



## April Newsletter 2025



**“This is My Idea of Community Radio”:  
WEMA-LP, a Music  
School with a Radio  
Station, is Ready to Go  
On-Air.**



### **Community Report: AKAKU MAUI COMMUNITY RADIO UNDER ATTACK**

Despite inconvenient timing and little notice, residents of Maui, Hawaii showed up in large numbers at a cable franchise renewal hearing last

WEMA-lp is ready to transcend internet radio and take to the airwaves. They have the construction permit, the FCC license, and a chosen tower location in Fort Washington, Maryland. When permission is granted from state and county authorities, their antenna will mount 150 ft in the air.

Then, [WEMA-lp](#) will hit the ground running. With the backing of their non-profit, the Excellence in Music Academy, the DC area team will enhance their mission to educate music students, empower youth, and roll the 94.3 dial with some good gospel music as part of what they call, *the community soundtrack*.

Stephanie Schubert speaks with WEMA-lp Station Manager and Excellence in Music Academy instructor Henry Harris about the ups and downs of starting a radio station, being inspired at the Grassroots Radio Conference, and *night outs*.

[Read Stephanie's interview with Henry Harris.](#)



## Emergency Planning with KUNM

December. They spoke up to defend their local community TV and radio.

[AKAKU Maui Community Media](#) is an independent, non-profit public access television and community radio station affiliated with Pacifica Network. It serves more than 53,000 homes on Maui, Molokai and Lanai. But recently, AKAKU is being slated for defunding. Jay April, President and CEO of AKAKU, explains the situation to Pacifica Network's Ursula Ruedenberg.

Excerpt: *"Has Maui not been through enough? Have we not lost enough? We have to now consider losing Akaku TV. This is a staple of our community. I never even thought that it was a possibility that I could turn on the TV and not have Akaku. So why? Why is the DCCA [Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs] considering robbing our community of our ability to connect?"*

[Read Ursula's interview with Jay April](#)



[KUNM](#) is a 40+ year Pacifica affiliate based in Albuquerque, now serving half of New Mexico's people. KUNM is based at the University of New Mexico with programming produced by professionals (News) and about 100 community volunteers from all walks of life. Richard Towne has been General Manager at KUNM for the past 30 years and is soon to retire after 50+ years of professional service to non-commercial radio.

KUNM has a weekly check-in discussion about Safety, Security, Wellness Concerns, Anxiety, Fear, Trauma and related. This is woven into the way we work. We see this as a crucial conversation. At the University level, we are required to submit an annual Emergency Plan.

## Pacifica Network Welcomes Radio Stratford

It's our pleasure to introduce our new affiliate, internet station Radio Stratford!

Radio Stratford is an internet station. It's managed by David Schwartz and broadcasts from Stratford, CT.

A "community internet broadcaster with a mix of locally generated and network provided entertaining and educational programming."

Check them out at  
<http://radiostratford.com/>

Thank you for joining us, RS!

## Now in AudioPort



### Humans in Public Health

[Half Hour / Monthly](#)

**New!**

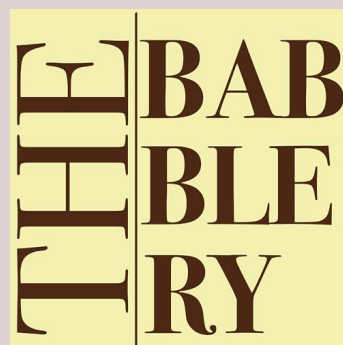


### All Mixed Up

[2 Hour](#)

**AudioPort Classic**

*All Mixed Up is an  
eclectic mix of arts and*



### The Babblery

[Hour](#)

**New!**

*The Babblery features  
conversations about*

*Hear from Brown University researchers who are working to improve the lives of populations across the globe on this award-winning podcast.*

*Conversations about what's new and next in the field of public health.*

Produced by Megan Hall & Nat Hardy at Brown University

*information, featuring mood-driven music mixes and interviews with figures from the worlds of literature, film, television, theater, and the visual arts.*

*Named one of the Top Ten Music Radio Programs by The New York Times, Time Out New York, Village Voice, and The Daily News, and known for incorporating current events, politics, and culture into custom-blended montages, All Mixed Up is a long-standing radio destination at WBAI...*

Produced by Peter Bochan in New York, NY

*who we are and how we got this way. Modern humans can seem like the ancients building the Biblical Tower of Babel, cursed by God/nature never to understand each other. As Visiting Translators at the Tower of Babble, our guests delve into their work, their research, and their own experiences to try to explain the bits they've learned about Earth's most perplexing species. Though we all speak different languages, here at The Babblery we aim to promote understanding, one conversation at a time.*

Produced by Suki Wessling in Santa Cruz, CA



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