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## **Annual Pittsburgh Symphony Gala Raises Over \$1 Million To Support Education and Community Programs**

PITTSBURGH – On Saturday, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO) held its annual **Opening Night Gala** led by **Music Director Manfred Honeck** with guest artist **Yuja Wang** performing Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 1. The evening also featured performances by PSO Concertmasters David McCarroll and Justine Campagna. This year’s sold-out Gala raised **over \$1 million**.

“We are deeply grateful for the extraordinary generosity shown at this year’s Gala,” said **President & CEO Melia Tourangeau**. “Raising over one million dollars in a single evening reflects the incredible commitment of our community to music and education. These funds allow the Pittsburgh Symphony to open doors for thousands of young people through our free Schooltime concerts and other Learning & Engagement programs that bring the transformative experience of great music into lives across the region.”

The Gala is the Symphony’s largest annual fundraising event, with proceeds directly supporting the PSO’s Learning & Engagement programs. Chief among these is **Schooltime**, the Symphony’s cornerstone music education program that provides free access to orchestral



concerts and classroom resources for K–12 students across the region. Last season alone, [Schooltime reached more than 22,000 students and teachers](#). Gala support also fuels initiatives such as **Schooltime on the Road**, bringing the full orchestra into communities beyond Heinz Hall, and expands transportation funding to help ensure that every child can experience the power of live music.

This weekend, the PSO will begin its **BNY Classics season** with Dvorak’s Eighth Symphony conducted by Honeck, with violinist Alexei Kenney as guest artist. **PNC Pops** begins Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> with Principal Pops Conductor Byron Stripling leading Come Swing with Me, a concert of the Great American Songbook and more.

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Yuja Wang’s appearance with the PSO was made possible by the Susan & Marty McGuinn Guest Artist Fund.

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