



Artifact Showcase

WFBR Studio Circa 1930

WFBR was one of Baltimore's earliest radio stations. It began broadcasting in 1922 from the 5th Regiment Armory on Preston Street. Its call letters originally stood for "First Broadcasting Regiment." It continued to be a popular Baltimore station for decades. For most of its life it was at 1300 on the AM dial.

During the 1960s it was a CBS affiliate with a Top-40s format as well as sports coverage. It was the flagship station of the Baltimore Orioles for a number of years.



Today the WFBR call letters are assigned to a station in Glen Burnie, MD.

The photo is a good example of a typical 1930s studio, with two pianos and the large floor stand microphone in the center of the room. By 1930 stations had figured out that the studio walls needed to be covered with heavy drapes or other sound absorbing material to avoid reverberation.

The Museum has in its collection WFBR's RCA control console installed in 1939. We hope someday to be able to exhibit it.

We appreciate your support of the museum so that historical artifacts like this one, and the stories that go with them, can be preserved for future generations.
THANKS!