

WUTC / Local Service and Content Report

Calendar Year 2023 – 4th Quarter

Source Diversity – Year to Date

Gender:

Men: 323 Guests Women: 368 Guests

Race / Ethnicity:

White: 454 Guests

Black: 148 Guests

Hispanic / Latino: 41 Guests

Asian: 11 Guests

Mideast & North Africa: 3 Guests

Indigenous: 1 Guest

Location:

Chattanooga Area: 548 Guests

Tennessee / Beyond Chattanooga Area: 28 Guests

Georgia: 23 Guests

Alabama: 0 Guests

North Carolina: 2 Guests

South Carolina: 2 Guests

Rest of USA: 52 Guests

International: 5 Guests

Community Engagement

Ongoing:

- “Amplify” - a weekly one-hour show produced by and for local Black voices in Chattanooga through the nonprofit RISE Chattanooga (www.risecha.org): Wednesdays at 9 PM.

October:

- Woodson Carpenter with the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga with “One for All: Education, A Key to Creating & Building Wealth, part II” - a storytelling project with the CFGC.

- Sculpture Fields at Montague Park. Three-part conversation series on the creation of Sculpture Fields at Montague Park in Chattanooga.

December:

- Rising Rock Special – a showcase of audio stories by students in the “Rising Rock” class from Fall Semester 2023 in the Department of Communication at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Scenic Roots / Full List of Guests

10/02/23:

- Scott Martin, administrator of Chattanooga Parks & Outdoors - with John Kett, managing principal at Reed-Hilderbrand, a landscape architecture firm - on "A Unifying Vision for Montague Park."
- Eytan Davidson, Southeast Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, based in Atlanta - with Michael Dzik, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga - on "It's About Combating Hate: The State of Hate and Anti-Semitism," an upcoming talk at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- Corky Coker with The Coker Museum in Chattanooga - on this year's Chattanooga Motorcar Festival.

10/03/23:

- Steve Inskeep, co-host of NPR's "Morning Edition" - and author of "Differ We Must: How Lincoln Succeeded in a Divided America."
- Steven Thomas & Maranda Wilkinson with the Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center in Chattanooga - on learning opportunities at the center.
- Ken Gross, director of the Concours d'Elegance - part of this year's Chattanooga Motorcar Festival.
- David Morton with Mecum Auctions - part of this year's Chattanooga Motorcar Festival.

10/04/23:

- Brian Redman, sports racing legend - on Targa Sixty-Six, part of this year's Chattanooga Motorcar Festival.
- Dr. Thomas Devlin, medical director of the CHI Memorial Neuroscience Institute - and co-director of the Common Spirit National Neuroscience Collaborative - on "Unlock My Brain," supporting neuroscience research, at this year's Chattanooga Motorcar Festival.

10/05/23:

- Stratton Tingle, executive of SoundCorps, the music nonprofit in Chattanooga - with Swayyvo, musician in Chattanooga - on Chattanooga Hip-Hop Week, the Chattanooga Hip-Hop Summit & the latest SoundBites from SoundCorps.
- Stephen Wing, poet and author of "Wild Atlanta: Greenspaces and Preserves of 'The City in the Forest'" - appearing at Wanderlinger Brewing Co. in Chattanooga.
- Ray Zimmerman, Cynthia Young & Paul Luikart on the Chattanooga Writers' Guild's Fall Writing Workshop.
- Angela Fraleigh, one of the artists in the exhibition "Gilded: Contemporary Artists Explore Value and Worth" at the Hunter Museum of American Art in Chattanooga.
- Gabrielle Chevalier with The Enterprise Center in Chattanooga - on "Neurodiversity and Networking."

10/09/23:

- Paulo Hutson Solórzano, co-founder of A Medida Communications in Chattanooga - winner of the Latino Leadership Award from La Paz Chattanooga.
- Shadrina Booker, Director of Community Engagement for the City of Chattanooga - with Jaime Kerns, co-founder of Culture Chatt - on the city's inaugural Hispanic Heritage Festival.

10/10/23:

- Part I of conversation series on the creation of Sculpture Fields at Montague Park in Chattanooga - with guests Pamela Henry, Cathy Clifford & Jay Heavilon.
- Dr. Cynthia Orozco, professor emeritus in history and humanities at Eastern New Mexico University -Ruidoso - on her talk at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on Mexican-American civil rights pioneer Alonso S. Perales - with Dr. Edwin Murillo, associate professor of Spanish in the UTC Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures - and Marta Perales Carrizales, adopted daughter of Alonso S. Perales.

10/11/23:

- Part II of conversation series on the creation of Sculpture Fields at Montague Park in Chattanooga - with guests Pamela Henry & Issac Duncan III.
- Cat De Vos, founder of Little Next, a business based in Chattanooga that helps families reorganize their homes across to Montessori principles.
- Ann Treadwell, Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga - on the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series.

