



Classical WETA 90.9 FM Announces New On-Air Lineup

Weekend Classical WETA announcers Linda Carducci and John Banther join Bill Bukowski and Nicole Lacroix to form the new weekday roster

[July 26, 2017; Arlington, VA] – Classical WETA 90.9 FM, the exclusive home of classical music in Greater Washington, announces two new additions to the on-air host team to accompany listeners throughout the week. Beginning August 1, Linda Carducci will become the weekday morning host from 6:00am – 10:00am, and John Banther will host the weekday evenings from 7:00pm – 12:00am.

Linda Carducci has been the weekend morning host of Classical WETA for the past three years, part of a long career in radio, which includes serving as an announcer at stations in Pittsburgh, PA and Washington, D.C. covering various commercial radio formats. Carducci brings to weekday mornings her bright, energetic presentation style and her experience as a classical pianist.

John Banther has also been with the station three years as a weekend host, a position he pursued alongside his career as a tuba soloist, orchestral musician and educator. His perspective as a professional musician adds depth and insight to this presentation of classical music and provides the evening audience with an insider's view of the classical music world.

The shifts of current weekday hosts Bill Bukowski and Nicole Lacroix will also change beginning August 1 to the mid-day and afternoon drive time periods, respectively.

Classical WETA Weekday On-Air Host Schedule (Beginning August 1, 2017)

6:00am – 10:00am: Linda Carducci

10:00am – 3:00pm: Bill Bukowski

3:00pm – 7:00pm: Nicole Lacroix

7:00pm – 12:00am: John Banther

Additional hosting changes include fill-in host Rich Kleinfeldt stepping into regular Sunday evening on-air duties from 6:00pm – 12:00am, which begins September 10.

WETA Vice President for Radio Dan DeVany notes, "I'm thrilled for Linda and John to step into their new roles at Classical WETA, filling the vacancies left by long-time hosts David Ginder and Marilyn Cooley in June, and continuing to lend their familiar voices and expertise. With the welcome addition of Rich Kleinfeldt as the regular host for our Sunday evening programming, Classical WETA has a very strong line-up of friendly and knowledgeable presenters, which will greatly enrich the listening experience for audiences throughout Greater Washington."

With this full updated roster of hosts in place, Classical WETA will continue the station's public service mission to reach a wide classical music audience with broad appeal.

Classical WETA 90.9 FM is one of the most listened to classical music radio station in the United States (Source: Nielsen). With marquee programs such as "Front Row Washington" and "NSO Showcase," on-line features like "Classical Conversations," and our all-vocal digital channel, "VivaLaVoce," Classical WETA provides a 24/7 music service with broad appeal. The station reaches audiences over the air throughout Greater Washington and surrounding counties in Maryland and Northern Virginia, online at classicalweta.org, and via tablet and mobile app devices through the Classical WETA App (available on iTunes and Google Play).

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WETA Television and Classical WETA 90.9 FM are public broadcasting stations serving the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia with high-quality programming. Classical WETA 90.9 FM brings classical music, concerts and specials to Greater Washington. The leading PBS station in the nation's capital, WETA Television broadcasts on four channels: WETA TV 26, WETA HD, WETA UK and WETA Kids. WETA is one of the largest-producing stations of new content for public television in the United States, with studios and administrative offices located in Arlington, Virginia. Sharon Percy Rockefeller is president and CEO. More information on WETA and its programs and services is available at www.weta.org. On social media, visit www.facebook.com/wetatvfm on Facebook or follow @WETAtvfm on Twitter.

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