues
88.9 WLSU La Crosse welcomes a return visit from Winona blues musician Mike Munson. He will co-host the show with Tami Bartels on Wednesday, February 27 from 9pm to midnight. Tune in for an evening of music and conversation!

Robert Baca Jazz Orchestra at Heider Center for the Arts
WPR welcomes Wisconsin's Robert Baca Jazz Orchestra for an evening of America's original art form, Monday, March 25 at 7:30pm.
Meet La Crosse Regional Manager John Gaddo who emcees the show. More information here.

Find information about La Crosse area events at: www.wpr.org/LaCrosse.

Madison Area

NPR's Christopher O'Riley Solo Recital
Christopher O'Riley will perform a solo recital on Friday, February 22 at 7:30pm at the Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center in Rockford, IL. O'Riley is host of NPR's From the Top which airs Sundays at 8pm on WPR's News & Classical Music stations. More information here.

2013 Bolz Young Artist Competition
The final round of the 2013 Bolz Young Artist Competition will be held at 7pm on Thursday, March 14, at the Capitol Theater at Overture Center in Madison. WPR is pleased to sponsor this competition with Wisconsin Public Television and the Madison Symphony Orchestra. This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. More information here.

Find information about Madison area events at: www.wpr.org/Madison.

Green Bay Area

Find information about Green Bay area events at: www.wpr.org/GreenBay.

Milwaukee Area

Moth StorySLAM
WPR is proud to sponsor the Moth StorySLAM on Thursday, March 7 at the Miramar Theatre. The theme for March is "DETOURS." When the doors open, storyteller hopefuls put their names in the hat. A half-hour later, names are picked, and one by one, storytellers take the stage. More information here.

Dinner for Listeners with Zorba Paster and Tom Clark
Reservations are now open for the 3rd Annual WPR Dinner for Listeners, set for Thursday, April 11. This year Zorba Paster, host of Zorba Paster On Your Health, will serve as keynote speaker with sidekick Tom Clark. More information here.

Find information about Milwaukee area events at: www.wpr.org/Milwaukee.

Superior Area

John Munson in "The 1940's Radio Hour" Musical
University Theatre presents "The 1940's Radio Hour," a musical by Walton Jones. Full of music, dancing and old-time sound effects, the play portrays the final holiday broadcast of the Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade on the New York radio station WOV in December 1942. Superior Regional Manager John Munson will play the character of "Clifton," a radio station manager. More information here.

Find information about Superior area events at: www.wpr.org/Superior.
Wausau Area

Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra with Jim Fleming
WPR is a media sponsor of the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra and their weekend performances of "Legends, Tales and Myths," at Sentry's Theater@1800 in Stevens Point February 23 and 24. The concerts feature WPR's Jim Fleming, who will narrate Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" along with the symphony. Jim will stop by the WPR booth after the concerts for an informal "meet and greet" with patrons. Regional Manager Rick Reyer will introduce and attend Saturday night's performance. More information here.

Giordano Dance Chicago
WPR is a proud media sponsor for UW-Stevens Point Performing Arts Series, featuring the Jazz Company from Giordano Dance Chicago at Sentry's Theater@1800 in Stevens Point on Wednesday, February 27. Meet Central Regional Manager Rick Reyer before or after this performance. More information here.

Find information about Wausau area events at:
www.wpr.org/central.

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