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As most listeners know, back in January, Duquesne University announced it would be selling the 90.5 FM license to Essential Public Media (EPM). Recently, EPM announced its plans for the future of 90.5. You can find this story, as well Kevin Gavin's full 17-minute long interview with the new owners [on our news blog](#).

The new format, which will feature additional news programming throughout the week and jazz on Saturday nights, is currently expected to begin on July 1. EPM is accepting comments on the new format at their website, www.essentialpublicmedia.org.

Given the coming changes, this will be the final installment of the DUQ Program Update. Thank you for subscribing to this newsletter, and for your interest in what's been going on at DUQ and around town. And, in case you're wondering what the month of June will bring for DUQ listeners, read below for this month's Program Update!

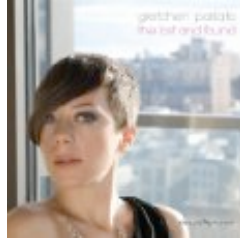
Nordic Jazz Festival 2010

Fridays in June, at 10 pm, DUQ presents [highlights from the Nordic Jazz Festival 2010](#). The four-part series, which was recorded last summer in Washington D.C. at the House of Sweden, the Embassy of Finland, and the Hamiltonian Gallery, features some of today's best jazz artists coming out of Scandinavia. Included in the programs are performances by Little Red Suitcase (Denmark), Björn Thoroddsen and Guitar Islancio (Iceland), Mikko Innanen and Innkvisitio (Finland), Samuel Hällkvist Center (Sweden), and Eivind Opsvik OVERSEAS (Norway).

The series was produced by WDUQ, with support from the festival's sponsor, Norden - The Nordic Culture Fund.



Jazz in June **by Shaunna Morrison-Machosky,** **DUQ Music Director**



Gretchen Parlato, *The Lost and Found*, Obliq Sound

Vocalist Gretchen Parlato is one of the most interesting jazz vocalists working today. She sounds modern and fresh, with phrasing that matches no other. Her new cd features a number of original songs as well as jazz versions of Simply Red's "Holding Back the Years" and Lauryn Hill's 'All That I Can Say". [NPR Music recently profiled Parlato, and you can find that here.](#)

Terell Stafford, *This Side of Strayhorn*, MaxJazz

Songs of legendary composer (and Pittsburgher) Billy Strayhorn are paid fine respect by trumpeter Terell Stafford on his latest release. Highlights include "Smada" and "Multicolored Blue". Stafford's band, saxophonist Tim Warfield, pianist Bruce Barth, drummer Dana Hall and bassist Peter Washington transition easily between the many moods reflected in Strayhorn's works. Whether a song or a mere phrase is sassy, sophisticated, snappy or sparse, the musicians capture the spirit of every note well.

June Specials

***60th Anniversary Concert of the Airmen of Note, the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force Band* Monday, May 30, 9 am**

Many notable jazz players have taken time out to serve their country. This special Memorial Day Celebration features the Airmen of Note on their 60th anniversary and includes performances by distinguished alumni including Sammy Nestico, Rick Whitehead, and others.

***State of the Reunion - Birmingham, AL* Sunday, June 5, 6 pm**

After 50 years, the people of Birmingham can't seem to escape their connection to the history of the civil rights movement. This edition of *State of the Reunion* looks at whether Birmingham is a monument to segregation, or one of the few cities to actually ask hard questions about race.

***State of the Reunion - Utica, NY* Sunday, June 12, 6 pm**

Utica was a dying city until a recent acceptance of refugees began to turn things around. This edition of *State of the*

Reunion focuses on the new energy in this former booming textile town.

State of the Reunion - Las Vegas, NV

Sunday, June 19, 6 pm

Las Vegas was a major victim of the recent economic recession. Now the locals are trying to build a new sense of community.

State of the Reunion - Miami, FL

Sunday, June 26, 6 pm

Miami is the third poorest city in the US, according to 2004 census numbers. But it is also home to some of the richest people in the country. This edition of *State of the Reunion* looks at the disparity of a population that is one of the nation's most racially and culturally diverse.

**Be Sure to Check Out These DUQ Sponsored
Events and other Summer Jazz Shows**

Pittsburgh Jazz Society's Sunday Night Jazz Party

Every Sunday, 7 pm

The Rivers Casino, North Shore

www.pittsburghjazz.org

JazzLive

Every Tuesday, 5 pm

Cabaret at Theater Square, Downtown

www.pgharts.org

Citiparks

Stars at Riverview Park

Every Saturday, 7 pm

Riverview Park, Northside

Pittsburgh Public Theater

"God of Carnage"

Through June 26

O'Reilly Theater, Downtown

www.ppt.org

Frick Art and Historical Center

"First Fridays Presents Greg Abate"

Friday, June 3, 7 pm

The Frick, Point Breeze

www.thefrickpittsburgh.org

Mattress Factory

Urban Garden Party

Friday, June 17, 7 pm
Sampsonia Way, Northside
www.mattress.org

Monroeville Jazz Festival

Saturday, July 23, 1 pm
Boyce Park Soccer Fields, Monroeville
www.monroevillejazz.org

Citiparks

Reservoir of Jazz

Sundays in August, 5 pm
Highland Park Reservoir, Highland Park

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