10/12/23:

- Part III of conversation series on the creation of Sculpture Fields at Montague Park in Chattanooga - with guests Terry Karpowicz & Barry Hehemann.
- Narrative 4 at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - with guests Kate Rudder of Narrative 4, a global storytelling project; UTC juniors Georgia Hunley & Emily Waddell - & Lee Harris, UTC coordinator of music education.

10/16/23:

- Woodson Carpenter with the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga with "One for All: Education, A Key to Creating & Building Wealth, part II" - a storytelling project with the CFGC - featuring Dr. Shewanee Howard-Baptiste of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga & Dr. Quincy Jenkins of Chattanooga State Community College.

10/17/23:

- Author George Singleton of Spartanburg, South Carolina - on his new books, "The Curious Lives of Nonprofit Martyrs" & "Asides."

- Wendy Tippens, who plays Martha, in Chattanooga Theatre Centre's production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

10/18/23:

- Shain Shapiro, author of "This Must be The Place: How Music Can Make Your City Better" - with Stratton Tingle of SoundCorps, Shane Morrow of RISE Chattanooga & Monica Maples Kinsey, event producer & creative strategist.

10/19/23:

- Laurel Rhyne, instructor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and a nurse practitioner in Chattanooga - on her work as a "sacred passage doula" at the Demystifying Death conference.

- Brian McSween, Chattanooga Ballet - with Mi'Kal Stromile of Boston Ballet - on "Art / Contour" in the Roland Hayes Concert Hall at the Fine Arts Center at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

10/23/23:

- Dagan Beckett, filmmaker - with Irv Berner, producer - on the documentary "Beautiful Faces," on the work of Dr. Larry Sargent & his patients, to be screened at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

- Allen Shropshire with CALEB (Chattanooga in Action for Love, Equality & Benevolence) on community feedback for the City of Chattanooga's Housing Action Plan.

- Dr. Stephanie Young, director of scholarships at the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga.

10/24/23:

- Matt McGauley, president & CEO of FTC Development in Chattanooga.

10/25/23:

- Alexa LeBeouf is Hamilton County Director of Economic and Community Development - with Claire McVay, Chief of Staff for Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp - on the County's Innovative Response to Opioids Grants.

- Emily Nelson Rodgers & David Rodgers, musicians - with Rabbi Craig Lewis of Mizpah Congregation in Chattanooga - on Music at Mizpah.

10/26/23:

- Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly - live monthly conversation.

10/30/23:

- Margaret Renkl, author in Nashville - on her latest book, "The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year" - ahead of her upcoming visit to Chattanooga.

- Mickey McCamish, executive director of Friends of the Festival in Chattanooga, on the Riverbend Festival's hiatus and an expansion of Riverfront Nights for 2024.
- Kate Losh, managing director of Artistic Civic Theatre in Dalton.

10/31/23:

- Chandra Christmas-Rouse, senior manager at the Metropolitan Planning Council in Chicago - and the next speaker for CIVIQ from Chattanooga Design Studio - with Eric Myers, the Studio's executive director.
- Bridgett Massengill, president and CEO of Thrive Regional Partnership in Chattanooga - on Thrive's Tri-State Summit in Ringgold.
- Hearts 4 the Arts for Performing Arts League in Chattanooga - with Karen Wilson, PAL board president; Kim Coulter, co-chair of Hearts 4 the Arts; and Skylan Sapere, dancer & PAL scholarship recipient.

11/01/23:

- Ann Law, founder & executive director of Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga - with Barking Legs alum Marcus Ellsworth - on the 30th anniversary series of programs at the theater.
- Maggie Carruth O'Connor, lead producer of TEDxChattanooga - on this fall's flagship talks.

11/02/23:

- James McKissic, president of ArtsBuild - on the Americans for the Arts study on how arts and culture nonprofits power economic growth in Chattanooga and Hamilton County.
- Meghan Lewis of Crabtree Farms in Chattanooga - on 25 years of community urban farming in the city's Clifton Hills neighborhood.
- John Kilkenny, executive director of the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera - on CEO's "Classics Declassified" series in the community.
- Steve Drummond and Janet Woojeong Lee with NPR's education team - on NPR's College Podcast Challenge.

11/06/23:

- Mickey McCamish, retired U.S. Navy Captain - on Wreaths Across Chattanooga and highlighting veterans at the Little Debbie Hamilton County Fair at McDonald Farm in Sale Creek, TN.
- Jeremy Francisco, music director of the East Tennessee Symphony Orchestra in Collegedale, TN - on the Little Debbie Hamilton County Fair at McDonald Farm in Sale Creek, TN.
- Neshawn Calloway, singer and educator, on a music tribute to Tina Turner at RISE Chattanooga.

