

Mechanics Hall

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Mechanics Hall and WICN Public Radio present new contemporary music series *Club 321 launches on Thursday, November 3 with Nellie McKay*

October 26, 2022 (Worcester, MA) —Mechanics Hall and 90.5 WICN Public Radio, longtime partners in producing the popular [Brown Bag Concerts](#) series, have teamed up again to present [Club 321](#), a new live music experience in downtown Worcester. A cross between a jazz club and coffeehouse, Club 321 will feature an eclectic blend of musicians performing Americana, jazz, world music, blues, and more at Mechanics Hall on select Thursday evenings throughout the year.

The first Club 321, featuring singer/songwriter [Nellie McKay](#), will be held on Thursday, November 3 at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 purchased in advance; \$25 at the door. Ticketholders must be at least 21 years old. Seating will be at cabaret-style tables in Mechanics Hall's elegant Washburn Hall, with cash bar and light refreshments available for purchase. Mechanics Hall is located at 321 Main Street in Worcester. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit mechanicshall.org/club321.

Upcoming Club 321 dates and artists include Americana/alt-country band, [These Wild Plains](#), on November 17; and indie rockers [Aaron and the Lord](#), with opener [Evan Kenney](#), on December 8. For future dates and performers, visit mechanicshall.org/club321.

“We are thrilled to partner again with WICN to present a new experience at the Hall for adults eager to get out and hear contemporary music,” said Kathleen Gagne, Executive Director of Mechanics Hall. “Club 321 adds to the growing vitality—from a thriving arts and culture scene to fabulous new restaurants—that is making downtown Worcester the place to be now.”

“Club 321 continues a long WICN/Mechanics Hall tradition of bringing great music—both old and new—to Worcester,” said WICN General Manager David Ginsburg. “For this new venue, we will be shining a light on emerging artists, rising stars, and seasoned performers with an eclectic mix that will satisfy contemporary music connoisseurs—and make for a fun evening out.”

The accessible entrance to Mechanics Hall is located on Waldo Street. Elevators are located in the ground-floor lobby and provide access to the second and third floors. Those who need

assistance can contact the Mechanics Hall Ticket Office, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, by calling 508-752-5608.

About Nellie McKay

Nellie McKay's music has been heard on Mad Men, Boardwalk Empire, Weeds, Grey's Anatomy, NCIS, Nurse Jackie, and SMILF. She has appeared on TV shows including The Late Show with David Letterman, Conan, Ferguson, and The View. Nellie has made numerous radio appearances on NPR's Mountain Stage, A Prairie Home Companion, eTown, and Marion McPartland's Piano Jazz. The Chase Brock Experience produced a ballet of her third album, Obligatory Villagers, and she contributed the forward to the 20th anniversary edition of The Sexual Politics of Meat. Her writing has also appeared in The Onion, Interview and The New York Times Book Review.

About Mechanics Hall

Built in 1857 by the Worcester County Mechanics Association, Mechanics Hall is internationally regarded as one of the world's great concert halls for its superb acoustics and 19th-century elegance. Regionally, it is widely considered to be Worcester's finest meeting place. Many of the world's most renowned orchestras and performers have taken the Hall's stage, from the London Philharmonic to Yo-Yo Ma, Ella Fitzgerald to Linda Ronstadt. Among the many luminaries who have spoken at Mechanics Hall are Charles Dickens, Susan B. Anthony, Theodore Roosevelt, and Bill Clinton. In addition to serving as a premiere venue and recording site, Mechanics Hall offers inspiring cultural experiences for diverse audiences through a variety of creative initiatives—including free concerts, community events, and collaborative programs with local colleges and non-profit organizations.

A non-profit organization, Mechanics Hall is owned and operated by the Worcester County Mechanics Association (est. 1842). It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Learn more at mechanicshall.org.

About 90.5FM WICN

WICN Public Radio, Inc. has been a dynamic presence in the cultural life of central Massachusetts for over fifty years. WICN originated in 1969 as Worcester's Inter-Collegiate Network, joining The College of the Holy Cross and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) with other local colleges. WICN was accredited by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in 1987.

As one of the few remaining jazz-focused radio stations in the United States, WICN is committed to the keeping the Worcester community vibrant and economically sustainable through the presentation of authentic, independent music on the radio and in the concert halls, preserving America's living art forms of jazz and other music for generations to enjoy. Learn more at wicn.org

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