



Nothing About Us, Without Us!

Long-Time Radio Personality and WOVU General Manager Is Using His Voice and Passion For The Community To Launch The 2023 Campaign: Nothing About Us, Without Us!

Two years ago, Jae Williams, the general manager of WOVU was fighting for his life, in a coma after contracting COVID. He has since recovered and is now fighting for his community by launching the 2023 Nothing About Us, Without Us Campaign. Williams said he is not running for political office. Instead, he wants to be a "trusted voice" raising awareness about opportunities for Black and Brown adults and children in our community while drawing attention to some very important issues.

"I want to be a drum major to change the culture in our community," said Williams. "I want you to understand the slogan, Nothing About Us, Without Us means you can no longer do things pertaining to our community without us!"

Williams said we as a people are facing some very serious issues, and during this 2023 Campaign, he is working alongside community partners to address them including Black Women's health and how they are often misdiagnosed.

He has been in conversation with Airica Steed, EdD, MBA, RN, the new President and CEO of MetroHealth who is committed to continuing conversations about minority health. She has also spoken with Williams about another important concern; the need for the entire family to have CPR training that includes auto-

ated external defibrillators (AED). According to Williams, we'd like to see up to 20,000 families receiving CPR training in Greater Cleveland. Speaking of families, Williams said they are also working with Gen Z to get 3 to 9 years olds involved in robotics. He added that we must work with parents to push careers in robotics where kids can have fun and learn very important robotic technology and the skills needed now and in the future.

"We are also addressing the prison system and how to keep our young people from being sent to adult prisons for crimes that do not warrant it," said Williams. "Imagine putting a child in with grown people. It does not make sense, and we must do something about it."

Williams added that he along with the Greater Cleveland Congregation are working to turn that paradigm around to ensure better outcomes for our young adults.

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allowing them to be a part of the fulfillment of providing full-time careers for people in our community.

The campaign kicks off with a very special Song Service with several of Gospel music's favorite artists including the Bolton Brothers and the Anointed Brown Sisters. All the musical guests are listed on the website, gospelkidd.com. President Steed from MetroHealth will be the guest speaker on March 31. In addition, the Gospel Showcase gives talented local artists an opportunity to share their talents while winning prizes of up to \$1000, and a chance to be on the program on April 1. As part of the kick-off, there is also a luncheon for 150 women sponsored by Jewels In His Crown Ministries.

我是有生以來第一次參加這樣的“感恩上帝給人們一切財富”的活動。表演單位是來自克利夫蘭和鄰近城市的樂團,活動同時給予在藝術界和社區做出貢獻的人頒獎。在晚會進入高潮的時候,我幾乎不能呼吸,心臟受不了那音樂噴泉般聲音,我默念上帝幫助我,那一刻我看著觀眾席位的人上台擁抱牧師歌手,淚水還是汗水,那一刻我被感動了...我對我自己說:復活節一定要去感受上帝的聲音。

我認識 Jaw 是因為與克利夫蘭市共同各族裔媒體負責人一起參加他的 WOVU 95.9FM 電台直播,後來 Jaw 又邀請我與他共同直播了一小時,幾次來往發現他是一個非常真誠善良的人,他告訴我兩年前他感染了 Covid, 在醫院昏迷 24 天, 住院 56 天, 醫生說他:如他活著一定要做輪椅。等他離開醫院, 他的身體幾乎恢復了原樣,他說這是上帝給的,上帝救了他, 現在他要救他人,我被感動。

我不得不去思考,回想這幾年發生的事情:自 2020 年開始,說吃了蝙蝠肉, 感染疾病, 因為世上很多事是無法預測的, 疫情讓世界不太平, 一場疫情就讓全世界停止運轉, 是一張 \$20 假票, 黑人弗洛伊德遭白人警察“跪膝”執法視頻引發出全美的抗議示威活動, 讓人們不願被感染, 走上街頭維護人權。

大自然變臉, 山雨欲來, 疫情給人們帶來恐懼, 而恐懼也是一種病毒傳染病, 加上人心生病, 結果全世界確診者超過千萬, 至今死者超過 500 萬了。最後到底是怎么引起疫情還沒有正確答案。我們只能自己打理好自己的健康。

2023 年 4 月 9 日復活節上午, 我來到克里夫蘭的 Cathedral of St. John The Evangelist 教堂參與禮拜禱告活動, 大家在歌聲鮮花聲中, 在祈福和平安快樂聲中, 相互問候對方, 一幕幕難忘的場景給我留下深刻印象。

美國教堂是心靈慰藉的場所, 由於人們對生命的渴望和對死亡的恐懼, 為了追求死後重生, 人們經常到教堂里來尋求心理安慰。The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist 聖神莊嚴...

