



Welcome!

We are excited to share this season's Learning and Community Engagement programs designed especially for our Pittsburgh community. Our learning programs focus on interactive musical experiences that address the needs and interests of PreK-12 learners, while our community engagement initiatives use the power of music to respond to evolving priorities of groups and organizations across the Pittsburgh region. Explore the pages that follow to learn more about this year's events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Special Discounts for Students & Educators

STUDENT TICKETS

Student tickets to all BNY Mellon Grand Classics and PNC Pops concerts start at just \$15. For information on the availability of dates and times, and to reserve your group, call **412.392.4819** or visit **pittsburghsymphony.org/groups**.

EDUCATOR DISCOUNT

Educators are invited to attend any BNY Mellon Grand Classics, PNC Pops, or Highmark Holiday Pops concerts for just \$20. **Use promo code 80190** when purchasing tickets online or by phone. Not valid on previously purchased tickets or in conjunction with any other offer. Other restrictions may apply.

Music For All



Sensory Friendly accommodations are available at all Fiddlesticks and Schooltime concerts. For more information about our accessible services, please contact the box office at 412.392.4900 or visit pittsburghsymphony.org/accessibility.

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Fiddlesticks Family Concerts

Join Fiddlesticks and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for this season's Fiddlesticks Family Concerts! Come to all three Saturday concerts in Heinz Hall for a morning of musical fun in a relaxed, welcoming, and interactive environment. Fiddlesticks, our musical ambassador, and guest vocalist Katy Williams will guide you through these musical adventures, recommended for families with children ages 3-8. Fiddlesticks invites you to arrive at 10:00 a.m. to make sure you experience everything these concerts have to offer, including hands-on activities before the performance starts!

- 🐾 Learn the Fiddlesticks Theme Song, "Music Can Make Your Life Complete" with guest vocalist Katy Williams
- 🐾 Meet Pittsburgh Symphony musicians and ask them about their instruments
- 🐾 Move to music and explore rhythm
- 🐾 Make a craft to take home with you
- 🐾 Hear the full Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra at 11:15 a.m. when Fiddlesticks and the orchestra take the stage
- 🐾 Meet Fiddlesticks in the Grand Lobby after the concert

Fiddlesticks wants to make sure everyone feels welcome at these concerts!

SF Sensory Friendly accommodations are available at all Fiddlesticks Family Concerts, including fidgets, noise-cancelling headphones, a family restroom, and a quiet room with live video feed of the stage. Braille programs, sign language interpretation, and additional accessible services are available upon request.

To enhance your musical learning, visit our website at pittsburghsymphony.org/family to preview concert selections, sing-along to the theme song, learn about the instruments of the orchestra, and more!



FOR AGES 3-8

1

UP and AWAY!

NOVEMBER 23, 2019
11:15 A.M. • HEINZ HALL

Take flight with Fiddlesticks and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra! Your imagination will soar through the sky, dream of the moonlight, and make a *Wish Upon a Star*. Fiddlesticks celebrates the music of flight and the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with music from *Star Wars*, favorites by Debussy and Stravinsky, and more!

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2

Love is in the Air

FEBRUARY 1, 2020
11:15 A.M. • HEINZ HALL

Roses are red, violets are blue, Fiddlesticks loves music, and you do too! In February, Fiddlesticks celebrates love's many shapes with family, friends, and neighbors. Hear how Gershwin, Elgar, and Mister Rogers express their love through music and share photos of the people you love for a special slideshow on the Heinz Hall screen.

3

Spring has Sprung

APRIL 4, 2020
11:15 A.M. • HEINZ HALL

Spring is in the air! Join Fiddlesticks for music that inspires his favorite springtime activities, including Vivaldi's "Spring" from *The Four Seasons*, Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*, and Strauss's *Voices of Spring waltz*. It's a new season and a new beginning—Fiddlesticks can't wait to share it with you and your family!

For tickets visit pittsburghsymphony.org/family

Schooltime Concerts

Offered to school groups in grades pre-K/kindergarten, two, four, and six, these fun, interactive programs introduce students to the orchestra and nurture a love of music! Registration is required to attend these free performances. Explore supplemental classroom resources and reserve your seats by visiting pittsburghsymphony.org/reservations.

Pre-K/Kindergarten Schooltime Dragon Night

November 26, 2019
Join the PSO and author J. R. Krause for a symphonic reading of *Dragon Night*, a heartwarming children's story about facing fears and helping others.

Carnival of the Animals
March 25, 2020
Camille Saint-Saëns's beloved composition *Carnival of the Animals* comes to life through poetry and illustrations of each animal featured in this playful work.

Second Grade Schooltime Meet the Orchestra

April 29, 30; May 5, 6, 12, & 13, 2020
Explore the colorful sounds of the symphony in this introduction to the instruments and families of the orchestra, as well as the role of the conductor.

Fourth Grade Schooltime Musical Journeys

November 19, 20, & 21, 2019
Learn about the home countries of members of the PSO and the musical paths they traveled before arriving in Pittsburgh.

Sixth Grade Schooltime Ellis Island: The Dream of America

January 29 & 30, 2020
Recount the experiences of seven historical immigrants who came to the United States through Ellis Island in this multimedia work incorporating actors, music, images, and texts from the Ellis Island Oral History Project.



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FOR SCHOOL GROUPS IN PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, 2, 4, & 6



Coach & Play

Open to schools located in Allegheny County, Coach & Play collaborates with local music teachers to deliver customized enhancements for middle and high school instrumental music classes. The program pairs interested teachers with PSO musicians for a series of in-school sessions with instrumental music students. Through real-time, individualized feedback, Coach & Play contributes to instrumental and ensemble skill development, and cultivates joy and excitement for music making.

