



## NEWS RELEASE

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# THE FRICK PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES NEW DIGITAL SUMMER FRIDAYS AT THE FRICK

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## UPMC HEALTH PLAN

***Series of five engaging and diverse virtual summer Friday evening performances hosted online by City of Asylum***

PITTSBURGH, PA, June 18, 2020 —The Frick Pittsburgh, in partnership with City of Asylum’s The Show Must Go On(line) shared programming channel, announces the 2020 season of *Summer Fridays at the Frick presented by UPMC Health Plan*, a summer programming series which debuted in 2015.

In light of COVID-19 restrictions, every other Friday from June 26 through August 21, the Frick will offer a series of dynamic, digital musical performances hosted online via [The Show Must Go On\(line\)](#), City of Asylum’s webcast streaming platform. Audiences will be able to register online for free to enjoy each performance in this exciting, family-friendly lineup from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

General information and a schedule of planned performances follow below. More information may be obtained by visiting [TheFrickPittsburgh.org](#), or by calling 412-371-0600.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

*Summer Fridays at the Frick* dates: Every other Friday, June 26 through August 21.

**Hours:** Performances begin at 7:00 p.m. and run for 60 minutes. After airing, all performances will remain archived and accessible via [City of Asylum's Crowdcast page](#). After each performance, viewers can enjoy a brief Q&A session with the performers included in the 60-minute run time.

**Cost:** Free; donations gratefully accepted. Attendees can register online for each performance at [AlphabetCity.org/show](http://AlphabetCity.org/show).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

Summer is an important moment to be thinking about our neighbors. Audience contributions help support summertime community art programming and help The Frick Pittsburgh work with community partners to provide special kits of engaging art materials to children in nearby neighborhoods of Homewood and Wilkinsburg.

As a thank-you gift, *Summer Fridays* supporters who contribute \$100 will receive a *Summer Fridays Boomin' Basket*, which includes a bottle of wine and a taste of something sweet from the Museum Store, to be picked up curbside at the Frick. Supporters at the \$250 level will receive VIP access for a pre-concert video hangout with performers, in addition to the *Summer Fridays Boomin' Basket*. Every gift of \$100 supports education activities and the donation of art kits to 3 families, with all materials included to complete 3-4 projects. For every gift of \$250, the Frick will provide 7 art kits.

Contributions may be made online at [TheFrickPittsburgh.org](http://TheFrickPittsburgh.org).

## SCHEDULE

June 26, 2020: [Barrels to Beethoven Ensemble](#)

Barrels to Beethoven is dedicated to preserving the steelpan through educational programs and interactive activities. The organization was founded by Leigh Solomon Pugliano, daughter of steelpan builder, tuner, and player Phil Solomon, to honor her father's contribution to the instrument and

continue his work. The organization teaches both playing and building technique, as well as the history of the Afro-Caribbean people who invented and perfected the instrument. Ten years ago, the City of Pittsburgh proclaimed June 26 Phil Solomon Day, in honor of Solomon's impact and dedication to the steelpan and steelpan education. Join us this Friday, June 26 as we celebrate Phil Solomon Day with a performance by the Barrels to Beethoven Ensemble.

**July 10, 2020: [Bell Family & Friends](#)**

The sound of Grammy award-winning Poogie Bell's drums is what you hear on many of the world's finest jazz, neo-soul, R&B, and hip hop records. Performer, record producer, composer, and arranger, you've heard his work with artists including Chaka Khan, Marcus Miller, Roberta Flack, Erykah Badu, David Bowie, David Sanborn, Al Jarreau, Vanessa Williams, and Randy Crawford. Enjoy an evening of music aimed at bringing people together in the spirit of peace, freedom, and respect. The Bell Family & Friends quartet features father and son Poogie (drums) and Winston Bell (saxophone) with Tony DePaolis (bass) and Ben Sherman (guitar).

**July 24, 2020: [Trio of Blues](#)**

Max Schang (guitar & vocals), Jim Spears (bass & vocals), and Steve McMurray (drums) have been performing for more than 25 years. With their Chicago and jump blues style, the trio always pleases crowds and gets everybody up and dancing. Max Schang is a true master in connecting with the audience, always pulling out the right song for the moment. Be sure to dance along.

**August 7, 2020: [Diamante Orchestra](#)**

Showcasing the talent of Pittsburgh musicians known for their artistry and excellence as soloists and members of the finest organizations in the Pittsburgh Cultural District, the Diamante Orchestra performs classical crossover music, fusing classical music with Latin, jazz, and rock. Diamante Orchestra features members of PBS MyMusic Orchestra, Pittsburgh Opera, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, Pittsburgh Festival Opera, Latshaw Pops Orchestra, and the Balcony Big Band.

## **August 21: Hugo Cruz and Caminos**

Hugo Cruz and Caminos is a Cuban-fusion band led by Hugo Cruz Machado, an award-winning composer, percussionist, and graduate of the Instituto Superior des Artes of Havana, Cuba. Caminos' rhythms and melodies combine Cuban, Afro-Cuban, African, and American jazz sounds to form a unique style that aims to unify the world's music expressions in one experience. Band members include Eli Naragon (bass), Roger Romero (saxophone), and Michael Bernabe (keyboard). Caminos have performed at the Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival 2019, First Night Pittsburgh 2020, Backstage Bar, and Fabrica des Artes in Havana, Cuba, among other places. Hugo has performed in Havana's largest jazz festival, Jazz Plaza, with acclaimed artists Dave Weckl and Victor Goines, and won an award at Cubadisco, the most prestige music awards event in Cuba, performing with Afro-Cuban rock-fusion group Síntesis.

## **ABOUT THE UPMC INSURANCE SERVICES DIVISION**

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## **ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH**

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19<sup>th</sup>-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick's daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, historic objects, and buildings. The Frick experience includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, Clayton, the Frick family Gilded Age mansion, and six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens. Also included are an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow), a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor

Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store. Information about The Frick Pittsburgh is available online at [TheFrickPittsburgh.org](http://TheFrickPittsburgh.org).

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