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91.3 WYEP Announces New Program Grand Groove Radio with DJ Selecta debuts Aug. 1

Pittsburgh, Pa. —JULY 21, 2014: 91.3 WYEP announced today that **Grand Groove Radio**—a new, weekly exploration of contemporary and classic offerings in R&B, Soul, Funk, Reggae, Jazz, House, and Hip-Hop curated and hosted by **DJ Selecta**—will anchor the station’s Friday night lineup beginning August 1.

“A show like this one is unprecedented in the local market,” said Kyle Smith, the station’s programming and content director. “These are the genres and sub-genres that are often neglected in terrestrial radio, and Jim’s curatorial strength lies in a deep familiarity with the key artists, influences, and legacies that run through them all.” Artists whose work will be central to the show include James Brown, Funkadelic, Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, D’Angelo, De La Soul, A Tribe Called Quest, The Roots, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Robert Glasper, Miles Davis, and Bob Marley. Airing from 6-8 p.m., Grand Groove Radio replaces the Friday evening edition of World Café, which will continue to air Monday through Thursday evenings at 6:00.

“A key feature in the show each week will be a segment called ‘Respect the Architects’,” stated Selecta. “I will focus on the anniversary of an iconic album that showcases an artist’s music, and explore selections from other artists that were inspired by that album.”

A leader in the Pittsburgh music scene since the late 1980s, James Scoglietti, a.k.a. DJ Selecta, started his radio career at the age of 16, eventually hosting and DJing multiple college radio programs on WPTS and WRCT. In 1998, he was named “Best Hip-Hop Radio Personality” by In-Pittsburgh News Weekly, and the following year he opened Pittsburgh’s first Hip-Hop retail music outlet, 720 Records. He has hosted a number of celebrated residencies at some of Pittsburgh’s hottest venues, and supported many international touring artists such as De La Soul, Pharocyte, and Amel Larrieux. He has been a volunteer announcer for 91.3 WYEP since 2010.

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About 91.3 WYEP

91.3 WYEP Pittsburgh is an independent voice, inspiring our community with diverse music and vibrant ideas. WYEP Pittsburgh is the first green station in the nation, and a nationally recognized Triple A public radio station and leading Pittsburgh arts organization. The WYEP Community Broadcast Center is a LEED Silver Certified building and is located on Pittsburgh’s South Side.