WLIW-FM Announces *WLIW-FM In Conversation*, A New Public Radio Program Featuring Dynamic Voices From The East End and Beyond

Premieres Sunday, May 2 on 88.3 WLIW-FM and wliw.org/radio

(Southampton, New York – April 28, 2021) WLIW-FM, Long Island’s only NPR station, has announced the launch of *WLIW-FM In Conversation*, a new half-hour public radio program featuring dynamic conversations with voices from the East End and beyond. Launching with four episodes, *WLIW-FM In Conversation* will air weekly beginning Sunday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. on 88.3 WLIW-FM and wliw.org/radio. The program will encore Mondays at 11:30 p.m. Episodes will also be available to stream on-demand at wliw.org/radio.

The initial episodes of *WLIW-FM In Conversation* include:

**WLIW-FM In Conversation with Jonathan Tisch**
Premieres: Sunday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. ET
WLIW-FM host Brian Cosgrove speaks to Jonathan Tisch, Chairman and CEO of Loews Hotels & CO, co-owner of The New Year Giants and long-time East Ender about his family businesses, the state of the hospitality business and sports franchises as they battle back from the pandemic.

**WLIW-FM In Conversation with Agnes Gund**
Premieres: Sunday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. ET
ALL ARTS Artistic Director James King speaks to Agnes Gund, philanthropist, founder of Studio in a School and the Art for Justice Fund, and President Emerita of The Museum of Modern Art about the importance of arts and culture for young people and as a way to address social justice issues.
**WLIW-FM In Conversation with Sarah Arison and Alumnae of National Young Arts Foundation**
Premieres: Sunday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. ET
WLIW-FM host Gianna Volpe speaks to Sarah Arison, President of the Arison Arts Foundation and Chair of the Board of National YoungArts Foundation, who talks about the foundations, her family’s long-standing commitment to the arts and their support of emerging artists and the institutions that foster them. Arison is joined by singer/songwriter Aileen Park from Long Island and The Watermill Center Artist in Residence, Yusha-Maria Sorzano, alumnae of National Young Arts Foundation.

**WLIW-FM In Conversation with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital's Youth Anxiety Center**
Premieres: Sunday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. ET
Jenna Flanagan, co-host of The WNET Group’s nightly local news and public affairs series *MetroFocus*, speaks to Dr. Francis Lee, Psychiatrist-in-Chief at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and Youth Anxiety Center Research Co-Director; Dr. Anne Marie Albano, Professor of Medical Psychology in Psychiatry and Clinical Site Director of the Youth Anxiety Center, Columbia University Clinic for Anxiety and Related Disorders; and digital creator and political activist Amelie Zilber about the mental health issues of today's youth and the Youth Anxiety Center.

“Long Island is home to so many interesting people doing things to make our hometown and world a better place,” said Long Island native and resident Diane Masciale, Vice President & General Manager of WLIW21 and 88.3 WLIW-FM and Executive Producer of local productions at WLIW. “We are excited to bring our audiences perspectives from this distinguished group of people.”

Additional episodes will be announced at a later date.

Diane Masciale is Executive Producer of *WLIW-FM In Conversation* with production support from Kyle Lynch and Delaney Hafener.

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