And Another Thing Delivers
A Local Perspective

Airing Mondays through Thursdays at 6 p.m. on NEPM 88.5, And Another Thing is our new program that looks at the important issues of the day from a local perspective. Hosts Dara Kennedy and Maya Shwayder recently shared some behind-the-scenes thoughts about the show.

What was most exciting about launching a new show?
“Getting to build a team from the ground up has been great, and we’ve loved the challenge of bringing something new to the airwaves. We hope the show will deepen listeners’ understanding of what’s going on around them, especially by bringing new voices into the conversation.” — Maya Shwayder

What is it like to work on the show remotely?
“No doubt, it has required an adjustment. You need to be self-disciplined and stay mentally strong, so you don’t wear yourself out. However, I don’t have as many wardrobe decisions to contemplate daily and I’m ok with that.” — Dara Kennedy

How can listeners get involved?
“You can leave us a message at 800-639-9120 or email andanotherthing@nepm.org. And we love to see social media comments as well, so if you’re on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram, find us @HelloAndAnother.” — Maya Shwayder

What are you looking forward to covering this summer?
“People. Kids. Events. Graduations. Travel. After last year’s stories about death tolls, shootings and rigged elections, it’s time we celebrated the simple things we have missed.” — Dara Kennedy

Leadership Announcement

After a career spanning more than three decades in public broadcasting, Martin Miller is stepping down from his position as President of NEPM. He will continue in his role until a successor is named, and then will move into a senior counsel role focused on new fundraising efforts for NEPM’s music endowment, journalism and engagement priorities.

Martin led WFCR radio for over two decades, expanding it into the 13-station New England Public Radio network and relocating its main broadcast facility from the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus to state-of-the-art studios in Springfield. The Five College Studios, rebuilt in 2016, remain at UMass in Hampshire House.

In 2019, Martin became President of NEPM after helping to orchestrate the alliance with WGBY to create New England Public Media, expanding journalism, community engagement, cultural, and educational programs through multi-platform services and creating a robust public media organization positioned to continue its public service mission well into the future.

“UMass Amherst, the Five College Consortium, and NEPM gave me the opportunity to be part of a talented group of people involved in the important work of education, civic leadership, and joyful engagement,” said Martin.

“Martin leaves an outstanding legacy of service to public media in western New England,” said NEPM Board Chair Robert Feldman. “From his dedicated leadership at WFCR to his vision for uniting with WGBY TV, he has led with principle, insight and wisdom, building and strengthening public media on behalf of audiences and communities across our region.”

A national search for a new President has begun.
Great Performances at The Met: Anna Netrebko in Concert
Friday, June 18 at 9 p.m.
Experience the opera megastar performing Russian songs by Rachmaninoff, Rimsky-Korsakov and Tchaikovsky as well as selections by Debussy, Dvořák, Fauré and Strauss from Vienna’s Spanish Riding School.

Mysteries of Mental Illness
Tuesday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 23 at 9 p.m.
Explore the evolution in understanding, and the dramatic attempts across generations to unravel the difficult questions surrounding mental illness people have grappled with throughout history: What causes it? And how is it best treated?

Masterpiece: Unforgotten Season 4
Sundays, July 11–August 15 at 9 p.m.
Cold cases make for the hottest summer drama! Nicola Walker and Sanjeev Bhaskar return for the most dramatic season yet in which DCI Cassie Stuart and DS Sunny Khan investigate a cold case with alarming links to the police. Can the force ever really be trusted, and will Cassie and Sunny find themselves on the wrong side of the law?

Connecting Point
Fridays at 6 p.m.
Start your weekends off with Connecting Point, which continues to cover the people and places of western New England, but now with a special emphasis on arts and culture. Every Friday, host Zydalis Bauer will introduce you to creative people who are making a difference and tell you about the events that enrich our lives. Plus, new digital material is regularly added to nepm.org/connectingpoint.

Summer Fiction
Fridays during Morning Edition
Whether you’re venturing out into the world or hanging out on your porch, summer is better with a good book. NEPM’s annual fiction series returns in July. Most Friday mornings, we’ll feature an interview with an author from New England who’s got a new novel out for those lazy days in the sun.

Tanglewood Returns
Saturdays at 1 p.m. & Sundays at 2:30 p.m. starting July 11 on NEPM 88.5
This summer, as concerts return to Tanglewood we’ll have the chance to experience glorious performances on both Saturdays and Sundays. Highlights include Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5, Ravel’s Piano Concerto in G, and the premiere of a new violin concerto by John Williams.

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Tertulia
Sundays at 8 p.m. on NEPM 88.5
Host Raquel Obregon shares Latin music, including music from all over the world, as long as it’s related to Latin music and culture. Tertulia also features a diversity of guests — musicians, writers, poets, doctors and leaders of different organizations who bring information that can benefit the community. The program is presented in a bilingual format.

Featured NEPM Podcast: Jazz Beat with Tom Reney
You’re probably familiar with Jazz à la Mode which airs weeknights at 8 p.m. on NEPM 88.5. But do you know about our related podcast, Jazz Beat with Tom Reney? You’ll find interesting conversations with artists about new album releases, deep dives with authors who are writing about jazz, and more. Find it and our other podcasts at nepm.org/podcast.
NEPM’s Education Team is preparing for another Youth Media Lab Summer employment experience. Teens from Springfield and Holyoke will participate in a hybrid model, (in-person and remote engagement) for a 7-week intensive as they learn about media and digital citizenship. They will hear from industry professionals and use audio/video editing software to produce their own journalistic articles, podcasts, and video projects while gaining valuable experience they can apply in their future careers.

Partners include UMASS Public Health YPAR Research Team, El Pueblo Latino, The Republican, and MassLive. Funding has been provided by MA State Earmark and YouthReach - Mass Culture Council. Plus! Find resources from the NEPM Education Team at education.nepm.org.

**Summer of Learning**

**Awards and Appointments**

Senior Reporter Karen Brown, has been recognized by the Association of Healthcare Journalists for her four-part series, *"Help, Not Handcuffs,"* which explores how police officers and drug users are adapting to “post-overdose outreach,” how the work of recovery coaches fits into the process, and how researchers and policy makers are struggling to judge its effectiveness. Karen was awarded second place in the “Public Health/Small Market” category.

Videographer Ross Lippman has been nominated for a Boston/New England Regional Emmy® Award in the “Arts/Entertainment News” category for his piece “Springfield’s Say Their Names Mural,” which aired on Connecting Point in the weeks after George Floyd’s murder in the spring of 2020. Ross was also nominated in the “Video Journalist No Production Time Limit” category for a composite of his Connecting Point stories.

NEPM’s newsroom has won an Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association. The award for “excellence in sound” was given in the “Small Market Radio” category in Region 10, which covers the New England states. The winning story, *"Officers Take A Knee To End Tense Protest In Northampton, Mass,"* produced by Reporter Alden Bourne, now moves on to the RTDNA’s national round for consideration.

NEPM was recently selected as a Report for America host newsroom partner, benefiting from the support of a nonprofit program that places talented emerging journalists in local newsrooms to report on under-covered topics and communities. Through this partnership, NEPM will expand its Equity Desk, which has been created to address disparities in our region across a spectrum of socio-economic factors.

Nirvani Williams joins NEPM in June as our Report for America journalist. Prior to her appointment at NEPM, Nirvani covered stories about women in the Indian diaspora for Seema.
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