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Houston Public Media announces new schedule changes and new shows for News 88.7 effective Jan. 2

As Diane Rehm retires, new midday show, '1A' with Joshua Johnson launches

HOUSTON – (Dec. 27, 2016) – Effective Jan. 2, Houston Public Media's News 88.7 weekday schedule is changing to accommodate the addition of two new shows and live broadcasts of several popular programs. The changes will affect the hours of 9 to 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday with additional changes to the 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. hours on Fridays.

The two new shows include the replacement for the 'The Diane Rhem Show' by NPR member station WUMA called '1A,' and the award-winning Texas-based program, 'Think'. News 88.7 will air the first hour of '1A' live at 9 a.m. and 'Think' will air live at 1 p.m. Other weekday schedule changes will include:

- 'Texas Standard' live at 10 a.m.
- 'Fresh Air' live at 11 a.m.
- 'PRI's The World' at 8 p.m.
- 'Science Friday' at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Friday only)
- 'BBC World News' live at 10 p.m. (Friday only)

"These new changes for 2017 allow us to bring more live feed programming on the weekdays allowing for up-to-the-minute coverage and to be better equipped for breaking news situations," said Jim Pivero, director of radio operations for Houston Public Media. "We're also very excited about the two new shows that are coming that we feel will resonate with our listeners."

With a name inspired by the 1st amendment, '1A' will explore important issues such as policy, politics, technology, and what connects us across the fissures that divide the country. WUMA further explained in a statement that the program will delve into lighter subjects such as pop culture, sports, and

humor and it will act as a national mirror — taking time to help America look at itself and to ask what it wants to be. The show will be hosted by Joshua Johnson, creator and host of the radio series “Truth Be Told” about race in America.

The new Texas-based show ‘Think’ is an award-winning radio program produced by KERA in North Texas that features hour-long intimate and thought-provoking interviews with regional, national and international newsmakers including authors, politicians, actors, scientists, artists, innovators and more. The program, hosted by acclaimed journalist Krys Boyd, has broadcast exclusively on KERA for more than 10 years and is now expanding to other Texas stations including KUT in Austin, Texas Public Radio in San Antonio and KWBU in Waco.

For a complete line-up of the new News.88.7 schedule, visit houstonpublicmedia.org/preview.

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