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WRR's *Art Matters* finalist for a New York Festivals International Radio Award



Art Matters, a weekly WRR program hosted by Quin Matthews and Sharon Bengé, has been selected as a finalist for a New York Festivals International Radio Programming and Promotion Award in the Magazine Format category.

The New York Festivals Awards recognize "the world's best work" in radio programming and promotion. Entries are judged by panels of radio experts from stations and companies throughout the world for production values, organization, presentation of information, creativity and use of the medium. With more than 37 countries entering the competition, The New York Festivals, celebrating its 50th year,

continues to be the largest radio competition in the world.

Matthews and Bengé have hosted *Art Matters* on WRR since 1988. The 30-minute feature focuses on the arts in the North Texas area. With their impeccable credentials, Matthews and Bengé cover the arts in Texas with great panache.

A former WFAA newsman, Matthews owns a film production studio in Dallas, where he also produces the weekly installments of *Art Matters*. Bengé is head of the theater department at Texas Women's University. She worked on the opening of Dallas Theater Center and founded Shakespeare in the Park in Fort Worth.

"For nearly two decades, Quin and Sharon have been an integral part of WRR's programming. We are quite fortunate to have them as part of team," WRR General Manager Greg Davis said. "Their insight into the world of art and culture, coupled with their exceptional presentation, has made *Art Matters* one of WRR's most popular programs."

Most recently, following the sudden passing of beloved art patron Raymond Nasher, Matthews and Bengé worked around the clock to produce a special one-hour program dedicated to Nasher and his legacy.

Art Matters airs Sundays at 4 p.m. on WRR and is repeated Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Previously-recorded *Art Matters* programs are available as podcasts at wrr101.com.

Award recipients will be announced June 28 in New York City during an awards ceremony at the Tribeca Rooftop.