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Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Returns to Carnegie Hall in December 2025

PITTSBURGH, PA—The **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO)** will return to **Carnegie Hall** on **December 3, 2025**, under the direction of **Music Director Manfred Honeck**. This highly anticipated performance will be part of the **orchestra's 2025–2026 season**, the full details of which will be announced on **February 18, 2025**.

The PSO's **Carnegie Hall program** will feature a **New York premiere** and two orchestral masterworks:

- **LERA AUERBACH:** *Frozen Dreams* (New York Premiere) + PSO Commission
- **RACHMANINOFF:** *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* (featuring pianist **Seong-Jin Cho**)
- **SHOSTAKOVICH:** *Symphony No. 5*

The PSO is especially proud to present Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 5* which was on their GRAMMY® Award-winning recording for Best Orchestral Performance in 2018. Prior to the Carnegie Hall concert, the program will be performed in **Pittsburgh at Heinz Hall on December 2, 2025**, offering local audiences the opportunity to experience this significant event.

A Legacy of Excellence on the World Stage

PSO's return to Carnegie Hall continues a **storied history** that dates back to 1900, when **Andrew Carnegie personally funded the orchestra's first performance on the Hall's legendary stage under the direction of Victor Herbert**. The orchestra made frequent return visits in the early 20th century, and from 1992 to 2006, under **Lorin Maazel and Mariss Jansons**, the PSO was a near-annual presence at Carnegie Hall. This performance marks **Manfred Honeck's third appearance at Carnegie Hall with the PSO**, following acclaimed performances in **2010 with violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter** and **2014 with Mozart's *Requiem***.

A Cultural Ambassador for Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra has long been recognized as a **cultural ambassador for Pittsburgh and one of America's leading orchestras**, bringing **transformative musical experiences** to audiences worldwide. The return to Carnegie Hall underscores PSO's **commitment to artistic excellence, innovation, and global reach**.



“This performance represents the very best of what the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra stands for—artistic mastery, compelling storytelling through music, and a deep connection to both tradition and innovation,” said Melia Tourangeau, CEO. “It is an honor to return to Carnegie Hall and to share our music with audiences in New York and beyond.”

Carnegie Hall Ticket Information

Carnegie Hall **subscription packages for the 2025–2026 season are currently on sale. Single tickets will go on sale to Carnegie Hall subscribers and members on August 4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. ET, and to the general public on August 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. ET.**

For more information about the PSO’s **Carnegie Hall performance** and other upcoming events, visit www.pittsburghsymphony.org.

For details on **Carnegie Hall’s 2025–2026 season**, visit www.carnegiehall.org.

With Gratitude

- The Carnegie Hall Launch concert on December 2, 2025 at Heinz Hall is made possible by a grant from the Arthur J. and Betty F. Diskin Cultural Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

About the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Now in its 128th season, the internationally acclaimed **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO)** engages audiences of all ages through unparalleled live musical experiences, community collaborations, and educational programming that enrich every life with great music.

The GRAMMY® Award-winning symphony has been led by worldwide acclaimed **Music Director Manfred Honeck** since 2008. Past music directors have included many of the greats, including Fritz Reiner, William Steinberg, André Previn, Lorin Maazel, and Mariss Jansons. The Pittsburgh Symphony has a long and illustrious history in the areas of recordings and live radio broadcasts dating back to the 1930s. Lauded as the Pittsburgh region’s international cultural ambassador, the orchestra began touring in 1896 and has embarked on scores of domestic and international tours. Heinz Hall, PSO’s home located at 600 Penn Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh, is also owned and operated by the Pittsburgh Symphony. Follow the Pittsburgh Symphony online at pittsburghsymphony.org, on [Facebook](#), on [Instagram](#), and on [YouTube](#).

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