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AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST TO SPEAK AT WFIT

CRITIC OF WAR HAS GROWING MEDIA PRESENCE

Melbourne-Amy Goodman, host and executive producer of Democracy Now!, will give a talk and book signing as part of the Space Coast Progressive Alliance's Third Annual Progressive Celebration at the Gleason Center in Melbourne Saturday, February 10th. Program starts at 7 PM; doors open at 5:30 PM. Attendance of 400-500 people expected.

Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program airing on over 500 stations in North America. The show airs on WFIT 89.5 FM in Melbourne from 9-10am weekday mornings.

Criticism of the corporate media and coverage of the antiwar movements are hallmarks of Goodman's work. Democracy Now! is well known among anti-war activists and listeners opposed to the Iraq War.

"During our Fall Fund Drive, Democracy Now! brought in more dollars per hour than any other program we air." said Barbara Bingnear, Director of Gifts and Outreach at WFIT.

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Goodman has given credit for the program's success to the mainstream newsmakers who, she has said, leave "a huge niche" for Democracy Now!.

"I think the Bush Administration not finding weapons of mass destruction laid bare more than the Bush Administration." Goodman told the Nation, America's oldest and most widely read weekly progressive journal. "It laid bare media that act as a conveyer belt for the lies of the Administration. You know governments are going to lie, but not the media. So I think people started to seek out other forms of information."

For her reporting Goodman has received some of journalism's highest honors: The Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award, the George Polk Award and the Overseas Press Club Award.

Goodman will be signing copies of her new book, "Static: Government Liars, Media Cheerleaders, and the People who Fight Back", co-written with her brother, Mother Jones reporter David Goodman.

Advance tickets are \$15; \$20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.wfit.org/AmyGoodman2007details.htm>.

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