

Kojo Nnamdi is host of *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*, a live talk show produced by WAMU 88.5 that airs weekdays at noon. On Fridays at noon, Nnamdi hosts *The Politics Hour* on WAMU 88.5.

"Maybe the best radio interviewer in town" according to *The Washington Post*, host Kojo Nnamdi welcomes a lineup of interesting and provocative guests who offer new perspectives about current events, political issues, social policy, art, science and other topics. The show encourages listener calls, creating a dynamic dialogue about issues that are important or interesting to the Washington, D.C., region. Nnamdi is a native of Guyana who immigrated to the United States in 1968 to attend college and explore the civil rights movement. From 1985 to 2011, he hosted *Evening Exchange*, a public affairs television program broadcast by WHUT-TV at Howard University. From 1973 to 1985, Nnamdi worked at WHUR-FM, where he served as news editor and then news director, producing the award-winning local news program *The Daily Drum*.

In 2003, the Library of Congress selected Nnamdi as the keynote speaker for African American history month, and in 2001, he was honored as a civil rights hero by the National Council for Community Justice.

In 2005, he was named a "Washingtonian of the Year" by *Washingtonian* magazine, saying, "Radio is more fun, more intimate than TV. I always want to make sure people are listening to something that helps them make intelligent decisions about their lives." *DCist*, "a website about the Washington, D.C. area and everything that happens there," named Nnamdi one of "DC's Most Influential People" in 2007. Also in 2007, *Washingtonian* named Nnamdi one of the "150 Most Influential People in

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