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## Tuning In - What's Happening at WRFI - July 2026

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**What's been going on with the WRFI frequencies  
the last few weeks?**



As most of you know, you can tune in to WRFI at 88.1 FM in Ithaca, 89.7 FM through the Southern Finger Lakes, and 91.9 FM in Watkins Glen. And of course we're always streaming at [WRFI.org/Listen](http://WRFI.org/Listen).

We've been working recently to improve the coverage of the 88.1 signal. This has been a big and complex project, and it's meant at various times that one or more transmitters has been off the air entirely, operating at reduced power, or operating from a new location.

The 88.1 transmitter is up and running at a new location, and we're seeing some of the improvements that we hoped to see (particularly heading north out of Ithaca on Route 96 to Trumansburg). However, we also seem to have lost ground in some downtown locations. The good news is that the project is not yet complete, and we expect further improvements in the coming weeks.

In the meantime:

If your reception of 88.1 has gotten worse, please give 89.7 a try - it covers much of downtown Ithaca well. If you can't receive either 88.1 or 89.7, please reach out to us [on the contact form here](#). Please keep checking back; we're working hard to serve you better. And remember, you can always listen to the stream at [WRFI.org/Listen](http://WRFI.org/Listen).

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## Find Us in Community

**WRFI COMMUNITY RADIO & SEED BOMB PRESENTS**

# PATCH ME THROUGH COMMUNITY

**LIVE DJs**  
**SEW ON ART PATCHES**  
**BUTTON MAKING**  
**CLOTHING MODS**

Screen printed patches, zines, clothing, & other designs by Seed Bomb for sale. Patch sewing & instruction provided by Sustainable Spinster

**MUSIC SCHEDULE**

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| 2 PM   | DJ SARAH HENNIES  |
| 3 : 30 | DJ KEIR NEURINGER |
| 5 PM   | DJ LOWERCASE MARC |

**FRIDAY JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**2 - 7 PM**  
**ITHACA COMMONS**  
**111 E. STATE ST**



**WRFI**  
community radio



**DOWNTOWNITHACA**  
This event is supported by a grant from the  
Downtown Ithaca Alliance

Join WRFI and Seed Bomb for a summer afternoon in community! Supported by a grant from the Downtown Ithaca Alliance we're gathered for an afternoon to evening celebration and community building. Event is free to attend for all ages! Grab a late lunch, bring a chair, enjoy the music, and partake in the community art making!

## MUSIC & DANCE PARTY SCHEDULE

- **2-3:30PM - DJ Sarah Hennies** (of **The Bendy Bus**) - Playing an all vinyl set with a mix of punk, garage, and upbeat rock
- **3:30-5pm - DJ Keir Neuringer** (of **Jumping in the Sugar Bowl**) - Playing an all vinyl rhythm oriented afro-diasporic set - soul jazz/boogaloo/afro-caribbean and adjacent sounds
- **5-7pm - DJ lowercase marc** (of **Catholic Block**) - Playing an all vinyl set of danceable darkwave synth, post-punk, and more



## ART MAKING SCHEDULE

- **Hand press your own WRFI Radio Buttons** inside Seed Bomb, choose from pre-printed designs or draw your own! (ALL AGES)
- **Sew your new screen printed patches onto your clothes!** [Patches for sale at Seed Bomb](#), including two NEW flying fish designs for WRFI Community Radio created by the brilliant artist Jake Martin of Seed Bomb. [Bring your own items \(shirts, jackets, totes, etc.\)](#) to hand sew patches to. Sewing materials and instruction provided by **Zoë Van Nostrand aka the Sustainable Spinster**. Blank tote bags will also be available for \$10, if you don't have an item of your own that yearns for a new patch! (AGES 12-112 for hand-sewing activities)

*This event is a collaboration between  
**WRFI and Seed Bomb**, and supported by  
an Event & Activations grant from the  
**Downtown Ithaca Alliance**.*



## WRFI Receives Community Empowerment Grant from Ithaca Pride Alliance

WRFI Community Radio is the recipient of a micro-grant from the **Ithaca Pride Alliance** to record and broadcast a series of local history audio "mini-sodes" highlighting queer artists, musicians, and queer community spaces in Ithaca and greater Tompkins County from the 20th century.

Tuning in with gratitude for recent

### GRANT SUPPORT

for WRFI Community Radio



**2026 - 2027  
Community  
Empowerment  
Grant**

**'Sharing Queer Arts History on  
Community Radio'**

Production of 7-10 local history "mini-sodes" focusing on LGBTQ+ music, arts, and culture, to air regularly on WRFI Community Radio ariwaves from 2026-2027.

A collaboration with Ithaca Pride Alliance, Dr. Jeffrey Iovannone, Center for LGBT Education, Outreach & Services at Ithaca College, and Luca Maurer.

**WRFI.org/grants**

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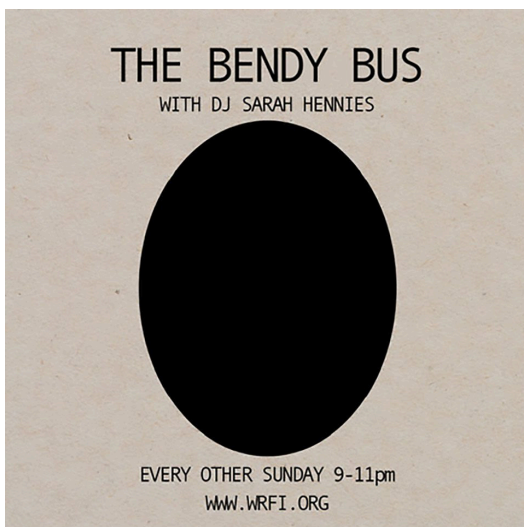


Local queer history efforts have worked tirelessly over the last decade to increase the visibility of historic LGBTQ+ narratives in our community, but without consistent effort and integration into our daily lives, these stories don't become common knowledge. Drawing on the research developed to produce the [Ithaca LGBT History Walking Tour](#) in 2019 and the [LGBTQ+ Print Cultures Walking Tour](#) in 2023, we plan to create a series of 10 one-to-two minute "mini-sodes" that will air multiple times each in late 2026 and 2027.

[Read More About the Project Here](#)

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## LOCALLY HOSTED SHOW SPOTLIGHT



**SHOW:** *The Bendy Bus*

**HOST:** *Sarah Hennies*

**ON-AIR:** *Every other Sunday 9-11pm*

**A Recent Pick:** [The Dave's Waves House Band](#) 'Live at the Sunview Luncheonette' from [Trust Patterns](#) XI Recordings 2026

**Recent Broadcast**

*The Bendy Bus is a mix of wild and eclectic sounds from the worlds of experimental music, sound art, indie rock, and outsider music. Hosted by DJ Sarah Hennies, local composer and percussionist and professor of music at Bard College.*

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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](http://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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