

**Contact:**

Caroline Klibanoff

[Caroline@HistoryMadeByUs.org](mailto:Caroline@HistoryMadeByUs.org)

[www.HistoryMadeByUs.org](http://www.HistoryMadeByUs.org)

January 30, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



***“Democracy Vibe Check” Podcast Wins Silver Anthem Award***

*Produced in partnership between Made By Us and WABE 90.1FM, the podcast features inspiring stories from Civic Season, a new tradition from Juneteenth to July 4th*

ATLANTA, GA — January 30, 2024 – Made By Us and WABE, Atlanta’s home for NPR and PBS, announced today that their co-produced podcast, “Democracy Vibe Check,” is a 2004 Anthem Awards Silver Winner in Human & Civil Rights category. More than 2000 submissions from 44 countries were entered into this year’s Anthem Awards.

[“Democracy Vibe Check”](#) is a seven-episode, bilingual series exploring ways young people across the country engage in a new American tradition, [Civic Season](#), the new annual tradition between Juneteenth and July 4th. In 2023, Civic Season reached 13 million Americans, with 1,200 activities from 400 participating host organizations in all 50 states.

“The power of Civic Season is in the many communities that make this new tradition their own, taking the window between Juneteenth and July 4th to reflect on the local and national stories that shape who we are today,” said Nia Mosby, program manager for Made By Us. “Democracy Vibe Check brings these stories to life with engaging hosts and dozens of call-in participants.”

“Democracy Vibe Check” is produced by WABE Studios in partnership with Made By Us. During Civic Season, hundreds of communities take part in hosting local events, activating Gen Z civic participation nationwide. Atlanta, Georgia is a hub for this activity, with institutions like the Atlanta History Center and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights leading the way.

“WABE connects Atlanta to Atlantans, and with Democracy Vibe Check, we’re connecting our audiences—local and national—with opportunities and inspiration to engage in the civic process in their communities,” said Scotty Crowe, WABE Studios Vice President—Audio. “By amplifying diverse voices and giving a platform to credible history, we’re empowering the next generation of history-makers, here and across the country.”

Hosted by Maggie Bell, Gabriel Cruz, and Cameron Katz, produced by Kevin Rinker and Scotty Crowe, and with original music by Matt Owen, Democracy Vibe Check encourages listeners to find their “Civic Superpower” to take part in the many ways one can shape their community and country. Episodes like “#FEASTMODE” explore the use of dinner dialogues to bridge divides, using the “Feast of Reason” guide from Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello and advice from Equitable Dinners Atlanta. “Defenders, Unidos!” features a new exhibit from the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Latino, while “Forces of Nurture” showcases the importance of volunteering with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Bell, Cruz and Katz lead listeners in conversation and peer-to-peer exploration.

Listeners can stream Democracy Vibe Check on streaming platforms or [online](#), and Civic Season 2024 is now inviting organizations to [register](#).

### **About Made By Us**

Made By Us brings together the nation’s history museums and sites to engage Millennials and Gen-Z with American history for informed civic engagement, leading up to the nation’s 250th anniversary in 2026. Through stories, entertainment, communities and causes, and the flagship Civic Season program, Made By Us connects young adults with credible expertise, access to institutions and avenues to find their role in the American story. To learn more about Made By Us and its member organizations, visit [historymadebyus.org](http://historymadebyus.org) and [thecivicseason.com](http://thecivicseason.com).

### **About WABE**

WABE is Atlanta’s original, independent, non-profit source for news and local stories and the choice for NPR and PBS. Our stations deliver fact-based journalism and inclusive, engaging, cultural content that informs, inspires, reflects, and empowers the millions who call the Greater Atlanta area home. In addition, WABE’s programs, podcasts, and events make Atlanta’s stories and storytellers accessible and relevant across various platforms for our diverse audience of listeners, viewers, visitors, and members. WABE original programming, along with national NPR and PBS content, is available on WABE 90.1FM, WABE.org, and WABE TV (PBS-30), as well as streaming on the WABE Mobile App, Hulu + LIVE, YouTube, Roku, Amazon Fire TV, and Chromecast. Go to [www.wabe.org](http://www.wabe.org) for additional information.

### **About The Anthem Awards**

Launched in 2021 by The Webby Awards, hailed as the “Internet’s highest honor” by The New York Times, The Anthem Awards honors the purpose & mission-driven work of people, companies and organizations worldwide. By amplifying the voices that spark global change, we’re defining a new benchmark for impactful work that inspires others to take action in their own communities. The Anthem Awards honors work across seven core causes: Diversity; Equity & Inclusion; Education; Art & Culture; Health; Human & Civil Rights; Humanitarian Action & Services; Responsible Technology; and Sustainability, Environment & Climate. Founded in partnership with the Ad Council, Born This Way Foundation, Feeding America, Glaad, Mozilla, NAACP, NRDC, WWF, and XQ.