11/07/23:

- Monica Ellison, dancer - on a dance tribute to Tina Turner at Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga, one of the 30th anniversary events for the concert hall.

- China in the Caribbean: Dr. Jordan Lynton Cox, assistant professor of anthropology at Mississippi State University - with Dr. Edward Brudney, assistant professor of history at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - on the Latin American Speakers Series at UTC.
- Chelsea Risley, executive director of SoLit, the literary arts hub in Chattanooga.

11/08/23:

- Randy Boyd, president of the University of Tennessee System - on rural education ahead of the National Forum to Advance Education conference in Chattanooga, presented in part by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- Richard Sneed, former Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Western North Carolina - with Tricia Mims of National Park Partners in Chattanooga - on the Moccasin Bend Lecture Series.

11/09/23:

- Brandon Davis, country singer and Hamilton County native, on his upcoming performance at the Little Debbie Hamilton County Fair at McDonald Farm in Sale Creek, TN.
- Renita "Shorty" Beaty, Soil Conservationist for Hamilton County Soil Conservation District - also Vice President of the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Board - on the showcase for agriculture at the Little Debbie Hamilton County Fair at McDonald Farm in Sale Creek, TN.
- Stratton Tingle, executive director of SoundCorps in Chattanooga, with SoundBites - featuring area musicians.

11/13/23:

- Dawn Hjelseth with River City Company in Chattanooga - on the annual Gratefull, Reindeer on the Riverfront and Lighted Boat Parade in downtown Chattanooga.
- Samantha Wright with Friends of the Festival - on this year's Grateful Gobbler 5K Run / Walk in downtown Chattanooga.
- Alex Miller-Long and Emma Hoffbauer, with UTC Theatre Co. at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - on the production of the play "Alabaster."
- Shanna Forrestall, founder of the Chattanooga Fashion Expo - with Keniya Love, owner of Queen Love Modeling and Talent Agency in Chattanooga.

11/14/23:

- Peggy Douglas and Melanie Silva, on the play "Unmasking: Beyond the Rainbow" at Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga.
- Monica Kinsey, event manager for City of Creators - with Tara Viland, SVN | Second Story Real Estate Management and property manager for the Chattanooga Choo-Choo - on this year's MAINx24 festival in downtown Chattanooga.
- Amanda Brown & Jessie Southerland, Creative Arts Guild in Dalton - on this year's production of "The Snow Queen" by the Guild and Ballet Dalton.

11/15/23:

- John Bilderback, program director for the Natural Treasures Impact Area at Thrive Regional Partnership - and Cody Roney, executive director of Lula Lake Land Trust - on the River-to-Clouds Route, a multi-use trail system from Chattanooga's Riverwalk to Cloudland Canyon State Park in Rising Fawn, GA.
- Sophie Moore with EPB in Chattanooga - with Mackenzie Kelly of the Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition - on Connect for Good to support the Flexible Housing Fund.
- Dr. Allen Pratt, director of the National Rural Education Association and interim co-director of the UTC School of Education - on the National Forum to Advance Rural Education, a conference in Chattanooga.

11/16/23:

- Sydney Guerrette and Deirdre Catlett of the nonprofit Be the Change Youth Initiative in Chattanooga - with filmmaker Rachael Porter - about "On the Line," to support a documentary film on Be the Change.
- Craig Lewis, Rabbi of Mizpah Congregation - and Allison Bright, associate minister at First Christian Church Chattanooga - on the Thanksgiving Multifaith Service.
- Moll King, Donnie Marsh and Ashley Saturday - on their new works at Barking Legs Theater for this month's series of events celebrating 30 years of the concert hall on Dodds Avenue in Chattanooga.

11/20/23:

- Summer Simmons, chief development officer at the Chattanooga Area Food Bank.
- Dr. Jonathan McNair, Ruth S. Holmberg Professor of American Music at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Stacy Lightfoot, UTC's Vice Chancellor of Access and Engagement; and Elijah Cameron, director of community relations at The Bessie Smith Cultural Center in Chattanooga - on a January 2024 tribute to the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

11/21/23:

- Olga de Klein & Temple Glascock with ClearStory Arts, a community workspace for artists in Chattanooga.
- Reed Caldwell, executive director of the Songbirds Foundation - on an upcoming concert by Richard Lloyd of Television fame, and Songbirds' move to a new location.
- Dr. Blaine Schubert, director of the Gray Fossil Site and Museum in Gray, TN - part of East Tennessee State University; Matt Bushell, a grad student at ETSU; Hollie Baranick with Ruby Falls - on the shipping of Ice Age Fossils in the Lookout Mountain Cave to the museum.

