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From left: Byron Stripling conducts at Juneteenth, Nas, PSO Associate Conductor Moon Doh



Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Announces 2025 Summer with the Symphony

**Programming includes Nas, Juneteenth, Fiddlesticks in Your Neighborhood,
favorites from the movies, and more**

PITTSBURGH — Today, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO) announced its 2025 **Summer with the Symphony** programs, which include **Nas: Illmatic Live with the PSO**, a **Juneteenth** concert at Mellon Park, its free annual **Americana** concert at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, **Fiddlesticks in Your Neighborhood**, and a concert of classical favorites from the movies, **Mad About the Movies**. These join an existing summer lineup that features *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, Marvel’s Infinity Saga Concert Experience, and Joe Hisaishi Conducts the PSO, among others.

“This summer, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra has something for everyone,” said **Melia Tourangeau, President & CEO**, “whether it’s Howard Shore’s unforgettable music in *The Lord of the Rings* or the rhythms of Nas, to family-friendly favorites like *Fiddlesticks in Your Neighborhood* and classics from the movies in *Mad About the Movies*. I invite audiences of all ages and tastes to experience and remember the PSO this summer.”

The Heinz Hall Presents series also announced [Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons: The Last Encores](#) at Heinz Hall on July 20, and two rentals: [Wilco](#) and [TwoSet Violin](#). Tickets for these

are available now. More free summer concerts in the Pittsburgh community will be announced in the coming weeks.

Tickets for summer concerts can be purchased online at pittsburghsymphony.org, by visiting the Heinz Hall box office, or calling (412) 392-4900.

Nas: Illmatic Live with the PSO – July 26

Experience the fusion of hip-hop and classical music as Nas joins the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on July 26 at Heinz Hall. Renowned for his seminal debut album *Illmatic*, Nas will perform its tracks as a part of the NAS Illmatic 30 Year Anniversary Tour alongside the PSO for a unique blend of rap and orchestral music.

After *Illmatic*, Nas went on to release 14 albums, 8 of which are multi-platinum and platinum, including *Nastradamus*, *Stillmatic*, *God's Son*, and *Street's Disciple*. With 16 GRAMMY nominations, Nas released *King's Disease* in 2020, giving Nas his first GRAMMY win for Best Rap Album. A legendary hip hop mogul, co-founder of Mass Appeal Records, actor, and executive producer, Nas' extensive catalog speaks for itself.

Nas: Illmatic will have a presale beginning April 23 and will be available to the public April 25. A VIP package is available which includes premium seating, early entry, and exclusive Illmatic 30th Anniversary merchandise, available at pittsburghsymphony.org.

Juneteenth – June 19

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra is proud to participate in Pittsburgh's 2025 WPA Juneteenth and Black Music Celebration with an outdoor concert on Wednesday, June 19 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at Mellon Park. Led by Principal Pops Conductor Byron Stripling, the program will feature a lively big band set that showcases members of the PSO brass alongside regional jazz musicians and will include special appearances by vocalist Sydney McSweeney and Bobby Floyd playing the Hammond B3 organ.

Americana – July 3

On July 3, join the Pittsburgh Symphony for its free annual Americana Concert centered around American music in tribute to our military personnel and veterans. Featuring music from *Lincoln* by John Williams, Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, the songs of the armed forces and more, this star-spangled program led by Associate Conductor Jacob Joyce and vocalist Katy Williams is performed in Oakland's Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall.

Fiddlesticks In Your Neighborhood – July 12 & 13

Fiddlesticks returns to Moon and Mars High Schools this summer for a new adventure with vocalist Katy Williams, conductor Moon Doh, and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Meet Fiddlesticks, the PSO's seven-foot tall, cuddly feline friend who loves to dance, clap, and celebrate music with his friends in the neighborhood. Held at Moon and Mars High Schools on July 12 and 13 respectively, this summer's program—Fiddlesticks' Favorite Things—invites friends of Fiddlesticks new and old to sing, dance, and discover the magic of music together. Recommended for families with children ages 3-8.

Mad About the Movies – July 24

Lights, camera, action! Get out the popcorn and turn down the lights for Mad About the Movies, a thrilling evening featuring many of the most memorable musical moments from Hollywood cinema and cartoons. Join conductor Jacob Joyce and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for a perfect summer evening of your favorite musical hits.

With Gratitude

- PNC Pops concerts are made possible by title sponsorship support from PNC. The 2025-2026 season marks PNC's 25th consecutive year as title sponsor of the series.
 - Fiddlesticks in Your Neighborhood is supported by presenting sponsor, The Wilson Group, and FedEx.
 - Support for PSO operations and for capital improvements for Heinz Hall is made possible by the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD).
 - The PSO is grateful for overall support from local and state government entities: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
 - Fairmont Pittsburgh is the official hotel of the Pittsburgh Symphony.
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 - Radio station WQED-FM 89.3/WQEJ-FM 89.7 is the official voice of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.
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Chronology of PSO and Heinz Hall Events in Summer 2025

Dolly Parton's Threads: My Songs in Symphony

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Heinz Hall

Moon Doh, conductor
Katelyn Drye, vocalist
Hollie Hammel, vocalist
Julie Williams, vocalist

Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19, 2025, 5-6 p.m.

Mellon Park

Byron Stripling, conductor and trumpet
Sydney McSweeney, vocalist
Bobby Floyd, organ
Jeff Grubbs, bass
Members of the PSO Brass Section
Pittsburgh-region jazz musicians

PNC Pops: Kings of Soul

Friday, June 20, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

Heinz Hall

Byron Stripling, conductor
Chester Gregory, vocalist
Darren Lorenzo, vocalist
Michael Lynche, vocalist

Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

Friday, June 27, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

Film with live orchestra

Heinz Hall

The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh
Daniel Singer, Music Director
Pittsburgh Youth Chorus

Americana

Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum

Jacob Joyce, conductor

STAFFORD: *Star-Spangled Banner*
COPLAND: Fanfare for the Common Man
VIEUXTEMPS: *Yankee Doodle*, Caprice burlesque
JOHN WILLIAMS: Music from *Lincoln*
JOHN WILLIAMS: *The Cowboys Overture*
WALKER: Lyric for Strings
JOHN WILLIAMS: *Midway March*
WARD: *America the Beautiful*
HAYMAN: Armed Forces Salute
TCHAIKOVSKY: *1812 Overture*
SOUSA: *Stars and Stripes Forever*

Fiddlesticks In Your Neighborhood

Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 11:15 a.m.
Moon Senior High, Coraopolis

Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.
Mars Area Senior High School, Mars

Moon Doh, conductor
Katy Williams, vocalist
Fiddlesticks

Heinz Hall Presents

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons: The Last Encores

Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Mad About the Movies

Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Jacob Joyce, conductor

STRAUSS: *Also Sprach Zarathustra* (from *2001 A Space Odyssey*)

ROSSINI: Barber of Seville (from *Bugs Bunny*)
JOHN WILLIAMS: Music from *E.T.*
MOZART: Symphony No. 25, I. Allegro con brio (from *Amadeus*)
DUKAS: The Sorcerer's Apprentice (from *Fantasia*)
BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 7, II. Allegretto (from *The King's Speech*)
BARBER: Adagio for Strings (from *Platoon*)
JOHN WILLIAMS: Harry's Wondrous World (from *Harry Potter*)

(program subject to change)

Nas: Illmatic Live with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Nas

Moon Doh, conductor

Marvel Studios' Infinity Saga Concert Experience

Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

Jacob Joyce, conductor

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