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Tuning In - What's Happening at WRFI - April 2026

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sunrise**

**Why do you
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from you!**



WRFI survives and thrives because of our monthly donors! **Our sustaining donors have supported our small station since the beginning, and we want to hear from you about why you choose to support WRFI.**

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Words -
Submission
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We are **collecting these messages to share on-air** during upcoming Fund Drives, and other digital fundraising efforts. We won't share contributors name, personal information, or amount donated to the station, but want to share personal messages about **why you continue to believe in the value and contribution of independent community run radio in the Finger Lakes.**

Upcoming Radio Specials & Events

Explore the FULL Schedule
with Program Descriptions



**Ears of every size tune in for
WRFI's Spring
FUND DRIVE!**

**DETAILS AT
WRFI.ORG (soon)**

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Thursday April 2nd LIVE 1-2pm**CREATIVES: MIGRATIONS:**

The 29th annual Finger Lakes
Environmental Film Festival, hosted
by Felix Teitelbaum

Saturday April 18th at 3pm

LIVE on WRFI: Lily Talmers
on **Lowlands Radio** with
DJ Somer



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**4/2
Thurs
1-2pm**

**MIGRATIONS: The 29th annual Finger Lakes
Environmental Film Festival (FLEFF)**
hosted by Felix Teitelbaum

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The 2026 edition of **FLEFF** runs
from March 27 – April 12. This
year's special theme is



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LILY TALMERS
SATURDAY 4/18 at 3pm

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Lily Talmers writes of the innate
divinity in humanity from a
palpably Midwestern vantage. Her

Migrations. Events and screenings will be held on Ithaca College's campus and downtown at Cinemapolis. A live interview hosted by Felix Teitelbaum of [The Scenic Route](#) (every Thursday from 12-2pm)

Tuesday April 21st 7-8pm

CREATIVES: Grammy-nominated violinist Ariana Kim discusses her journey into Carnatic music, hosted by Daniel Bass



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4/21 Tues 7pm

4/25 Sat 5pm

Grammy-nominated violinist Ariana Kim discusses her journey into Carnatic music hosted by Daniel Bass

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From Carnegie Hall to Karnataka, Grammy-nominated violinist Ariana Kim, Associate Professor of Music at Cornell, discusses her journey into Carnatic music during her semester studying violin in India in 2025. Hosted by Daniel Bass of [Monsoon Radio](#) (alternating Tuesday nights 7-9pm)

"Noted by The New York Times for giving "the proceedings an invaluable central thread of integrity and stylishness," violinist Ariana Kim made her New York recital debut at Carnegie's Weill Hall during her doctoral studies at Juilliard and

*lyrics are spiritual and strange—vivid images that range from sludge-covered and dismal to childlike and wondrous. Every song on **It Is Cyclical, Missing You** was recorded live, each song in one continuous take, often with a full band in tow, produced by Talmers herself. Lily Talmers has seen praise from **NPR, No Depression, Under The Radar, and The Bluegrass Situation** among others. She won the **Kerrville Folk Festival's 2024 New Folk Competition** and has opened for the likes of **Tommy Emmanuel, The Brother Brothers, and Anna Tivel.***

Sunday April 19th from 12-1pm

CREATIVES: Author Sophie Pinkham on her new work 'The Oak & the Lark: A Forest History of Russia', hosted by DJ Jacob



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4/19 Sunday 12pm

4/23 Thurs 5pm

Author Sophie Pinkham on new work 'The Oak & the Lark: A Forest History of Russia' hosted by DJ Jacob

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Cornell professor **Sophie Pinkham** shares about her new

is now a **associate professor at Cornell University**. At 16, Ariana made her debut with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and at 24 was appointed acting concertmaster of the Louisiana Philharmonic in New Orleans; she has since become one of the most respected artists of her generation. As a violinist of the Aizuri Quartet she was awarded the 2017 Osaka International Competition Grand Prize, the 2018 M-Prize, and a 2019 GRAMMY® nomination for the album *Blueprinting*."

book *The Oak and the Larch: A Forest History of Russia*, and also on the occasion of Ithaca College's **New Voices Literary Festival**, in which Pinkham will participate (April 22-24). Hosted by DJ Jacob of **Jamaican Clash** (alternating Sundays from 7-9pm)

From the Baltic to the Pacific, from the Arctic to the steppes of Central Asia, Russia's forests account for nearly one-fifth of the world's wooded lands. Sophie Pinkham's new book "The Oak and the Larch" is the first-ever English-language exploration of this vast expanse—a dazzling environmental history of Russia that offers an urgent new understanding of the nature of Russian power, and of Russia's ideas of itself.