11/22/23:

- Ken Chance, president of Appalachian Foothills Fruits and Nuts, which runs the Appalachian Foothills Orchard in Etowah TN.

- Lauren Obermark with EPB - & Michele Mason, president of the Better Business Bureau of Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia - on this year's EPB Holiday Windows and the new Festive Forest in Chattanooga's Miller Park.

11/27/23:

- Pam Reed, director of The Houston Museum of Decorative Arts in Chattanooga.
- Scott Dunlap, director of "Strega Nona" - & Mark Krawczyk, director of "Scrooge! A Magical Holiday Musical" - both on stage in December at Chattanooga Theatre Centre.
- Brian McSween, CEO & artistic director of Chattanooga Ballet - & Mary Kate Shearer, company dancer for the Ballet - on "The Nutcracker" & "Land of Sweets."

11/28/23:

- The "Save the Bend" campaign at National Park Partners: Tricia Mims, executive director of National Park Partners with board members Jay Mills - and Dr. Brooke Persons, a professional archeologist and a professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- Billy Weeks, instructor of the Rising Rock class at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - with students Caroline Colvin, Cassandra Castillo, Eli Rushing and Maddie Charnes - previewing the Rising Rock Showcase for Fall Semester 2023.

11/29/23:

- Mark McKnight & Tish Gailmard, Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center in Chattanooga.
- Wendy Reynoso, student success and services coordinator at La Paz Chattanooga, on Avanzando Through College - to help prepare Latino students in the Chattanooga area for earning a college degree.

11/30/23:

- Giving Back To Build A Path To Housing For Those In Need: a roundtable discussion with Dr. Ruth Liu, Caroline von Kessler of the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga & Jens Christensen of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Chattanooga.
- Ismael Sandoval, assistant conductor of the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera - on this year's "Home for the Holidays" concert at Memorial Auditorium in Chattanooga.

12/04/23:

- Shannon Burger, CEO of Cempa Community Care in Chattanooga - on the health care provider's recent expansion in the city.
- KB Ballantine & Kendra Simons, poets - on "Why We Write" - this year's anthology by Rhyme N Chatt Interactive Poetry Organization in Chattanooga.

12/05/23:

- From TEDxChattanooga "Sessions" - a showcase of musicians and their ideas worth spreading: Luke Simmons of Luke Simmons & the Lovestruck - performing at Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga in Summer 2023.

12/06/23:

- From TEDxChattanooga "Sessions" - a showcase of musicians and their ideas worth spreading: Sunny War - performing at Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga in Summer 2023.
- Erika Roberts of Velvet Poetry, Mike Laarry & Nikki Lake - on "The Jonesing," a poetic exploration at Wanderinger Brewing Company in Chattanooga.

12/07/23:

- From TEDxChattanooga "Sessions" - a showcase of musicians and their ideas worth spreading: Sydney & Brayden Guerrette of In the Company of Wolves - performing at Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga in Summer 2023.

12/11/23:

- Cory Gearrin, Hamilton County's Deputy Mayor for Economic and Community Development under County Mayor Weston Wamp.

12/12/23:

- Aaron "Coach Cherokee" Ellison - on dance, capoeira and his new play at Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga.
- Brooke Brown & Bec Chastain with Cluster Funk Studio in Chattanooga.

12/13/23:

- From TEDxChattanooga "Sessions" - a showcase of musicians and their ideas worth spreading: Swayyvo - performing at Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga in Summer 2023.

12/14/23:

- Rising Rock Special – a showcase of audio stories by students in the “Rising Rock” class from Fall Semester 2023 in the Department of Communication at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

12/18/23:

- Jon Clinch, author of the historical fiction novel "The General and Julia."

12/19/23:

- Robin Posey, director of community impact at the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga.

- Audio story on Targa Sixty-Six at the Chattanooga Motorcar Festival - by Blair Godwin, Communication student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, interning for credit at WUTC.

- Audio story on the Chattanooga Hip-Hop Summit - by Deyna Jacobo, Communication student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, interning for credit at WUTC.

12/20/23:

- Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly - live monthly conversation.

12/21/23:

- Sue Carol Elvin, author of the children's book "The Memory Guardians."

- Audio story on Jennifer Whitlock of Chattanooga, who swam the English Channel - by Blair Godwin, Communication student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, interning for credit at WUTC.

- Audio story on Roads to Reading, serving the Guatemalan-American community in Hamilton County - by Deyna Jacobo, Communication student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, interning for credit at WUTC.

- Jonathan Susman, director of special events for the City of Chattanooga - and Stratton Tingle, executive director of SoundCorps - on Chattanooga's New Year's Eve celebration.