

Wisconsin Public Radio: WPR's To The Best Of Our Knowledge brings national show to Milwaukee on April 19

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Milwaukee, Wis. – Wisconsin Public Radio welcomes To The Best Of Our Knowledge (TTBOOK) to Milwaukee for a live show featuring a number of talented Milwaukeeans on April 19 at Turner Hall Ballroom. The audience will be in for a night of big ideas, laughs, great music, deep dives on policy issues and special stories they won't hear anywhere else.

"To The Best Of Our Knowledge is an award-winning radio show and podcast that asks big questions," said Anne Strainchamps, the host of TTBOOK. "We don't focus on current events or today's public policy debates; we look at the ideas and cultural trends behind the news that are shaping today's world." In Milwaukee, the TTBOOK team is asking the big questions about water, including "What does it take to be a model 'water city'?", "Who owns water?" and "How does access to water affect racial equality?"

"Water touches all aspects of our lives. It's not just a "policy issue" – it's also at the center of recreation, our economy and our community. We're interested in exploring water as a way of life," said Steve Paulson, the show's executive producer.

The show will open with a video featuring writer and historian John Gurda on a boat in the Milwaukee River. On stage, Paulson will interview Milwaukee Journalist Dan Egan and UWM Professor Jenny Kehl, about high-stakes water issues like diversion and environmental threats. Next, stand-up comic Chastity Washington will share the story of her unique relationship with water.

The TTBOOK team will also take a look at the legacy of brewing in Milwaukee with a montage of historic photos and vintage Milwaukee beer commercials narrated by Milwaukee Beer Museum Curator Ben Barbera. Then, Lakefront Brewery President Russ Klisch and Good City Brewing Co-founder David Dupee will discuss the art of making beer in modern-day 'Brew City'. After a journey through the traditions of Native American water walkers with Siobhan Marks, Strainchamps will sit down with the executive director of Alice's Garden Urban Farm, Venice Williams, to explore the connection between water and racial equality.

This event will also feature the DJ stylings of 88Nine Radio Milwaukee's Tarik Moody. Artwork by environmental advocate Melanie Ariens will be on display throughout the venue. Tickets are on sale now at wpr.org/presents. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be recorded for national broadcast at a later date.

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