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Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and U. S. Steel Announce New Community Partnership

**Investment by U. S. Steel supports music education, neighborhood concerts, and programs
at Carnegie One in Braddock, PA**

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO) and U. S. Steel today announced a new partnership focused on expanding access to music education and community programming in the Mon Valley, particularly in Braddock, home to the Mon Valley Works – Edgar Thomson Plant and the first Carnegie Library in the United States.

The partnership reflects a shared legacy that traces back to Andrew Carnegie, who opened his first steel mill in Braddock in 1875, established the Braddock Carnegie Library in 1889, and served as the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra’s first Board Chair following the Orchestra’s founding in 1896.

Through this new agreement, U. S. Steel will serve as Presenting Sponsor of several community-centered initiatives, including:

- **Fiddlesticks in Your Neighborhood**, with a [free family concert](#) at Woodland Hills High School July 12, 2026
- **Discovery & Drinks at Carnegie One** in Braddock, featuring chamber music, artist discussions, and collaboration with local partners
- Support for the PSO’s [Schooltime](#) bus fund, helping Mon Valley students attend free educational concerts at Heinz Hall
- Chamber concerts and speaking engagements at Carnegie One

The partnership begins immediately; the first events are Fiddlesticks in Your Neighborhood at Woodland Hills High School and a performance on PSO’s Discovery & Drinks series at Carnegie One on July 17, An American Canon, which explores the significant contributions of African American artists to classical music.

“This partnership represents the best of Pittsburgh’s story: industry and culture work hand in hand to serve our community,” said **Melia Tourangeau, President & CEO of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra**. “Andrew Carnegie’s philanthropic legacy connects our two organizations, and through this collaboration with U. S. Steel we are continuing that legacy in Braddock and across the Mon Valley, ensuring that students, families, and neighbors have access to transformative musical experiences close to home.”



"We are excited to open doors of opportunity so members of the communities where we live and work can experience the world class musical talent the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra brings to our region," said **Kurt Barshick, Vice President, U. S. Steel Mon Valley Works**. "Andrew Carnegie's philanthropic legacy lives on through our continued support of local schools and cultural institutions like Carnegie One and the PSO."

In the 2024-2025 school year alone, the PSO's Schooltime program reached more than 22,000 students across Southwestern Pennsylvania, with participation from schools in the U. S. Steel footprint including West Mifflin and Woodland Hills. Support for transportation through the bus fund helps remove financial barriers for schools serving students with significant low-income populations.

The Carnegie Library of Braddock (Carnegie One) remains a symbol of access to knowledge and opportunity. Through concerts, conversations and educational initiatives hosted in the historic space, the PSO and U. S. Steel aim to celebrate the region's shared heritage while investing in its future.

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