

HEAR Now: The Audio Fiction & Arts Festival

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JUNE 10 • FRIDAY

- 8:00am – 8:30am **M NATF Member Meeting** Holiday Inn Restaurant / Breakfast Room
All those who participate in the June 2016 **HEAR Now Festival** event, hosted by the National Audio Theatre Festivals (NATF), are being given a one-year membership in the organization. Join us at breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Friday morning at 8:00am for our annual membership meeting. Get involved with NATF!
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- 9:00am – 5:00pm **S HEAR Now Festival Store & Office** Holiday Inn - Salon C (1 E 45th St Kansas City, MO 64111)
T-shirts, Festival Guides, Maps and more can be found at the HEAR Now Festival store.
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- 9:15am – 10:45am **L NATF Playhouse: Brad Lansky** Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
Welcome to the adventures of Brad Lansky and Alex John, veteran Space Explorers. Brad and Alex have been working together ever since they earned their wings at flight school. (*I forget when this was - a few thousand years from now.*) They understand 'work' to mean everything they need to do to get their next mission space-bound.
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- 9:15am – 10:45am **L NATF Playhouse: Love Birds** Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
What happens when Twitter becomes the main form of communication between two Love Birds??
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- 9:15am – 10:45am **L NATF Playhouse: Woman On A Pedestal** Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
Henry Farlow, a famous sculptor, has just returned from his honeymoon with his second wife. His first wife died while they were traveling in South America, and Henry has created a sculpture of her... but her death's circumstances remain mysterious.

Meet Producer / Author Bill Chessman at this session.
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- 9:30am – 11:00am **V The Lessons We Learn. Using Audio Theatre In the Classroom** Unity Temple On The Plaza - Garden Room (707 W 47th St, Kansas City, MO)
Professors William Anderson of Central Michigan State & Kathy Brady of University of Wisconsin - Whitewater will present two recordings and, if time permits, one live reading of three audio "learning lesson" plays.

This is an extension of their autism and audio drama research.

Presented in tandem with the **Plaza Montessori Academy** located at Unity Temple On The Plaza in their Garden Room.

Intended program:
The Lessons We Learn

Patience: The Tortoise and Hare (listening to recorded play and discussion)

Friendship: Let's Find A Friend (listening to recorded play and discussion)
Original Play by Tom & Ellin Curley
Produced by VoiceScapes Audio Theater

Sharing: The Dog and the Bone (read live if time permits)
Original Play by Kathy Brady
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- 9:45am – 6:00pm **F AUDIO Tonight! A Storytellers Cabaret - CUE-TO-CUE** Unitarian Universalist Church Bragg Auditorium
Moderators: Tony Brewer, Gladys Caines-Coggswell, William Dufris, Maggie Linton, Robin Miles, Marideth Sisco, Judith Walcutt, Julia Whelan, Sue Zizza
Artists: Tom Curley, Steve Donofrio, Bill Oakley, David Shinn, Marc Wiener
If you are performing in Saturday night's AUDIO Tonight! please join our technical crew at Bragg Auditorium for the Cue-To-Cue rehearsal for the show.

Cue-To-Cue schedules were provided to all involved. Need a copy? Send an e-mail to: hearnowfestival@gmail.com

This is an open rehearsal for anyone registered for the HEAR Now Festival.
Please see Producer Steve Donofrio in lobby of Bragg Auditorium before entering this rehearsal.

Thank you for your cooperation.

