

Georgia Public Broadcasting Network Introduces Weekly Program 'Jazz Without Borders' With Mitchell Feldman

AUGUSTA, Ga. – Georgia Public Broadcasting will begin broadcasting a new program, “Jazz Without Borders,” hosted by Mitchell Feldman, beginning Oct. 7. The program will air weekly from midnight to 3 a.m. Sundays on 16 stations that comprise the Georgia Public Broadcasting Network and will replace syndicated programming currently airing.

About his programming philosophy, Feldman said he belongs to “the breed of programmers or DJs who see our role as much broader than simply hosting a show that might as well be called ‘My Favorite Things’ because all it features is music I like. I’m obviously not going to play something I don’t

like. But my main goal is to introduce to the NPR listener in Georgia to artists currently under-represented on the airwaves here except on college stations like WUOG in Athens or WREK and WRAS in Atlanta like Sex Mob, Steven Bernstein, Charlie Peacock or The Bad Plus.”

Feldman, who is also an independent jazz radio promoter and publicist, added that he will also include current jam band releases, 70s fusion, and artists like those associated with Chicago’s AACM, BAG in St. Louis and the NYC loft scene.

“As the show’s producer and host I have total freedom to play what I want from my collection which means jazz

from Adderly to Zorn as well as ‘currents’ my fellow radio promoters are graciously servicing me with,” Feldman explained.

Before moving to Augusta, Ga., Feldman hosted a weekly Friday night program on KUVO in Denver from July 2004 to May 2006.

“I’ll know I’m doing something right as soon as I get that first cell phone call from someone doing a long-haul move or driving an 18-wheeler on Interstate 75, 85 or 20 thanking me for helping them stay awake and alert by playing something by Ornette, Cecil Taylor, the Willem Breuker Kollektief or the Italian Instabile Orchestra,” Feldman said. **JW**



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