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Summer Fridays at the Frick return in 2025 for its 11th season

This year's free outdoor concert series in Point Breeze includes a lively schedule



PITTSBURGH – Mark your calendars, The Frick Pittsburgh has a packed schedule for its 11th **Summer Fridays at the Frick** season, including steelpans, jazz, food and so much more.

Hosted across the Point Breeze museum site, this year's programming kicks off on June 27 with the Frick's 4th annual **"Make Music Pittsburgh"** program dedicated to supporting all

Pittsburghers in their pursuit of music-making during the summer. The opening event features **Barrels of Beethoven Ensemble**, a group that provides opportunities for the public, especially young people, to learn the history of the steelpan, the building and tuning process, music theory, performance skills, and playing technique.

The fun continues throughout July and August with performances by jazz group **The Stemtecs Band**, **Klezmerati**, a musical group blending old-world melodies with new energy, and **The Adorabulls**, a high-energy band. **The Farina Foundation** will also be on-site every Summer Friday to collect instruments of any kind for their donation drive. The Frick will also collect nonperishable food for the **Singing Winds Food Pantry**, which is part of the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center.

Last season, Summer Fridays drove thousands to the Frick's 10-acre campus, and a similar turnout is expected for one of Pittsburgh's most-anticipated annual offerings.

"We love all the visitors who join us on Summer Fridays — many of whom know our site well and others who are meeting our organization for the first time," **Interim Executive Director Amanda Gillen said**. "We hope everyone enjoys the grounds during our seasonal summer programming, as well as with our staple offerings like our award-winning *Gilded, Not Golden* tour of Clayton and our greenhouse, which will feature a free art exhibition this summer."

The season will also be celebrated at the Frick through the new **Summer Explorer Series**. With a Summer Explorer passport available at the Grable Visitor Center, visitors can enjoy free, drop-in activities such as artmaking, historical exploration and storytelling every Tuesday and Saturday. Participants can win a prize by completing five activities. A full calendar of activities and on-site locations will be available in early June.

The Frick is also offering [two summer camps this year](#) – **Mini Camp** for kids 4 to 6 years old, and **Art, History, Nature Camp** for kids entering 2nd through 5th grade.

Outside of special summer programming, the Frick's grounds and gardens will also be in full bloom and open to visitors Tuesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to dusk.

Pittsburgh-based sculptor Atticus Adams will have a free, temporary art exhibition featured in the [greenhouse](#) this summer. More details will be announced at a later date.

And, the Frick's award-winning [Signature Clayton Tour Experience: Gilded, Not Golden](#) will continue to run tours Tuesdays through Sundays from 10:15 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Plus, [The Café at the Frick](#) will feature outdoor, patio dining (weather dependent) in "Pittsburgh's best backyard," and [The Car & Carriage Museum](#), open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for free, will continue to offer guided tours at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

A full description of Summer Fridays events follows:

June 27: Make Music Pittsburgh

[Barrels to Beethoven](#) is an education group dedicated to reaching audiences about the steelpan. Enjoy an evening of music across genres and learn a little about the steelpan. This performance will feature special guest Phil Solomon, world-renowned steelpan builder and musician, as we celebrate Phil Solomon Day in the city of Pittsburgh.

The 4th annual [Make Music Pittsburgh](#) celebration continues with partners:

[Brighton Music Center](#) and [Unisound's](#) instrument "petting zoo" offers the youth and the young at heart the opportunity to learn more about instruments through hands-on interaction.

[Farina Foundation](#) will be on-site collecting instruments of any kind for their donation drive. The foundation furthers the vision of namesake Frank J. Farina, Jr. by providing scholarships, donations of refurbished instruments, financial support for instrument rentals, and lessons to children in need.

Food: The Café at the Frick, Affordable Elegance, Big Lou's, Chicks'n Waffles, Frios Gourmet Pops, Hibachi Lou, Hummus Pittsburgh

July 25: Smooth Sounds & Dynamic Grooves

Formed in 2013 by Calvin Stemley, [The Stemtecs Band](#) performs covers and originals, bringing a vibrant mix of smooth and jazzy melodies. With a focus on musical integrity and dynamic nuance, the band captivates audiences with their engaging performances that span a variety of styles and genres. From jazz to pop and R&B to smooth jazz, The Stemtecs Band delivers an exciting and entertaining experience that showcases their unique sound and deep musical connection. The evening will feature: Calvin Stemley – saxophone, Gary Davis – bass, Brian Edwards – drums, and Keith Flowers – keyboards.

Food: The Café at the Frick, Brisketburgh, Frios Gourmet Pops, Hoshi, PGH Crepes, PGH Halal Food, Steve and Benny's

Aug. 8: Klezmer on the Lawn

Think you know Klezmer? Think again. [Klezmerati](#), led by Henry Shapiro, brings a fresh and dynamic twist to this rich musical tradition, blending old-world melodies with new energy. With the innovative acoustic plectrum guitar taking the lead, their sound reimagines Klezmer's journey from Eastern Europe to modern-day America. Get ready for a performance that's both deeply rooted in history and thrillingly contemporary. The evening will feature: Henry Shapiro –

guitar, vocals, Alexander Fedoriouk – cimbalom, percussion, Steven Greenman – violin, Walt Mahovich – clarinet, accordion, and special guest Tom Roberts – keyboard.

