

WUTC / Local Service and Content Report

Calendar Year 2023 – 1st Quarter

Source Diversity

Gender:

Men: 94 Guests Women: 100 Guests

Race / Ethnicity:

White: 132 Guests

Black: 46 Guests

Hispanic / Latino: 11 Guests

Asian: 3 Guests

Mideast: 22 Guests

Location:

Chattanooga Area: 160 Guests

Tennessee / Beyond Chattanooga Area: 8 Guests

Georgia: 10 Guests

Alabama: 0 Guests

North Carolina: 1 Guest

South Carolina: 0 Guests

Rest of USA: 12 Guests

International: 3 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.

January:

- TEDxChattanooga. Talks by community speakers at the annual TEDxChattanooga, held in November 2022 at Common House in Chattanooga.

- “Raíces,” a conversation series with La Paz Chattanooga – with guests Annie Durán, Faviana Gaspar and Lily Sanchez.

March:

- Woodson Carpenter with “One for All” - our storytelling partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga.

Scenic Roots / Full List of Guests

(audio archive: www.wutc.org/scenic-roots)

1/03/23

- Jim Ingraham, vice president of strategic research – and Sophie Moore public relations specialist – with EPB in Chattanooga, on quantum computing.
- Dawn Hjelseth with River City Company – on the “Reimagining Broad Street” planning process.
- Mark Anderson of Chattown Stages in Chattanooga – previewing this year’s Songwriters Stage.

1/04/23:

- Briana Garza, Kenyatta Ashford and Tiffany Pauldon-Banks – from “Ripples Through Food and Entrepreneurship,” the first talk at the annual TEDxChattanooga, held in November 2022 at Common House in Chattanooga.

1/05/23:

- Eric Myers, executive director of Chattanooga Design Studio – and Scott Martin, administrator of Chattanooga Department of Parks and Outdoors – on reimagining Montague Park in Chattanooga.

1/09/23:

- Elizabeth Fite, health care reporter for The Chattanooga Times Free Press – on freestanding health care departments in the Greater Chattanooga area.
- Composer Tim Hinck; Kris Bespalec, artist and manager of school and community programs at the Hunter Museum – and Holly Mulcahy, violinist and founder of Arts Capacity – on “Waters Rising.”
- Eric Atkins, co-chair of the Unity Group of Chattanooga – on MLK Day Week in Chattanooga.

1/10/23:

- Andrew Meador – on “Birds and Biomimicry,” his talk at TEDxChattanooga from November 2022 at Common House in Chattanooga.

- Andy Johns, director of the Lookout Wild Film Festival in Chattanooga.

1/11/23:

- Amanda Triplett, director of the National Podcast Project in Dalton, GA – with Carlos Ramirez, business owner in Dalton – and Navah Jordan, 12th Grader at the Dalton Academy.

- Robyn Carlton, president and CEO of the Lookout Mountain Conservancy in Chattanooga – and Daniel Dunn is Southeast regional manager with Access Fund – on Wauhatchie BoulderFest.

1/12/23:

- Tamara Steward, chief equity officer for the City of Chattanooga.

- Stratton Tingle, executive director of SoundCorps – with “SoundBites.”

1/16/23:

- Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly, live monthly conversation.

1/17/23:

- Victor Dover, town planner and urban designer at Dover, Kohl & Partners – based in Coral Gables, Florida; Margaret Flippen is project director at the firm – with Emily Mack, president and CEO of River City Company in Chattanooga on “Reimagining Broad Street.”

- Greg Vital, president and CEO of Morning Pointe Senior Living – also represents District 29 as a Republican in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

1/18/23:

- Thom Brown of Dalton, GA – on the WoodSongs Dalton concert series.

- Meg Phinney, director of “Much Ado About Nothing” at Artistic Civic Theatre in Dalton, GA.

- Chris Stokes, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs – and Stacy Lightfoot, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Engagement – at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on MLK Day at UTC.

- Mark McKnight and Tish Gailmard of Reflection Riding in Chattanooga – with Dr. David Aborn, ornithologist and professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga – on the Sandhill Crane Safari.

1/19/23:

- Mike Pare, deputy business editor at The Chattanooga Times Free Press – on passenger boardings at Chattanooga Airport.

- Pete Thornton on “Building a Dream Machine,” his talk at TEDxChattanooga from November 2022 at Common House in Chattanooga.

1/23/23:

- Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp – live interview.

1/24/23:

- Sheaba Chacko on “Imposter Syndrome - It’s Not You, It’s What Happened To You,” her talk at TEDxChattanooga from November 2022 at Common House in Chattanooga.