Coach & Play is offered at no cost to schools. Participation is by application only; for more information and to apply for the 2019-2020 school year, visit pittsburghsymphony.org/coach.



FOR SCHOOL GROUPS IN GRADES 6-12





FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

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EQT Student Side-By-Side

This exciting program gives student musicians in grades 9-12 the experience of rehearsing and performing “side-by-side” their Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra counterparts on the Heinz Hall stage. Participants receive personal coaching from their PSO stand partner and enhance their knowledge of the music field. Additional program highlights include group sectionals and workshops with Pittsburgh Symphony musicians and full orchestra rehearsals with PSO Resident Conductor Andrés Franco.

Participation in the EQT Side-By-Side program is by application only (no auditions), with particular emphasis placed on the teacher recommendation section. Additional program details, including application forms for the 2019-20 school year, are available at pittsburghsymphony.org/studentside.

PROGRAM DATES FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

November 22, 2019 — Application deadline
December 2019 — Repertoire distributed to participants
February 18, 2020 — Student rehearsal #1
February 24, 2020 — Sectionals (small group)
March 5, 2020 — Student rehearsal #2
March 10, 2020 — Sectionals (large group)
March 17, 2020 — Student rehearsal #3
March 18, 2020 — Full rehearsal and concert with PSO

Kraft Heinz Hear & Now

Kraft Heinz Hear & Now is a student-led program that invites high school students to create their own music and art around a topic of collective importance to the group. Students from schools across the region meet during the school day at Heinz Hall for a series of interactive workshops led by specialized teaching artists. Together they create and curate music, imagery, and interactive elements, culminating in a multisensory final event where students share their original artwork with the public.

Specific program dates for the 2019-20 school year will be announced in early September. If your school is interested in participating, please contact our team at education_outreach@pittsburghsymphony.org.

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KraftHeinz

FOR SCHOOL GROUPS IN GRADES 9-12





Teaching artist Gil Teixeira leads the inaugural session of Kraft Heinz Hear & Now.



Community Engagement Programs

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Neighborhood Partnerships

The Neighborhood Partnerships program contributes to lively and energetic neighborhoods through music. Driven by community voices, it promotes connectivity within neighborhoods across the Pittsburgh region and uses music as a resource to achieve community-relevant objectives. Check our website throughout the season for additional neighborhood partnership events!

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HILL DISTRICT

Lift Every Voice

February 29, 2020
8:00 P.M.
Heinz Hall

WILKINSBURG

Wilkinsburg Community Concert

May 21, 2020
7:00 P.M.
Wilkinsburg High School

PSO @ City of Asylum

We are thrilled to continue our collaboration with City of Asylum on the North Side during the 2019-20 season! This unique series explores the intersection of music, art, and spoken word with themes and content jointly created by composers, musicians, poets, writers, and artists from Pittsburgh and around the globe. Each session is hosted by a PSO conductor and includes artist interviews, panel discussion, and audience Q&A. Mark your calendars now for this year's series:

- December 5, 2019
- February 13, 2020
- March 12, 2020
- May 7, 2020

PSO @ City of Asylum events are free but advance registration is required. For updated programming themes, featured artists, and registration information, please visit pittsburghsymphony.org/community.



Music and Wellness

The Music and Wellness program works to positively impact the physical, mental, and emotional health of Pittsburgh residents. Working closely with music therapists and other healthcare professionals across the region, the program brings therapeutic, live musical experiences to individuals of all ages in a variety of settings.



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PSO Musicians visit patients at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Allegheny Valley School

We are proud to partner with Merakey Allegheny Valley School (AVS), which provides homes and a full range of services to individuals with all levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Pittsburgh Symphony performs two concerts each season for residents at the Pittsburgh campus and works with AVS music therapists to facilitate pre-concert visits.

Sensory Friendly Concert

Holiday Pops

December 21, 2019
2:30 P.M.
Heinz Hall

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra is committed to providing an environment that is inclusive and welcoming to all patrons. Each year, we host a sensory friendly performance that is customized especially for those with autism spectrum disorders or who have other disabilities that create sensory sensitivities. Designed in consultation with leading occupational therapy experts, sensory friendly performances provide an opportunity for patrons of all ages to engage in multisensory pre-concert activities and enjoy a symphony concert together with family and friends in a relaxed, inclusive environment.

We are thrilled this year to present one of our Holiday Pops concerts as a sensory friendly performance. The experience will feature a 45-minute orchestra performance, pre-concert activities, and pre-visit materials to prepare patrons for the trip to Heinz Hall. House lights will be kept partially up throughout the performance and fidgets, noise-cancelling headphones, and a quiet room with live video feed of the stage will be provided. Patrons are also welcome to leave and re-enter the concert hall throughout the performance.

For more information about the Pittsburgh Symphony's sensory friendly experiences, including a full list of modifications available, please visit pittsburghsymphony.org/sensoryfriendly.



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In Honor of Service

In Honor of Service works with the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System to provide therapeutic experiences for local veterans using live music. Pittsburgh Symphony musicians collaborate closely with VA music therapists to deliver highly impactful experiences that address a variety of health challenges including dementia, suicide prevention, and palliative care. Visit pittsburghsymphony.org/military for more details as well as military ticket discounts to BNY Mellon Grand Classics, PNC Pops, and Fiddlesticks Family Concerts.

An Americana Concert

July 3, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum

Join the Pittsburgh Symphony for an evening of patriotic music and reflective tributes to honor our military personnel. This free concert celebrates those who serve and protect our country and is co-hosted by Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum in Oakland.

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