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CTV Producer Chuck Morse



Chuck Morse is someone who loves to have a lively debate. Through his show, *Chuck Morse Speaks*, on BNN Community TV, Morse gets to do just that every time he produces an episode. Morse brings on Boston speakers, media personnel, authors, and others to discuss national issues in the news—and gives these issues a Boston perspective for his viewers. “I bring people on the show from all different perspectives, left, right, and center”

says Morse. “I hope the show gives people an opportunity to think about real issues.” *Chuck Morse Speaks* covers everything from foreign policy, to law, to education, and religion, so there is something for every viewer. Morse’s favorite people to interview on his show are authors. As a nonfiction author himself, he admires the way other authors can study an issue in depth and discuss their thoughts on an issue in book format. Morse is a veteran radio talk show host, so talking and informing people has been something he has always enjoyed. He hopes that people can walk away from watching an episode of his show thinking differently about current issues.

As a Boston resident, Morse saw a fantastic opportunity to produce his show at BNN, where he has the opportunity to get his show out to a wide audience through BNN’s cable channels and website. BNN also gave him an opportunity to get educated in media. This is Morse’s first time working with television, so when he joined BNN he took classes on how to work a camera and do sound, which helped him learn new and valuable information to produce his television show. BNN is also continuously providing educational opportunities, and will be offering a refresher course on the new equipment that they have to help make his show run smoothly. Morse also has a YouTube channel for his show, which allows him to post all of the show episodes so people all over the world can get involved in the discussions.

In future episodes Morse plans to delve into the topic of race relations and will cover the presidential campaign as it unfolds over the next two years. “With the tools BNN gives me and the guests I invite on the show, I hope to contribute to a vigorous civic debate both in Boston and internationally,” says Morse.

You can see *Chuck Morse Speaks* Thursdays at 2 pm on BNN Community TV: Comcast 23 | RCN 83 and streamed live at www.bnntv.org.

Story by Rachael Cutter, BNN Intern, Suffolk University

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Judy Garland Visits BNN

Judy Garland (aka Peter Marc) was a special guest on BNNLive’s *Age Wise Boston* hosted by Michael Kincade and produced by Central Boston Elder Services. *Age Wise*



Boston can be seen on Tuesdays at 2 pm on BNN News and Information: Comcast 9/RCN 15 and streamed live at www.bnntv.org.

Mayor Walsh Visits BNN

Common Ground, produced by Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department, is a long-time BNNLive program created to educate viewers about the department’s initiatives, public safety and other community-based topics. Each week Sheriff Steve Tompkins sits down with people from business, public safety, social service, education, youth advocacy and political arenas for in-depth conversations. This week, Mayor Marty Walsh joined Sheriff Tompkins on the BNNLive set for a lively and informative discussion. You can tune in to BNNLive’s *Common Ground* every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on the BNN News and Information channel.



Pictured (l-r): Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins, Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and BNN General Manager Curtis Henderson

Free Our Voices

Maria Battaglia is the producer and host of the BNN CTV show, *Free Our Voices*, which can be seen every Thursday at 5 pm on BNN Community TV: Comcast 23 | RCN 83. In 2008, when George W. Bush was president, she had a lot to say and wanted to voice her opinions and ideas. She was inspired to start *Free Our Voices* to do just that and she’s been producing the show ever since. “It’s a little liberal-slanted type of show, mainly about politics,” explains Battaglia, “but I occasionally include entertainment.” The shows have included live stream interviews, and the themes have evolved into topics such as the peace movement. She has also interviewed politicians such as Governor Dukakis.

Producing her show is not her main job, but she says “it’s interesting and really gives you a purpose in life to do something like this.” She also likes being on location in the field rather than in a studio because she loves the “independence of it—allowing people to say what they want in their own environment.” Battaglia encourages people to get involved with community television groups, such as BNN, because of the freedom to get your message out. “You have a voice, so use. Don’t worry about what other people are going to say or think about the message, the idea is more important.”