Our Dream Continues...

... to provide voice, visibility, dignity, and respect to the outstanding local organizations, events, projects, music, and people not heard on commercial radio. Beginning in September 2015 when our ribbon-cutting ceremony was held, to now, over 100 volunteer talk show and music program hosts and over a dozen task force members have walked through our doors to work with compassion and grit to build and sustain WRUU.

Our foundation is solid. WRUU was voted by Connect Savannah readers as 2019 Best Local Radio Station and Best Local Talk Show Radio. And we are also the only Unitarian Universalist radio station in the United States. The time is now for sustainability and growth. With you, our devoted listeners, our new listeners, and all who support the community voice, we ask that you consider becoming a member of WRUU if you haven’t already, or increasing your donation during our October Annual Fund Drive which starts Oct 11th. In the absence of our amazing and fun events put on hold during the pandemic, please consider increasing your recurring monthly gift or your annual gift. If you can’t donate at this minute, our Donate Button at wruu.org/donate is open 24/7/365 for your gifts!

Savannah Soundings
Community Radio with Global Soul

In memory of Sandy Battise
Host of One Human Nation
November 28, 2019
The outstanding programming on WRUU currently is the result of the hard work of 66 volunteer program hosts who offer over 63 locally produced live programs and 42 locally produced automated programs. In addition we have 12 nationally syndicated talk programs. Our music mix continues to be the most diverse in Savannah, including Alternative Rock, Indie, Latin, Classical, Opera, Blues, classic rock, Americana, music of the African Diaspora, Reggae, Punk and Metal, Rockabilly, Electronic, Jazz, Down Tempo, Soundtracks, World and even the eclectic and obscure.

Our talk shows such as Women on Top, The Happy Homeschooler, The Sister Perspective, Bring It In, Older Wiser Ladies, Taking the Journey Together, Men on the Block, Real Estate Real Talk, Teen Talk with Lulu, The Verb Altitude Hour and Spirit Talk have made a deep connection with the Savannah community with our emphasis on community issues. Nationally syndicated programming such as Democracy Now! and Background Briefing address broader civic, national and international issues. Our Sunday morning programming including Interfaith Voices, The Heart and the Hand, Unitarian Universalist and First Baptist worship services and the Gospel Music Hour offers an exploration of faith issues from a variety of perspectives.

Over this past year we have added music programs such as Old School Cool, Mind’s Eye, Rock n Roll Cookbook, Strange Folk, Razors in the Night, Screen Play, Ventriloquism for Dummies and The Savannah Afterglow. Some of our new talk shows include: Bring It In, Women on Top, The Happy Homeschooler and The Common Good. We have had special limited series such as We the People: The Constitution Today.

The best places to learn about what is happening on WRUU or your favorite shows are the schedule on www.wruu.org, the downloadable schedule on the website, and the information on our Facebook page and our active Twitter feed.

From the Infrastructure Team

Bill Rolfes

Our biggest news is a generous donor allowed us to present a new look for WRUU on your car’s radio! We now have a RADIO DATA SYSTEM (RDS) installed which embeds small amounts of digital information in our FM broadcasts. It allows listeners to have a visual and continuous update of the current show, current track, and artist. Next time you’re in your car, tune in to WRUU 107.5 FM, and check it out!

Our team is always working just behind the scenes to keep things flowing, whether it is computer work, the physical infrastructure of our broadcasting studio or our building, the tower, or other intricacies of equipment installation and maintenance to keep us on air and online.
Connect Savannah published a new series this summer: Jim Morekis, Editor-in-Chief, and Sean Kelly, Arts & Entertainment Editor, interviewed hosts from seven WRUU shows. Links are provided to learn more about some of your favorite WRUU personalities!

**Emanuela, Strange Folk**  

**Dave, Classical and Jazz**  

**Troy, Sound Limit**  

**Leza, The Happy Home Schooler**  

**Ian, Ventriloquism for Dummies**  

**DJ Spooky, Rigor Mortis**  

**Drs. Keena, Jessica, and Shay**  
**The Sister Perspective**  
Each October, WRUU kicks off the new fund drive year and annual meeting with a great party. The newly-opened Starland Yard proved a great venue for outdoor fun, music by our DJs, food, and volunteer appreciation awards. The 2019 theme was "Reuniting the Builders."