1/25/23:

- Alison Lebovitz, committee member for the “Americans and the Holocaust” exhibition at the Chattanooga Public Library.

- Dr. Carol Berz - a member of the Chattanooga City Council and chair of the Mayor’s Council for Women – on this year’s Statewide Women’s Policy Conference.

- Sybil Topel, vice president of marketing and engagement at the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce – on the “Chattanooga Climbs Higher” survey.

- Beth Gumnick, director - and Evangeline Carter, stage manager - for “Pride and Prejudice” at Chattanooga Theatre Centre.

1/26/23:

- Peter Hayes, professor emeritus of history and Holocaust studies at Northwestern University – ahead of his talk at the Chattanooga Public Library on the “Americans and the Holocaust” exhibition.
- Ellen Gerst, reporter for The Chattanooga Times Free Press – on holding multiple elected offices in the Chattanooga area.
- Nadia Giles, 12-year-old performer in Chattanooga – and Greg Miller, president of the Performing Arts League in Chattanooga.

1/30/23:

- Reese Veltenaar and Grant Allen of Acumen Wealth Advisors in Chattanooga – on The SMILE Fund at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and the Bloomberg Lab.
- Chloé Morrison on “Finding Pride in Chattanooga,” her talk at TEDxChattanooga from November 2022 at Common House in Chattanooga.

1/31/23:

- “Raíces,” a conversation series with La Paz Chattanooga – with guests Annie Durán, Faviana Gaspar and Lily Sanchez.

2/01/23:

- Matt Folz, director of Hamilton County Parks and Recreation in Chattanooga.
- Shawanda Mason and Jennifer Holder with The Chatterbox – on Black History Month events.
- Artists Robin MacKillop and Maria Willison – with Peggy Townsend of Townsend Atelier in Chattanooga.

2/02/23:

- Andrew Schwartz, reporter for The Chattanooga Times Free Press, on the history of passenger rail – and its prospects for a revival – in the Chattanooga area.
- Corrie Lynn White, poet and essayist here in Chattanooga – on her debut book of poems, “Gold Hill Family Audio.”

2/06/23:

- Michael Dzik, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga – and Elijah Cameron, director of community relations and development for the Bessie Smith Cultural Center in Chattanooga – on the documentary “Shared Legacies.”
- James McKissic and Brianna Jones of ArtsBuild in Chattanooga – on the art and climate project.
- Chattanooga City Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod, founder of Re-Wake – with Melissa Astin of ArtsBuild.

2/07/23:

- Jackson Caesar, tenor – and Dr. Kenyon Wilson, interim department head of Performing Arts at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga – on the Roland Hayes tribute concert.
- Tennessee Songwriters Week: Jill Kilgore with the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development; Reed Caldwell, executive director of the Songbirds Foundation; and Donna Elle Harrison, director of cultural tourism at Chattanooga Tourism Company.
- Stacy Kranitz, photographer in East Tennessee – on her exhibition - “As it was Give(n) to Me” – now on display at the Institute of Contemporary Art at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

2/08/23:

- Allan Harris – jazz vocalist, guitarist and composer of “Cross That River” - on bringing the musical to the Athens City Middle School in Athens, TN.
- Garry Posey, founder and artistic director of Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga – on “Doubt: A Parable.”

2/09/23:

- Barry Courter, entertainment reporter for The Chattanooga Times Free Press – on Riverbend 2023.
- Stratton Tingle, executive director of SoundCorps – on SoundBites.
- The Simmons-O'Neal Concert: Vincent Oakes, artistic director of the Chattanooga Boys Choir – with Sonya Henry, director of outreach for the Boys Choir and soprano member of the Chattanooga Choral Society for the Preservation of African American Song.

2/13/23:

- Nicole Heyman, City of Chattanooga Chief Housing Officer.
- Erica Richardson, founder of Culture Books in Chattanooga – on the Black History Festival.
- Dan Buck, founder of Tiger Leap Productions, on “White Rabbit Red Rabbit” at Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga.

2/14/23:

- Bernice Radle, founder and CEO of Buffalove Development and Little Wheel Restoration Co. in Buffalo, NY – with David Chalker of Chattanooga Design Studio – on the CIVIQ speaker series.
- Haley Clouser, curator in Lincoln, MA - on “Territorial: The Land and Us” – with Josiah Golson, programs director at Stove Works in Chattanooga.
- Michael Crosa, podcaster in Chattanooga - “Jollyville Radio” and “My Part of Town Chattanooga.”

