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WCVE Public Radio to Host “Sound of Swing” Dance Party on May 10th

Event to feature live music by Good Shot Judy and dance lessons by Simply Ballroom.

Friday, May 10, 2019, 7-10 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Community Idea Stations, Richmond, Va

Tickets: \$25 per person

For information: IdeaStations.org/Swing

Richmond, Va. - Fans of the Big Band Era are invited to tap on over to Richmond’s Community Idea Stations for **Sound of Swing’s Fred Astaire Birthday Bash**, May 10th from 7 to 10 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Guests will be greeted by the vintage sounds of Williamsburg’s own [Good Shot Judy](#), and instructors from [Simply Ballroom](#) will model some swing dance basics for those who need a refresher. Admission includes hors d’oeuvres and access to a cash bar. Vintage and cocktail attire are encouraged but not required.

For some area listeners and dancers, this special event, held in one of the largest TV studios on the East Coast, is a welcome encore presentation.

“Back in 2017, the Community Idea Stations offered a ‘Sound of Swing’ dance party to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the first Jazz recording. It was such a hit, we wanted to do it again!” explains Terry Menefee Gau, Community Engagement Event Manager at the Community Idea Stations. “The legendary dancer Fred Astaire had tremendous popularity during the Big Band Era, and since his 120th birthday is on May 10th, it made perfect sense to celebrate with dancing.”

Inspired by WCVE Music’s own “Sound of Swing” radio program, which broadcasts Saturdays at 11 a.m. on 93.1 FM and 107.3 FM, this event will be emceed by the show’s host, Steve Clark.

In Clark’s opinion, public radio programs like these are important because they’re able to promote and preserve the music of those early recording years.

“Swing, Jazz and all those old songs and Broadway tunes that have become standards over the years continue to find new expression with contemporary artists, films and even television,” Clark muses. “It’s all part of the cultural literacy we like to promote on the show, and even after one hundred years of Jazz, it’s still true: ‘It don’t mean a thing, if it ain’t got that swing.’”

Purchase tickets for **Sound of Swing’s Fred Astaire Birthday Bash** at IdeaStations.org/Swing.

Listen to [“The Sound of Swing with Steve Clark”](#) Saturdays at 11 a.m. on WCVE Music (93.1 FM and 107.3 FM).



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About the Community Idea Stations:

The Community Idea Stations, the largest locally owned and operated public media company in central Virginia, provides the best of PBS and NPR programming coupled with a strong set of community-based programs and services to make an important impact in the areas of arts, news, history, science, and education. Each week, the stations reach over 300,000 people throughout central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley.

The stations offer television programming throughout the region on stations including WCVE/WHTJ PBS, WCVW/WVPY PBS, WVPT PBS, PBS Kids 24/7, lifestyle channel Create TV, and international program channel MHz Worldview.

In Richmond, the Community Ideas Stations also broadcasts on radio. WCVE News provides *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, as well as NPR talk shows and BBC News on 88.9 FM (HD1). WCVE Music provides classical, jazz, blues, world music, and more on 93.1 FM and 107.3 FM (HD2).

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