Food: The Café at the Frick, Chicks'n Waffles, Frios Gourmet Pops, Hoshi, Hummus Pittsburgh, PGH Crepes, PGH Halal Food

Aug. 29: 80's Music and Beyond

[The Adorabulls](#), a high-energy Pittsburgh band, play all your favorite dance tunes with a quirky twist using a variety of weird instruments like accordion, ukulele, acoustic bass, and a yard-sale-suitcase drum kit. Their signature sound is matched by powerhouse 3- and 4-part harmonies and playful lead vocal swaps. But they don't just play music, they bring the party to life, engaging and entertaining the crowd with every beat whether you're singing along, dancing, or just soaking up the fun.

Food: The Café at the Frick, Big Lou's, Foxy Fran's, Frios Gourmet Pops, Hibachi Lou's, Revival Chili, Steve and Benny's

Hours and Admission

The Frick Pittsburgh is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Summer Fridays. Free musical performances will be held on the North Lawn on the Frick grounds beginning at 6:30 p.m. Donations in support of the Frick's public programming are appreciated, but not required. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor performances and activities may be canceled or delayed. Please visit the Frick's website or follow the museum on social media for the most up-to-date event information.

Support

A special thanks to Highmark for sponsoring Summer Fridays.

Another special thanks to [ZeroFossil](#) for helping to reduce the Frick's carbon footprint at Summer Fridays at The Frick with their overhead covering and audio services.

ZeroFossil cuts down on the carbon footprint of events by powering everything from sustainable sources, delivering its equipment in vehicles that run on used veggie oil, and implementing energy-efficient equipment and practices.

Images of Summer Fridays:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/dsjeoeuh1h2w8xr77wqly/AMYItHnaBOK2L6L-MOiuGk?rlkey=3aj4lef60jjuhhcez0aextddb&st=5s0yrgb0&dl=0>

Other Summer Events Include:

Free greenhouse exhibition: late May

Pittsburgh-based sculptor Atticus Adams will have a free, temporary art exhibition featured in the [Greenhouse](#) this summer. More details will be announced at a later date.

Mini Camp: July 28 - Aug. 1

9 a.m. to noon

\$160 members; \$175 non-members

Kids ages 4–6

Join us for a week of art-making, story-telling, and song-singing at the Frick. Throughout camp, kids will get creative while exploring the Frick's museums, grounds, and greenhouse with its trained educators. This camp is for kids ages 4-6. Camp will end with an art show open to friends and family on Friday, Aug. 1 at 11:30 a.m.!

Campers must be potty trained. For the safety of all, we ask that any child who is ill remains at home; absences due to illness qualify for a refund.

Applications for full or partial scholarships are open until June 1. To apply or request more information, please email education@thefrickpittsburgh.org.

Please note: no pre- or post-camp care options are available this year.

Art, History, Nature Camp: Aug. 4 - 8

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$285 members; \$320 non-members

Kids entering grades 2–5

Explore, imagine, and create in Pittsburgh's best backyard. Kids entering grades 2–5 can join the Frick for an exciting week filled with art, history, and nature. Campers will get creative through traditional and non-traditional art mediums, including printmaking, painting, and mixed-media sculpture. They will also have the opportunity to explore the Frick's museums, the greenhouse, and its 10 acres of grounds and gardens. Camp will end with an art show open to friends and family on Friday, Aug. 8 at 2:15 p.m.!

For the safety of all, we ask that any child who is ill remains at home; absences due to illness qualify for a refund.

Applications for full or partial scholarships are open until June 1. To apply or request more information, please email education@thefrickpittsburgh.org.

Please note: post-camp care is available for the Art, History, Nature summer camp for an additional \$90 fee.

Post-camp care includes artmaking, outdoor activities, reading, and play in a more relaxed atmosphere from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on each day of camp.

Summer Explorer Series: June 17 – Aug. 30

Every Tuesday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Explore the Frick in new ways every Tuesday and Saturday throughout the summer. These free drop-in activities will change each week to engage visitors of all ages in a variety of ways, including artmaking, historical exploration, storytelling, and play.

Grab a Summer Explorer passport at the Grable Visitor Center and win a prize when you complete five activities.

A full calendar of activities and their locations on-site will be available in early June 2025.

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About The Frick Pittsburgh

The Frick Pittsburgh offers authentic experiences with art, history and nature that inspire and delight. Visitors of all ages and backgrounds are warmly welcomed to explore collections of fine and decorative arts, vehicles, historic objects, and buildings – including Clayton, the Frick family home and only intact Gilded Age mansion remaining from Pittsburgh's Millionaire's Row – left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Helen Clay Frick, daughter of noted industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick. Alongside these treasures, the Frick offers an active schedule of temporary exhibitions and programs on our 10-acre garden campus in the heart of Pittsburgh's East End. Information about The Frick Pittsburgh is available online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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