

Tavis Smiley brings new voice to Detroit public radio

Beginning Monday, Sept. 30, *The Tavis Smiley Show* from National Public Radio (NPR) will air weekdays from 9-10 a.m. on WDET 101.9 FM, following *Morning Edition* with Bob Edwards.

The Tavis Smiley Show, a weekday, one-hour magazine, offers intelligent talk, news and ideas. Smiley's trademark passion and energy fuel his NPR show, which features substantive and provocative discussions, commentary, exclusive interviews (Bill Clinton and Bill Gates have been recent guests) and reports on everything from politics to popular culture.

"Tavis Smiley's show is unlike any other on the radio," said WDET Program Director Judy Adams. "Tavis is making history on the radio. He offers a perspective, scope and credibility not often found in the media today. His guests and topics aren't always the usual suspects. There's another conversation going on in America, and *The Tavis Smiley Show* is where to hear it."

"We're proud to offer *The Tavis Smiley Show* to our listeners," said Adams. "The addition of this program helps us to better serve the entire metropolitan Detroit community and provides the audience with a perspective that they can't hear anywhere else."

The Tavis Smiley Show, launched on Jan. 1, 2002, is now heard on nearly 40 stations, reaching both mainstream and African-American audiences. In his first seven months on the air, Smiley interviewed newsmakers and personalities from Bill Clinton to Bill Clinton, Senator John McCain and Halle Berry. His show includes regular guests, including professor Cornel West, who in recent months announced his departure from Harvard to Princeton on Smiley's program; Omar Wasow, technology guru and executive director of blackplanet.com; Michael Eric Dyson, author and University of Pennsylvania professor; and Johnnetta Cole, president of Bennett College.

"I'm thrilled to join the

morning airwaves on WDET in Detroit, a city that is intricately connected to music, industry and black life in America. I think Detroit listeners will find the many issues and perspectives on my radio show thought-provoking and relevant to their daily lives," said Smiley.

"We cover everything—politics, money, relationships, race, class, culture and more. If it's being discussed—or better yet, if it's not—we'll be talking about it, and we'll be talking news."

Accomplished author and broadcaster Tavis Smiley has gained national attention as a smart, lively interviewer. *Time* magazine selected Smiley as one of America's 50 most promising young leaders while *Newsweek* profiled him as one of the "20 people changing how Americans get their news" and dubbed him one of the nation's "captains of the airwaves." *The New York Post* screamed "Look

out Larry King - here comes Tavis Smiley!"

As the former host of BET Tonight with Tavis Smiley on Black Entertainment Television, Smiley became known as Black America's favorite talk show host, honored with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Image Award for Best "News, Talk or Information Series" for three consecutive years. He is also the recipient of the Mickey Leland Humanitarian Award from the National Association of Minorities in Communications.

Smiley is the author of five books. His new book, *Keeping the Faith: Stories of Love, Courage, Healing and Hope from Black America* will be in bookstores this month.

Smiley offers political commentary on the *Tom Joyner Morning Show* and is a contributing editor for USA Weekend magazine. He is also a correspondent for CNN and an ABC-TV special correspondent for *Good Morning America* and *Primetime Live*.

The Tavis Smiley Show is the result of an ongoing collaboration between NPR and a consortium of African American public radio stations, including WCLK-FM in Atlanta, GA.; WNCU-FM in Durham, NC.; WJSU in Jackson, MS; and WEEA in Baltimore, MD.

The show's Web presence at npr.org/programs/tavis allows users anywhere in the world to find information on show topics and guests, listen to the latest broadcast, hear archived versions of previous shows and find stations that broadcast the program. Listeners can also access information on *The Tavis Smiley Show* through the program schedule at wdetfm.org.

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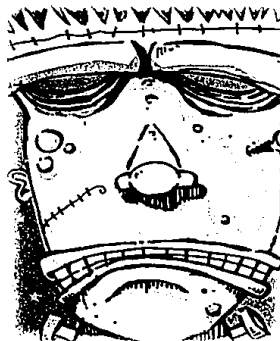


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