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我們人畢生都在追求自由和平幸福快樂的生活,我們所做的一切原本是為了創造一個合情合理的環境,而往往為了得到想要的東西我們卻在相反的方向尋找。

在這萬變的世界,不確定的明天,我們聽到是要和平,而我們看到是戰爭還在進行。4月11日,佛教領袖達賴喇嘛與印度兒童一事成為復活節後大爆炸新聞,民族宗教道德都在接受挑戰。2020 年到 2023 年,短短 3 年,人與社會出現了一件又一件事情,我相信真理永恆,而我始終懷著夢想,內心告誡自己:要與安和諧共處。

4 月 7 日來自辛辛那提的上海人小杰突然來克利夫蘭要請我吃飯,在吃飯的時候,她一直說:我們女人一定要好好照顧自己,要對自己好一點,吃完飯後,我請她喝啤酒,這是我第一次喝到這么好喝的自做啤酒,我們聊了一些女人的心里話,小杰是一位很成功的地產商,她也樂意公益,也是辛辛那提華人商會的領軍人物,昨日她提到最近在辛辛那提上演的話劇 China Lady, 講述了在美國中國人的歷史,據說劇組的演員在上演的時候還被人毆打...整個劇院就她一個中國人,她問我到底中國人在美國出了什麼問題。

我沒有勇氣正面回答她,因為這樣會得罪太多的人。我給她舉例說了:每一次我回中國我的母親總會對我說要小心中國太多騙子,我每一次回答我母親說沒有騙子,只有傻子,一個人會被騙,離不開的是貪欲和自私,智慧的人會被騙嗎?在當今的社會,我們讓自己慈悲喜捨接近一點,那麼我們就會享受人生美好的時光。

4 月 8 日,參加 Irene 好朋友女兒 Mercedes 的畢業音樂會,好棒的演奏,Mercedes 是一位非常優秀的小提琴手,她馬上去耶魯大學全獎學金繼續深造,父親也是小提琴藝術家,母親是一位藝術評委,全家人都是藝術家。

我們聽完她的演奏,為她喝彩,並且讓她寫一點她對音樂感言:

My name is Mercedes Cheung and I'm a Canadian-Chinese violinist. Previously, I was awarded full scholarships to study at the Juilliard School Pre-College, New England Conservatory of Music, and Toronto Royal Conservatory of Music. I'm currently in Cleveland studying at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Case Western Reserve University with a full scholarship.

Mercedes Cheung
Violin

Pin-Hsuan Huang
Lydia Yu
Pianos

Program:
Ernst Schubert: Erleneig
Wieniawski: Faust Fantasy
Tchaikovsky: Valse Sentimentale
Paganini: The Carnival of Venice
arranged by Epitaph Cheung
Fauré: Violin Sonata No. 1, A Major
Piazzolla: Babel 1900

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我親陪同她一起來美國,在她的音樂里可以感受到她被愛保護著,我們祝福她並在不久會聆聽她更美的音樂。

這次 Irene 邀請我們 5 位朋友一起去聆聽 Mercedes Cheung 的畢業音樂會,聽完音樂會,在回家的路上,其中一位道友說她 60 年代來美國,在克利夫蘭住了 50 年,還是第一次走進 CIM 音樂廳,每次都是路過這里,現在她已經退休,她要開始好好享受生活...而我聽完音樂會感受到了父女情深,朋友友情,讓大家都感受到音樂的魅力。

我常常提醒自已:人要鼓勵自己學會真誠,要為別人鼓掌,這是給自己生命加油,因為幸福和快樂,就是我們學會欣賞和感恩。一個偶然我和朋友 Arjio 帶著我們的狗去喝咖啡,在店門外認識一位從紐約來的藝術家 Billy Gerard Frank, 他 4 月 12 日在 CIM 講課,他是一位很有眼光的藝術家。這是我留給我他克利夫蘭的印象:

My talk and screening at the Cleveland Institute of Art was very inspirational to the students, sharing my art and professional practices to them. I was also inspired by the amount of talents and potential that these young artists exhibited in their work and the ideas they were exploring. I think Cleveland is ripe with opportunities as a city that could be a new art hub with a thriving art scene competing with cities like NY and LA.

他的作品曾經在 Youngstown Oh 展覽。Billy Gerard Frank 與我聊得非常愉快,他告訴我:不是成功來的慢,是放棄的快,所以成功不是靠奇迹,而是靠時間,我體會到:伊利華報陪伴我,是我學習成長的動力。

我們能堅持 20 多年做報紙,就是給自己一個學習的平台,無論現今紙媒有么大的困難,但我知道堅持也是一種信仰,伊利華報陪伴我們一起成長 20 多年,有人說得好:人的生命似大水流,不遇著島嶼,暗礁,難以激起瑰麗的浪花。不要失去信心,只要堅持不懈,就終會有成果的。

Mercedes Cheung 出生在音樂世家,音樂陪伴她成長,她從加拿大到美國來深造,父

