

WGTE HOSTS AWARDED THREE TOUCHSTONE AWARDS BY THE PRESS CLUB OF TOLEDO

Radio Station Manager Brad Cresswell and Morning Edition Host and Content Producer Qarie Marshall were recognized for three WGTE programs

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Toledo, Ohio (October 5, 2022) — WGTE Public Media's Brad Cresswell and Qarie Marshall are honored to receive three Touchstone Awards by The Press Club of Toledo. Cresswell was recognized for his programs *Living American Composers: New Music From Bowling Green* (Best Radio Series) and *Toledo SymphonyLAB™* episode *Time for One* (Best Radio Single Report) while Marshall was recognized for his podcast, *Shakespeare Full Circle* (Best Podcast).

Produced by Cresswell, Radio Station Manager, *Living American Composers: New Music From Bowling Green* is an annual, 13-part, hour-long program that features live concert recordings from Bowling Green State University's (BGSU) New Music Festival and Music at the Forefront, along with conversations and commercial recordings by related composers, alumni and BGSU faculty. The series is produced in collaboration with the BGSU College of Music and is now in its 10th season. The series is distributed nationally and has been broadcast by more than 160 stations.

He also produces *Toledo SymphonyLAB*[™], an annual, 26-part radio podcast that features a panel of Toledo Symphony Orchestra (TSO) members and guests who explore a theme inspired by a concert, event, or guest artist from the symphony's season. The series is produced in collaboration with the TSO and is now in its sixth season. It airs on FM 91 at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"It's an honor to be recognized once again by the Press Club of Toledo with these awards, which re-affirm WGTE's commitment to providing a voice for the local performing arts community. To be included among journalists who are doing such

important work speaks to the magnificent cultural landscape that our local area offers," says Cresswell.

Produced by Marshall, host of Morning Edition and content producer, *Shakespeare Full Circle* is a weekly, 13-episode series that currently explores some of Shakespeare's phrases that have come to be used (and sometimes changed) in our modern vernacular. Each episode traces the backstory and the context of a phrase, word, or passage and follows it into our modern era. The series soon will begin an exploration of Shakespeare's sonnets.

Find photos here.

Learn more about Living American Composers: New Music From Bowling Green here.

Listen to Toledo SymphonyLAB™, Time for One here.

Listen to Shakespeare Full Circle here.

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