Sophie Pinkham is a professor at Cornell University and a former NEH Public Scholar. Her writing on Russia and Ukraine has appeared in the New York Review of Books, New York Times, Guardian, New Yorker, and Harper's. She lives in Ithaca, New York.

Wednesday April 22nd from 5-6 pm

CREATIVES: Sylvie Froncek on the inaugural Old Greeny Fringe Fest, hosted by DJ Gianni

Get to know festival organizer Sylvie Froncek and discover the weird and mystical events on the the horizon. Hosted by DJ Gianni of [Songbird.mp3](#) (alternating Sunday mornings from 10-11am).

Old Greeny Fringe Fest is a week-long (April 27th-May 3rd),




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fringe festival in celebration of the weird, wacky, and whimsical, rooted in the legend of Old Greeny—the cryptid of Cayuga Lake. The festival activates traditional and non-traditional venues along the waterfront trail through performances, installations, community activities, and storytelling, with a strong commitment to sustainability, accessibility, and local culture.

In Case You Missed It...Listen Again!



- **CREATIVES:** World Premiere of MILKWEED at the Kitchen Theatre with Playwright Wendy Dann and Director Emily Jackson

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MILKWEED
A WORLD PREMIERE
BY WENDY DANN
FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 15, 2026
KITCHEN
Theatre Company

2/26
Thurs
5pm

3/1
Sun
3pm

Interview on the upcoming World Premiere of **MILKWEED** at the Kitchen Theatre with Playright **Wendy Dann** and Director **Emily Jackson** hosted by DJ Cristina

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Earth Day Festival 2026

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM we'll be tabling, and spinning vinyl on the Ithaca Commons!



FLX Music Expo

Celebrating sustainability & community.

Enjoy fun, family-friendly activities, resources, food, and music as we celebrate how together we are protecting our planet and communities.

Learn about actionable climate solutions that are both possible and attainable. Explore sustainable ways to reduce waste, lower energy costs, grow and cook food, and more. Together, we can take action to create a livable and vibrant tomorrow!

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Ithaca Downtown Conference Center
116 E Green St, Ithaca, NY**

Ithaca's Music Scene deserves to be celebrated. Since the closure of The Haunt in 2021 and the recent announcement of the closure of 2 more local venues in Ithaca — Watershed and The Downstairs — it has become harder and harder for local artists in the area to succeed.

Despite these obstacles, Ithaca remains a vibrant hub for musicians and music enthusiasts alike. At the Finger Lakes Music Expo, we hope to bring the community together and provide a platform for Ithaca's music community to connect. Join us and meet local bands, music organizations, and local music legends!

WRFI Joins the Downtown Employee Appreciation Program with a 10% Discount for Downtown Underwriters!

**WRFI is excited to join the
Downtown Employee
Appreciation Program
stewarded by the
Downtown Ithaca Alliance!**

WRFI is now offering a 10% discount on any **underwriting package** booked by a business within the downtown Ithaca **Business Improvement District (BID)** and a 10% discount for any **Event Blast underwriting packages** promoting community events happening within the BID area.



To access this discount with WRFI, please reach out to **our staff** to discuss underwriting options for your business or downtown event.

LOCALLY HOSTED SHOW SPOTLIGHT



Recent
Broadcast

SHOW: *Vicious Pink Show*

HOST: *Gayle*

ON-AIR: *Every Wednesday 9-11pm*

A Recent Pick: *Poly Styrene 'Toytown' (Rhino, 1980, LP, Rock)*

The Vicious Pink Show is a quirky sonic swirl of tasty classic and modern Synthpop, Minimal Wave, Coldwave, Post Punk and Goth Rock!

We offer news and talk in the morning from 4am-12pm, and music from 12pm until 4am. Our schedule includes over [70 community DJs and show hosts](#), and syndicated news and talk shows as well. Explore all our [Syndicated](#) and [Local Programs](#) and learn more about your homegrown, nonprofit, community radio station.

Miss your show? Find any WRFI music show available at wrfi.org/archives for two weeks after its original air date.

Specials & Features can be found on our [Spotify channel](#). Our syndicated programs can be found on their individual show channels and websites.

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