

Friends of WSIU Fantasy Auction a Success



Guest David Rosenhauer of Carbondale takes a break in one of the Adirondack chairs up for bid at the 2009 Friends of WSIU Fantasy Auction.
Photo: Monica Tichenor.

A beautiful early summer evening and jazzy music by The Mel Goot Trio set the stage for WSIU's biggest party of the year – the **20th Annual Friends of WSIU Fantasy Auction**.

Held on Sat, June 13 at the SIUC Student Center, the celebration featured cocktails, a gourmet dinner

buffet, award-winning regional wines, and two rounds of our legendary live and silent auction.

Nearly 400 public broadcasting enthusiasts enjoyed lively bidding on hundreds of items, including sports memorabilia, exciting getaway trips, unique hand-crafted works by local artisans, and much more.

This year's Friends of WSIU Fantasy Auction was made possible with the help of our generous 2009 Auction sponsors, patrons, and special contributors (see list to the right). Our thanks also goes to the WSIU staff, Friends Board members, students, and volunteers who helped to make this year's celebration of public broadcasting a great success!

In next month's issue of *Signal*, we'll salute our 2009 Auction item donors.



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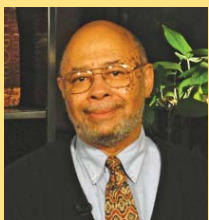
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What's New at WSIU



Rev. Dr. Joseph Brown.
Photo: Katrina Stackhouse

WSIU Radio is now offering another great reason to visit our website! In July, wsiu.org will be your

source for one-on-one interviews with book authors from all over the nation!

Our reporters will present their conversations with local and visiting writers as a part of our ongoing series ***In the Author's Voice***. Each week, a new batch of authors will talk about their work. You can listen to the interviews and get more information about their books at wsiu.org. Be sure

to check often to see if your favorite writer is featured!

Morning Conversations • July 2009

On **July 7**, Host Jennifer Fuller will talk with **Fr. Joseph Brown**, who has penned a new book of poetry.

SIUC Chancellor **Sam Goldman** and SIU President **Glenn Poshard** will join Fuller in the studio on **July 14** and **July 27**, respectively.

Stay tuned to ***Morning Conversations*** and WSIU Radio throughout the summer for regular updates on Illinois' budget crisis and its impact on the University and our region.

SIRIS Classic Vinyl & Media Sale



Shoppers browse the collectors section at last year's sale. Photo: Monica Tichenor.

Cleaning out your closets or attic? Donate your old vinyl records, DVDs, CDs, cassette or VHS tapes and gently used stereo equipment to the **SIRIS Classic Vinyl & Media Sale** to benefit **WSIU Radio's Southern Illinois Radio Information Service (SIRIS)**.

This year's sale will be held at the **University Mall** in Carbondale on **Saturday, September 12** from **8am to 7pm**, right next to Hot Topic!

Beginning **Monday, July 13**, you can drop off your donations at the table near the **Information Desk** in the central corridor at the University Mall.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this annual fundraiser. For more information on how you can help, contact **Vickie Devenport** at **(618) 453-6148** or by email at **vickie.devenport@wsiu.org**.

Vintage vinyl fans at last year's sale raised nearly \$4000 to support SIRIS. **Help us break last year's "record"!**

A Community Success Story!



WSIU Radio's Lisa Morrisette. Photo: Monica Tichenor.

Thanks to the generous and enthusiastic support of our listeners, WSIU Radio was able to reach the goal of raising over \$170,000 in listener contributions during Fiscal Year 2009.

With just two weeks left to go, our communities rallied

during the June Membership Drive to add the finishing touch, raising over \$20,000 through contributions by mail, over the web, over the phone, and in visits to the studio.

We even welcomed 20 new members during the

exciting final days of the campaign!

On behalf of everyone at WSIU, and all the people who rely on this local public radio service, **THANK YOU** for believing, and investing, in WSIU Radio.

