Graham Parker
General Manager and Vice President, WQXR

Graham Parker is the General Manager and Vice President of WQXR, the most listened-to classical station in the country and New York’s only all-classical station. WQXR was acquired by New York Public Radio in 2009 and quickly established itself as an essential part of the New York Public Radio family of brands.

Over the past three years, Graham has overseen and implemented an ambitious growth plan that puts WQXR front and center in New York’s thriving classical music scene. During Graham’s tenure, WQXR has launched a new national series, Carnegie Hall Live; pioneered critically-acclaimed festivals including Beethoven Awareness Month and Bach360; and presented a broad range of events in The Jerome L. Greene Performance Space featuring artists from Lang Lang to Rufus Wainright. The station has aired more live broadcasts over the last year than ever before in its history from leading venues around New York and the United States.

Graham has positioned WQXR’s role as a leading digital music source, with the growth of Q2Music, a channel dedicated to contemporary classical music, and in January 2012, the launch of Operavore, WQXR’s 24/7 opera channel.

Prior to joining WQXR, Parker was the Executive Director of Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. He has also held positions with the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the New York Philharmonic. In 2009, Graham was given the Helen M. Thompson Award by the League of American Orchestras.

Graham, born in London, England holds a BSc (Hons) from Oxford Brookes University. He lives in Manhattan with his partner and son and daughter.