2/15/23:

- Karen Guinn, director of the Hamilton County Homeless Health Care Center in Chattanooga.
- Charlie Newton is an artist, educator, activist and longtime resident of Chattanooga’s Westside – with Adera Causey, curator of education at the Hunter Museum of American Art in Chattanooga – on “A Sense of Place: Memories of Chattanooga.”
- Nate Ben-Horin, pianist, composer and arranger – and soprano Jaclyn Grossman – of Likht Ensemble, coming to Chattanooga as part of the “Americans and the Holocaust” exhibition at The Chattanooga Public Library.

2/16/23:

- Chyela Rowe, program manager of arts, therapies and wellbeing – and Nicole Brown is manager of community benefits and diversity – at CHI Memorial in Chattanooga, on the “Chattanoogans” Art Exhibit.
- Ben Benton, reporter for The Chattanooga Times Free Press – on the 150th anniversary of South Pittsburg, TN.

- Jaclyn York, assistant director for the Decosimo Success Center at the Gary W. Rollins College of Business at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga – with Lynn Chestnut, executive director of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center in Chattanooga.

- Ric Morris, director of the musical version of “The Color Purple” at Chattanooga Theatre Centre.

2/20/23:

A preview of the “Bessie Smith: Orchestrating the Blues” concert – with John Kilkenny and Ismael Sandoval of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera; Dr. Roland Carter, musician, composer and arranger – emeritus at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Neshawn Calloway and LaFrederick Thirkill, educators in Chattanooga.

2/21/23:

- Michael Bornstein, Holocaust survivor – and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat – authors of *“Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz,”* ahead of their visit to Chattanooga for the “Americans and the Holocaust” exhibition at The Chattanooga Public Library.

- Kimberly Bowen, senior vice president of talent and inclusion at Unum.

2/22/23:

- Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly – live monthly interview.

2/23/23:

- Noel Durant, Tennessee State Director at the Trust for Public Land – with Maria Noel, president of the South Chattanooga Community Association – on the Alton Park Connector project in Chattanooga.

- Kimmie J. Soul, singer – on “Vision + Verse: Jazz Age Nights” at the Hunter Museum of American Art.

2/27/23:

- Billy Weeks, associate lecturer of photojournalism at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Kathleen Greeson, independent photographer in Chattanooga; Madison Van Horn, UTC student, editor of *The University Echo* and Rising Rock Media; Seth Carpenter, photo editor for the *Echo* & an assistant editor with Rising Rock – on this year’s Photo Night at UTC.
- Beverly Foster, president of the Walker County African-American Historical and Alumni Association – and Stacey Suttle, associated director of Walker County African-American Museum and Cultural Center in LaFayette, GA.
- Dr. Daniel Haulman, military historian – author on the Tuskegee Airmen.

2/28/23:

- Tasia Malakasis, CEO of CO.LAB - and Ashlyn Gentile, marketing specialist at CO.LAB - on sustainable mobility.
- Dr. Mina Sartipi, founding director of the Center for Urban Informatics and Progress at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- Dr. Anna George and Thom Benson, The Tennessee Aquarium – on Rivers to Ridges.
- Wendy Reynoso, Jesus Lopez and Jasmin Celis of La Paz Chattanooga.

3/01/23:

- Ben McAdams, former Congressman from Utah and a former Mayor of Salt Lake County - and Cate Ryba, chief operating officer and planner for Urban3, a private consulting firm in Asheville, North Carolina – on “The Possible City” podcast.
- Sharon Love and Rachel Rickman with the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults in Chattanooga.

3/02/23:

- Elizabeth Fite, health care reporter for The Chattanooga Times Free Press – on Long COVID.
- Sydney Guerrette and Dierdre Catlett of Be The Change Youth Initiative – with Hollie Berry, Mayor of Red Bank, TN and an artist.
- Dr. Andrew Davison of Cambridge University in the U.K. with Dr. Irvan Resnick, Professor and Chair of Excellence in Judaic Studies in UTC’s Department of Philosophy and Religion – on “Astrobiology and Christian Belief” at UTC.

3/06/23:

- Veatrice Conley, owner of Unveiled Bridal Studio in downtown Chattanooga.
- Mike Bradshaw, entrepreneur-in-residence and director of the Urban Vision Initiative at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - part of the Gary W. Rollins College of Business – with Lynn Chestnutt, executive director of the Chattanooga office of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center.

3/07/23:

- Vicki Farnsworth, vice chancellor for information technology and chief information officer at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - and vice chair of ChaTech's board.
- Jenny Sadre-Orafai – essayist, poet and author in Georgia – on “Dear Outsiders.”
- Amy Lowdermilk, programs manager at ArtsBuild in Chattanooga; Josiah Golson, artist and programs director at Stove Works in Chattanooga; Emily Ruiz and Rainn Jackson, Opportunity Fellows at ArtsBuild.