SIRIS Student Profile: Dylan Cook

Meet SIRIS volunteer and student employee **Dylan Cook** from Bloomington, Illinois. Cook is currently an SIUC student studying political science and philosophy. After earning his degrees, Cook aspires to work in the field of community education. This year, he received WSIU's Student Service Award for his work with SIRIS, a service of WSIU Radio.

Cook has a considerable amount of interest in community service and has been compelled to stay active within the Carbondale community by volunteering with other organizations throughout the area.

"Working with SIRIS gives me the chance to keep the local community connected with each other," Cook said.

He began working at SIRIS in 2006, editing the daily recordings to prepare them for broadcast. Vickie Devenport, the director of SIRIS, encouraged him

to get involved with the program. "Vickie knew my interest in working with local service programs. It gives me a chance to connect with folks," Cook said. "I like working with the volunteers; they keep me in touch with the community and each of them has a different story to tell."

Cook explained that public radio is a powerful tool for communication.

"The people we serve can get disconnected with the community and local news, and sometimes we become indifferent to the needs of those who rely on our services," Cook said. "SIRIS reaches out to them and lets them know we care."

For the past year, Cook has helped to make SIRIS more efficient. He has organized records into a user-friendly database, which staff use to prepare reports for grant funding. Cook also manages each of the volunteers'



Dylan Cook. Photo: Monica Mason.

schedules and edits the audio recordings for daily broadcast.

Cook is a dedicated volunteer and worker. We would like to thank him for his service to the community and congratulate him on receiving this year's Student Service Award.

To learn more about becoming a SIRIS volunteer, call **(618) 453-2808** or click on the SIRIS tab online at **wsiu.org**.



July 2009 Schedule

July 4 • New Releases

We start the summer quarter with fresh and lively tracks from new albums by Celtically-connected musicians.

July 11 • A Visit with Gerry O'Beirne

An Irish singer, songwriter, and master of guitar, as well as other instruments, Gerry O'Beirne, has been an influential force in Irish music since the late 1970s. He visits our studio this week to talk about some of the highlights of his songwriting, recording, and producing career, as we feature some of his songs performed by Mary Black, Maura O'Connell, and Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh.

July 18 • Women of Scotland

Classic and current Scottish female vocalists and instrumentalists are featured in this program.

July 25 • Fresh From Ireland

Host Bryan Kelso Crow is back from a Study Abroad trip to Ireland with students and faculty from Forestry, and brings a full program's worth of CDs to share.

Thank You, Underwriters!

Together, our members and underwriters make public radio possible! Please join us in thanking the following underwriters, who recently began or renewed their partnerships:

**Dr. Sujatha Rao of Hem-Onc Care
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For more information about the advantages of underwriting WSIU Radio programming through your business, group, or organization, please contact us at **(618) 453-4286**.



Underwriter Profile: Wright Do-It Center

Wright Do-It Center underwrites news and entertainment programs on WSIU Radio, including *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Fresh Air*, *Car Talk*, *Whad'Ya Know?*, *Wait! Wait! Don't Tell Me!*, *A Prairie Home Companion*, and *American Routes*.

Wright Do-It Center has served southern Illinois since 1964. Today, Wright has expanded its original lumber, hardware, and building material/supply center to include a free kitchen and bath design service, delivery and installation services, a rental center, and a drive-through lumber yard.

"When you come to Wright Do-It Center, you will be greeted by a friendly, knowledgeable, and experienced staff, many of whom have been with our company for over 15 years," said marketing director Jami Lee Wright, who added that their full-service drive-thru lumber yard "has brought order and efficiency to our customers."

Wright says the company shares with WSIU a deep dedication to serving the local community, which is why they choose to underwrite WSIU Radio programming. "By supporting WSIU, we're supporting an important service to our community, while also sharing information about our services," she said. "Public broadcasting is an excellent way for local people to stay connected and informed, and we are proud to be part of that."

A public radio fan, Wright enjoys listening to *All Things Considered*, *Fresh Air*, and *Radio Reader* on WSIU.

You can learn more about Wright Do-It Center at www.wrightdoit.com or by calling **618-687-1702** (Murphysboro) or **618-443-5335** (Sparta).

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