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### WGTE FM 91 Celebrates 35 Years

TOLEDO, OH - On Monday, May 2, WGTE FM 91 will celebrate 35 years on the air. In the early 1970s there were limited choices for those in the area who appreciated classical music and jazz. Seeking to remedy the situation, the WGTE Board of Trustees established a quality public radio station in Toledo. FM 91 signed on the air on Sunday, May 2, 1976.

For the first time classical music and National Public Radio's All Things Considered became available to a daily radio audience in Northwest Ohio. Early broadcasts included live concerts by the Toledo Symphony, the first metropolitan opera stereo television simulcasts with WGTE TV and weekly coverage of Toledo City Council. Twenty-four hour broadcasting originated in 1984 with Music Through the Night and Jazz After Hours.

The station extended its broadcast reach with the construction of satellite stations WGLE Lima in 1981, WGBE Bryan in 1996 and WGDE Defiance in 1999. Twenty six counties in Ohio and Michigan are served by the four stations.

Today FM 91 continues its program service of NPR news and information, classical, jazz, folk and eclectic music. Programs from Public Radio International include Marketplace and weekend entertainment and variety shows.

PICTURE CAPTION: TOM PAINE, RADIO PROGRAM MANAGER AT WGTE FM 91

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