Reverend Dave Messner of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Savannah received a commemorative plaque for his work with the UUCS congregation and volunteers to host and build the radio station.

Building Brick Awards were given to the many volunteers who collectively donated hundreds and hundreds of hours to move WRUU from an idea to "flipping the switch!" Our station’s builders have our heartfelt gratitude:

Rob Bazinet, John Bennett, Bob and Denise Boehner, Brandes Catja, Louis Clausi, Larry Dean, Marty Foglia, Louise Frazier, Lyza Gross, Patty Guerrero, Ernie and Lind Hollingsworth, Doug Johnson, Leslie Joseph, Tom Kenkel, Cliff Kevill, Alan Kindler, Trent Kissinger, Dave Lake, Chris LaReau, Dave Messner, Mitch Miller, Bill Rolfs, Robin Sherman, Pam Shingler, Gary and Tammy Smith, Ryan Toothaker, and Vicki Weeks (and there are probably many more!)
Our "M & M' team works daily to update all social media and publicize special events and fundraisers. In August, WRUU launched an online shop where listeners and supporters can purchase t-shirts, koozies, and stickers. Your support of our station helps us continue broadcasting and streaming! Go to wruu.bigcartel.com.

We are approaching the completion of another first! In coordination with **Stephen Palmer** (Mr. Palmer’s Rockabilly Radio Show), the project **Savannah Homegrown** is a radio compilation album (inspired by San Diego's KGB radio’s Homegrown Albums). Our first-ever album consists of songs donated by 14 local and Savannah-based musicians, with all sales benefitting WRUU. We are excited to work with Savannah-based musicians and establish WRUU as a dependable source of exposure for local music, building on our current programming **Savannah Music: Local and Sustainable**. Be on the lookout for Damon and the Shitkickers, Jason Bible, Bero Bero, Wood and Steel, XuluProphet, Willie Jackson, Matt Eckstine, Velvet Caravan, COEDS City Hotel, Lady Valore, Bottles & Cans, Crazy Man Crazy, and Squash on the debut WRUU album!

**Ways to find us online:** Along with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, WRUU is now also on Spotify, where listeners can enjoy curated playlists by our station’s DJs and music hosts. The **Staff Picks** playlist is updated monthly, and features an eclectic mix of artists and genres, hand-picked by our music DJs. In August, the **WRUU Summer Playlist** was our first seasonal playlist, with a Winter Playlist coming soon.

The programming found on WRUU would not be possible without the generosity of our listeners, event sponsors, and underwriters. This year’s fundraisers included parties, auctions, and a comedy night! Last summer heated up with our annual **Summer Virtual Auction** made possible by the donations of many Savannah businesses. All the money raised through the auction went to support WRUU. An outdoor party at **Starland Yard kicked off the 2019 Fund Drive** on the first Friday of October with Food Trucks, good drinks, and tasty food truck bites. **Odd Lot Improv** brought laughs to a show at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Savannah to benefit the station. A highlight of each year is our annual Tunes and Brews concert. Unfortunately, the COVID 19 pandemic made it impossible to hold such an event, but we look forward to another Tunes & Brews in 2021! Such events not only help us keep broadcasting WRUU on the airwaves, but also are a lot of fun! Join us! Events are advertised at www.wruu.org and on social media. The continued support by our monthly pledge keepers provide for our most reliable source of income. Thank you to our current and future donors. **Make your donation today at www.wruu.org/donate**
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The Numbers

For year ending 6-30-20
Cash assets
$10,121
Income
$26,357
In-kind services
$2,804
Expenses
$25,998

Our Members

2019-20 Annual Membership
Student ($25) - 16
Basic ($50) - 21
Serious Fans ($107.50) - 42
DJ’s Circle ($200) - 11
Broadcaster’s Circle ($500) - 6
Engineer’s Circle ($1,000) - 3
Producer’s Circle ($2,500) - 2

Everything you need to know right here:

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