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TONY®, EMMY®, GRAMMY®, and OSCAR® Winners join Benjamin Lerner's 24-hour fundraiser, *CLEAN Jam 2026: A Celebration of Recovery & Music* on Legendary Radio Station WEQX, this Weekend.

In just 4 days, Vermont-based musician, radio host, recovery advocate, and viral content creator Benjamin Lerner will celebrate his 10 years of sobriety by hosting *CLEAN Jam 2026*, a 24-hour LIVE radio and social media broadcast marathon, airing continuously from 3PM on Saturday, June 13th through 3PM on Sunday, June 14th.

Broadcast live from WEQX 102.7FM based in Manchester, Vermont - and simultaneously livestreamed across social media by Old Mill Road Recording - *CLEAN Jam 2026* will mark the first-ever 24-hour LIVE broadcast in WEQX history, transforming the station for a full day into a continuous celebration of life, recovery, creativity, music, storytelling, and community.

Inspired by the Jerry Lewis charity telethon model and reimagined for the modern social media era, *CLEAN Jam 2026* blends music, celebrity appearances, recovery conversations, audience interaction, listener call-ins and giveaways, and community fundraising into one continuous multi-platform LIVE experience.

This event marks 10 years of sobriety for Benjamin Lerner, and he's making the most of it.

"This broadcast is my way of celebrating life, recovery, and the power of community, by showing up fully, minute by minute, hour after hour, for 24 consecutive hours," shares Lerner.

The event is a fundraiser for two non-profit organizations central to Benjamin's recovery journey: The Wilson House and 1761 Arts.

Expected guests include: TONY® and GRAMMY® Winning performer Heather Headley; Comedian Tom Papa; 4-time EMMY® Award Winning Journalist and TV Anchor John Gray; Composer David Friedman, Singer-Songwriter A.J. Croce; 2-time

GRAMMY® Winning Conductor Marin Alsop, Legendary Drummer Kenny Aronoff, and OSCAR®-Winning film composer, Paul Blair (aka DJ White Shadow). Also joining in the celebration are Recovery Advocates, Musicians, and Social Media figures, including Colicchie, KC Makes Music, Matt Keegan, Skyler Ray, ZT Speaks, Quinn LaPeyre, The Real Young Swagg, and more.

Benjamin Lerner's CLEAN Jam 2026 is thrilled to have received support from The National Basketball Association and The Stratton Corporation. Their donations demonstrate that the world of sports and recreation are committed to mental health, wellness, and recovery. In addition, The MARGARET Fund, which is providing a \$15,000 matching grant, has been an invaluable donor to the cause.

More than an event, *Benjamin Lerner's CLEAN Jam* is a living testament to resilience, an invitation for audiences everywhere to be part of something meaningful, and an opportunity to raise awareness and donations for two worthy causes.

Join *Benjamin Lerner's CLEAN Jam* anytime beginning at 3PM on Saturday, June 13 and continuing (continuously) until 3PM on Sunday, June 14, 2026. The program will be available on WEQX 102.7FM, WEQX.com, and on the official Benjamin Lerner Facebook Page (A LIVE Link will be posted on the home page of BenjaminLerner.com on June 13, 2026.)

Donations should be made directly to The CJB Resident Artist Fund at:

1761Arts.org/give

About Benjamin Lerner

The Great-grandson of Irving Berlin (composer of such iconic tunes as “God Bless America” and “White Christmas”), Benjamin Lerner is a Vermont-based Rapper, Composer, Writer, Recovery Advocate, Radio Host, and Viral Content Creator with over 500,000 followers across social media platforms and over 500 million total video views on his recovery content.

Benjamin started his musical career as a classical piano prodigy. By his early twenties, he was an IV fentanyl, heroin, and crack cocaine addict. Now sober since June 13, 2016, he journals his journey in addiction and sobriety in his signature piano-raps, which combine classical piano and Hip-Hop elements. Benjamin credits his continued success in recovery to his ability to express his emotions through word and song.

Benjamin has had the pleasure of performing for the National Academy of Medicine, The Aspen Institute, Barrington Stage Company, and at Carnegie Hall as part of the Indie Collaborative.

His debut album, *CLEAN*, was released in February 2020 and produced by Old Mill Road Recording. Since then, he has released several singles and 2 EPs, *KEEP MOVING FORWARD* (2024) and *RUN TOWARDS THE TRUTH* (2025), all produced at Old Mill Road. The third EP in the trilogy, *DON'T QUIT BEFORE THE MIRACLE HAPPENS*, is in the works, as is his second full length studio album. The inspiration behind the EP names is rooted in the sign-off from Benjamin's *CLEAN* Column, a serialized, autobiographical recovery column that ran in the *Vermont News Guide* from January 2020 through January 2025:

“Keep moving forward.
Run towards the truth.
Don't quit before the miracle happens.”

Benjamin is the host of the weekly recovery rap radio show, *CLEAN Jams*, on the legendary Vermont alternative radio station, 102.7 WEQX, and is a proud voting member of the Recording Academy. **BenjaminLerner.com**

About The Wilson House

The Wilson House is the birthplace and childhood home of Bill W., co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous and author of the Twelve Steps. The Wilson House's mission is to connect people in recovery through rich and inspirational programs and a thriving fellowship in a beautiful historic setting in Southern Vermont. At the heart of the organization lies a set of core values that serve as the guiding principles for everything they do: Stewardship, Fellowship, Deep Connections, Celebrations, Joy, Gratitude, and Service. **WilsonHouse.org**

About 1761 Arts

Formed in 2018, the mission of 1761 Arts is to foster collaborations (on both the individual & organizational levels) with the purpose of developing revolutionary ideas in the arts and humanities. For individuals, artist residencies and development labs are a fundamental component. At the organizational level, multi-disciplinary initiatives and programs are coupled with education, mentorship, and respect for history. Over the years, 1761 Arts has partnered with a wide range of prestigious organizations on various community programs, including with Audio Engineering Society, Thomas Edison National Historical Park, Norman Rockwell Museum, and Barrington Stage Company, among others. **1761Arts.org**

About WEQX

WEQX is a radio station in Manchester, Vermont, independently owned and operated since its inception in November 1984. Broadcast from a Victorian house, the station sends out its sounds to four states (Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire) from a 50,000-watt transmitter on the top of Mt. Equinox. Named three times by Rolling Stone Magazine as “Radio Station of the Year”, WEQX exists out of a love for music, a love for radio, and the commitment to always giving listeners the best of the best. **WEQX.com**

About Old Mill Road Recording

Old Mill Road Recording is a state-of-the-art destination recording studio located in beautiful Southern Vermont. Thoughtfully organized for comfort, flow, and versatility, the studio provides the opportunity to record pristine sound while overlooking a breathtaking river view. In-house GRAMMY® Award Winning engineer, Benjamin J. Arrindell, has 30+ years of experience recording and mixing for such notable artists as Aretha Franklin, The Temptations, Mary J. Blige, Yolanda Adams, Janet Jackson and Busta Rhymes, to name a few. The NAMM TEC® Award Winning Studio’s top of the line equipment includes a 48 channel SSL Duality mixing console, a Yamaha C7 Grand Piano, and custom Griffin Speakers. The studio’s corporate clients include Netflix, Orvis, The History Channel, 20th Century Studios, Penguin Random House, and Blumhouse Productions. Escape the Noise at Old Mill Road. **OldMillRoadRecording.com**

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