10:15am – 5:00pm	W Workshop 101	Simpson House (4509 Walnut St Kansas City, MO 64111)
	<i>Moderators: Howard L. Craft, Bob Kaliban, Frank Stasio</i>	
	Workshop 101 meets daily from 10:15am - 5:00pm. Work with Frank Stasio (NPR, WUNC) and Howard Craft (Jade City Pharaoh) to create a new original audio play podcast daily.	
	For Program Information:: http://www.hearnowfestival.org/jade-city-podcasts.html	
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11:00am – 12:30pm	L NATF Playhouse: Not Somewhere Else But Here	Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
	"Not Somewhere Else But Here" is an anthology of poems and fiction excerpts on the theme of confinement and escape, in three segments: I. familial repression and freudian crime; II. law and order: incarceration; III. confinement of the mind: escape.	
	<i>Meet producer Cynthia Wolfe at this session.</i>	
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11:00am – 12:30pm	L NATF Playhouse: Peace In Our Time	Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
	Peace in Our Time by Noel Coward is set in World War II. The action takes place in a London pub, The Shy Gazelle, which Coward based on his own local, The Antelope, just off Sloane Square.	
	Coward wrote the play after the war ended, imagining what life in London would have been like if The Battle of Britain had been lost in 1940. The play's themes of freedom, resistance and surveillance will resonate with the listener in 2016.	
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11:15am – 12:30pm	R Narrators Round Table - To Read or Not to Read...	Holiday Inn - Sennheiser Listening Room
	<i>Moderators: Debra Deyan</i>	
	<i>Artists: Joan Baker</i>	
	Being a voice actor can offer many different career paths. Are you a Voice-Over actor or a Narrator? Can you be both? And what about gaming or animation?	
	This session gives you the chance to meet two leaders in the worlds of audioboks and voice over and dicuss what it means to work in these parts of the entertainment industry.	
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12:45pm – 2:45pm	L NATF Playhouse: Before Our Eyes	Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
	On his way home from work, Anthony finds a briefcase filled with audio cassettes. He says they contain information that could expose a government cover-up. Now, if only he could get people to listen.	
	<i>Meet producer Jon Holland at this session.</i>	
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12:45pm – 2:45pm	L NATF Playhouse: Diamond Is Forever	Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
	<i>Diamond is Forever</i> is a monologue that was written and produced by Liane Moonraven for the series <i>The Burbs</i> . "Even perfect diamonds have the slightest flaw."	
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12:45pm – 2:45pm	L NATF Playhouse: Forsythia	Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
	A fantasy story (sprinkled freely with irony and humor) that caps off the culmination of the season's arc: the pieces of the Chronos paragon are being assembled and our heroes have their final confrontation with Tallak.	
	<i>Meet producer Peter Gregg at this session.</i>	
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12:45pm – 2:45pm	L NATF Playhouse: Lost In Williamsburg	Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
	Dale, spending the afternoon at the Historic Williamsburg Library looks to Valerie for some answers about that diary he's been reading. Though he won't like what he finds, certain other townsfolk definitely will. And though Margaret knows more than anyone about the weird things going on in town, even she has a thing or two to learn about Hexabeth. Meanwhile, the three remaining members of the local rock group Cats with Benefits, try to fill the open spot in the group's roster (though never in their hearts). If you didn't already send in your demo, it's too late now.	
	<i>Meet producer Phillip Merritt at this session.</i>	
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12:45pm – 2:45pm	L NATF Playhouse: Tara Flame On Patrol	Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)
	Tara Flame, a recent graduated space pilot, is exploring the backwaters of space after hearing some reports about an unidentified craft causing a disturbance. When she stumbles across it, it gives chase and nearly causes the death of our hero before she comes face-to-face with a never-before-seen alien creature.	

3:00pm – 4:30pm

L NATF Playhouse: Mark Time Awards - 2016 Winners Honored

Cinemark Theater 'A' (526 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, MO 64112)

Moderators: Brian Price, Judith Walcutt

The **Mark Time Awards**, a science fiction and noir audio competition, are among the most prominent radio drama awards worldwide in conjunction with the Ogle Awards. The award is named after the character *Mark Time* created by the Firesign Theatre in the 1970s. Hosts Judith Walcutt and Brian Price play for the audience the entire programs from the **2016 Golden Mark Time** and **Oggle Award** winners.

For Program Information:: <http://www.hearnowfestival.org/mark-time-awards--paseo-soundplay.html>

5:00pm – 6:00pm

V Celebrating Mark Twain at Prospero's Books

Prospero's Books (1800 West 39th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111)

Moderators: Bob Kaliban

Sponsors: SAG-AFTRA

Each night, beginning on Thursday, June 9th, from 5:00pm-6:00pm, and running through Saturday, June 11th, guest narrators read selections from Mark Twain at **Prospero's Books** (1800 W 39th St, Kansas City, MO) in their 2nd floor **Readers' Room**.