3/08/23:

- Nick Wilkinson, executive director of the Tivoli Theatre Foundation in Chattanooga.
- Andrea Willis, chief medical officer for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee - and Sherri Zink, chief data and engagement officer – on the Health Equity Report.
- Laurie Allen, Lyndhurst Chair of Excellence in Arts Education - and director of the Arts-Based Collaborative at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Kelly Shimel, fine arts coordinator for Hamilton County Schools; Amy Lowdermilk, programs manager for ArtsBuild; Rodney Van Valkenburg, executive director of Chattanooga Theatre Centre; Robyn Stringfellow, manager of educational content and services for WTCI PBS.

3/09/23:

- David Floyd, local government reporter for The Chattanooga Times Free Press.
- Ann Law, Barking Legs Theater in Chattanooga – on Cultural Cross Ties.
- Ann Treadwell, Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga.
- Stratton Tingle, executive director of SoundCorps in Chattanooga.

3/13/23:

- Stephen Wicks, Knoxville Museum of Art – on Beauford Delaney exhibition at the Hunter Museum of American Art in Chattanooga.
- Scott Dunlap and Kristiana Russell – on “Bambi” at Chattanooga Theatre Centre.
- Joel Sanchez-Avantes and Zoe Chatman on “The Borrowers,” presented by Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga.

3/14/23:

- Woodson Carpenter with “One for All” - our storytelling partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga.

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- Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly – live monthly interview.

3/16/23:

- Dave Flessner, business editor for The Chattanooga Times Free Press – on the Chattanooga Convention Center.
- Marcus Ellsworth, program manager for River City Company in Chattanooga – on Rock the Riverfront.
- Jill Steenhuis, artist – and Capt. Mark Love of The Salvation Army – on Art in Provence.

3/21/23:

- Marsha Mills, president of Rhyme N Chatt – on “Vision + Verse: Delaney and Baldwin” - at the Hunter Museum of American Art in Chattanooga.
- Sybil Baker, UC Foundation Professor in English / Creative Writing at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga – and director of the Meacham Workshop – with poet Christian Collier, inaugural Meacham Fellow.
- Stephen Thomas and Maranda Wilkinson, Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center in Chattanooga – on Medal of Honor Day.

3/22/23:

- Valoria Armstrong, chief global inclusion and diversity officer at Unum in Chattanooga.
- Miles Huff, Cempa Community Care's director of community engagement – on Strides of March.
- Matt Gibson, president and CEO of Siskin Hospital in Chattanooga – and Bruce Komiske, volunteer project executive – on The Healing Gardens at Siskin project.
- Howard Pousner and Larry Schlachter, board members of the Paradise Garden Foundation in Summerville, GA.

3/23/23:

- Ellen Gerst, reporter for The Chattanooga Times Free Press – on restoring voting rights for former felons in Tennessee.
- Reed Caldwell, executive director of the Songbirds Foundation in Chattanooga – on the Youth Talent Show.
- Sarah Moore, director of the 4 Bridges Arts Festival in Chattanooga.

3/27/23:

- Tasia Malakasis, CEO – Ashlyn Gentile, director of marketing – and Angela Poffenbaugh, communications specialist – at CO.LAB in Chattanooga on the CO.MOBILITY Summit.
- Lily Sanchez with La Paz Chattanooga.
- Jennifer Crutchfield, National Park Partners – on Spring Break History Tours for 4th Graders in Chattanooga and Hamilton County.

3/28/23:

- Duncan Sandys, former Lord Mayor of the City of Westminster and great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill – and Professor Randall Coleman, Director of Bands and a Professor of Music at UTC – on the Marching Mocs invited to London's New Year's Day Parade and Festival in 2024.
- Joseph Goodman and Savannah Hodges, art students here at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga – the latest recipients of the Lillian B. Feinstein Scholarship.

3/29/23:

- Dr. Michael Toomey, Professor Emeritus of History at Lincoln Memorial University in East Tennessee and a 1980 alum of UTC's Department of History – and Dr. Charles Hubbard, a Professor Emeritus of History and Lincoln Historian at Lincoln Memorial University - and a visiting scholar in UTC's Department of History – on “Lincoln's Dilemma” at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

- Kevin Bate, Immersion Gallery in Chattanooga.

3/30/23:

- Part V of “The Hunter Museum at 70” – a conversation series: Dr. Shewanee Howard-Baptiste, Vice Provost for Academic Outreach and Professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; C-Grimey, a musician and rapper in Chattanooga; Monica Ellison, a dancer and dance instructor in Chattanooga – and Carlos Davis with Rhyme n' Chatt, the interactive poetry organization in Chattanooga. (First aired 12/2022)