



News release

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**Radio Theater will broadcast
a variety of TV variety shows**

WGTD Radio Theater will broadcast an original radio version of several classic TV variety shows including "The Jack Benny Program," "Laugh-In," and "The Tonight Show With Johnny Carson" before a live studio audience 11:15 a.m. June 26 at Gateway's Center for Bioscience and Information Technology, 3520-30th Ave. Kenosha.

There will also be a special tribute to Rue McLanahan, who died recently, and was one of the stars of "The Golden Girls."

"These three shows really epitomized the best of the TV variety shows, covering over five decades, from the 1950's into the 1990's," said producer/writer Steve Brown. "Jack Benny and Johnny Carson were the 'best of the best' when it came to comedy, timing and knowing how to work the audience for the best laughs."

Gary Stamm will star as Jack Benny, Johnny Carson and Dick Martin, and Don Jensen will play Don Wilson, Ed McMahon and Dan Rowan. The original script was written by Steve Brown and Michael Ullstrup.

Audience members are welcome and admission is free. The audience should arrive by 10:45 a.m. In addition to being aired over WGTD, the program

will also be streamed live online at WGTD.org. WGTD can be heard in Racine and Kenosha counties at 91.1 FM, in the Elkhorn area at 101.7 FM, and in the Lake Geneva area at 103.3 FM.

This is the 43rd show of the WGTD Radio Theater, as it continues its sixth season.

Other stars from the 91.1 Players include: Vittoria DuMez, Kathy Zuhlke, Cameron Spencer, Andrew Potter and Julie Burton. Appearing as Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, replete with an actual “dummy,” is Larry LaFontsee, who lives in Appleton. The show’s special musical guests will be the “Golden Strings,” from Tremper High School.

Food and beverages will be available at Café 91.1, a full-service coffeehouse located in the atrium of the building. For more information, contact Steve Brown, (262) 813-0144, or David Cole, (262) 564-3030.

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