With support from SAG/AFTRA, 2016's **A Celebration of Mark Twain!** is free and open to all and includes a slice of d'Bronx Pizza nightly for all audience guests and Mark Twain narrators.

For Performance Details:: <http://www.hearnowfestival.org/celebrating-mark-twain.html>

7:00pm – 8:30pm

P The Best of Audio Fiction 2016

Holiday Inn Ballroom (One East 45th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111)

Moderators: William Dufris, Sue Zizza

Artists: Helen Engelhard, Robert Fass, Robin Miles, David Shinn

The Best of Audio Fiction 2016 will showcase a variety of award winning audio fictions productions from the past year. Producers, directors, and cast members will discuss how the work was created, from the pitch to studio sessions, casting, final mix and more.

Samples of the Best of Audio Fiction 2016 door prizes will be given away throughout this session.

Poductions like Locke & Key which features cast members Haley Joel Osment, Tatiana Maslany, and Kate Mulgrew **will be showcased.**

For Program Information:: <http://www.hearnowfestival.org/best-of-audio-fiction-2016.html>

9:00pm – 10:15pm

L NATF Playhouse Premiere: The Last Broadcast

Holiday Inn Ballroom (One East 45th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111)

Moderators: Tony Brewer

Artists: Jackie Casteel

Recorded live at NATF's The Audio Theatre Workshop in West Plains, MO, **The Last Broadcast** is an original tale of zombies, radio, zombies, and more.

It's fund drive week at KATW, a volunteer-powered community radio station, and DJ Carl Hughes, can't catch a break. A techie new intern. An over-protective station manager. A secret government experiment gone horribly awry. What else could go wrong? "The Last Broadcast" is a horror B-movie for radio in the Internet Age. Call in now to make your pledge, folks ... while you still can!

Walk the red carpet in YOUR BEST ZOMBIE for this fun listening session featuring work written and directed by Tony Brewer for NATF.

For Performance Details:: <http://www.hearnowfestival.org/the-last-broadcast-premiere.html>

10:00pm – 11:30pm

A HEAR Now After Party - Sponsored by Blackstone / Downpour

Simpson House (4509 Walnut St Kansas City, MO 64111)

Festival guests and attendees with ALL ACCESS PASSES are welcome to join us nightly at Simpson House for a drink, a nosh and lots of networking.

12:00am – 1:00am

L Midnight Listening: The Wizard & To The Manor Borne By Robots

Holiday Inn - Sennheiser Listening Room

The Wizard, originally broadcast live at Kansas City's own community radio station KKFI-FM, this session will feature the first 15 minutes of **The Wizard** available in its entirety on-line at the 2016 **HEAR Now Festival's Podcast Palooza**. This is one of a number of KKFI programs available as part of this year's on-line Festival programming.

The Wizard is a parody of 1930s sci-fi radio serials set in Kansas City. It is rife with puns and peppered with double entendres. Part Dr. Strange, part Firesign Theater, part social satire.

Written by Bill Hilburn and produced by Barry Lee the cast includes Patrick Simpson, Dawn Stephenson, Michael Taylor, Phillip Blue Owl Hooser, Bill Hilburn, and Angie Hilburn.

Meet some of the cast of The Wizard at this session.

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In ***To The Manor Borne By Robots***, a terrible monster threatens Earth. The only thing that pacifies it is for it to be read stories. Within each episode there is the on-going story of the battle to destroy the monster plus a stand-alone story that is "read" to it. Hear a full 50 minute episode of ***To The Manor Borne by Robots*** written, directed and produced by John Eder.

**Cast:** Alex Best, Feodor Chin, John Eder, Rob Halford, Christina Joy Howard, Andy Miller, Steven Mirkin, John Mark Owens, Christopher Pearson, Robbie Rist, Greg Travis

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