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JON BERNHARDT'S MIDLIFE CRISIS OF CHAMPIONS
A BENEFIT CONCERT CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HIS LIFE ON THIS EARTH
AND 30 YEARS OF HOSTING WMBR'S BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS
FEATURING ONLY AREA APPEARANCES OF THREE OF HIS FAVORITE BANDS
THE BEVIS FROND, DUMP, AND BARBARA MANNING
Wednesday, April 2, 2014 | T.T. The Bear's Place in Cambridge

(Cambridge, Mass. – January 24, 2014) This year, WMBR disc jockey Jon Bernhardt will both celebrate his 30th anniversary with the morning **Breakfast of Champions** radio program as well as his 50th birthday. To mark these auspicious occasions, he has convinced several of his favorite bands to perform at a benefit concert deemed **Jon Bernhardt's Midlife Crisis of Champions**, Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at T.T. The Bear's Place, 10 Brookline St., in Cambridge's Central Square. Tickets are \$20 and on sale at ticketweb.com. Proceeds will benefit WMBR.

The bill features the only area appearances by U.K. legends **The Bevis Frond** (first U.S. appearance since Bernhardt's Breakfast of Champion's 25th anniversary in 2009, at 10:30pm), **Dump** (Yo La Tengo's James McNew's long-time solo project's FIRST EVER Boston appearance, at 9:30pm), and **Barbara Manning** (first area appearance since 2002, at 8:30pm). Doors open at 8pm.

Special WMBR Radio Programming on Friday, April 4, 2014

Members of The Bevis Frond also host a show on WMBR called **The Scene**, which is pre-recorded in the U.K. and airs from 7-8am, prior to Breakfast of Champions. On Friday, April 4, for the first time, The Scene will air live from the WMBR studios and run an extra half-hour, until 8:30am. Following The Scene, **The Bevis Frond will perform live on air from 9-10am** during Breakfast of Champions.

About Disc Jockey Jon Bernhardt

Bernhardt began volunteering at the M.I.T. community radio station in September, 1983. His first Breakfast of Champions program was broadcast on Thursday, June 28, 1984, but by the fall of 1986, he had settled into the Friday morning slot of the indie-rock institution, where he remains today. He was named "Best College DJ" by *The Boston Phoenix*. Throughout his tenure on the Breakfast of Champions, he has been an early champion of many bands that later achieved a modicum of fame and success.

During the day, Bernhardt works as an actuary for a major metropolitan insurance company. He's held various jobs there since graduating college. When he's not being an actuary or a disc jockey, he can often be found playing theremin. No promises, but if asked nicely, he may do a few numbers at these shows. He lives in Somerville.

About WMBR

WMBR is the MIT campus radio station, broadcast on 88.1 FM between 20 and 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. The station transmits at 720 watts, effective radiated power from the top of the Eastgate Building in Kendall Square in Cambridge, Mass. Programming includes a wide range of music shows, public affairs programs and eclectic audio entertainment.

Playlists for all of Jon Bernhardt's radio shows, as well as a select number of other WMBR jocks, can be found at <http://www.track-blaster.com/wmbr>. WMBR broadcasts at 88.1 FM in Cambridge Massachusetts, and on the Internet at <http://wmbr.org>.

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