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Summer Fridays at the Frick Are Back For 2026

The concert series' 12th season kicks off in June with an exciting line-up

PITTSBURGH – Summer Fridays at the Frick, an annual summer concert series, returns to the Frick's Point Breeze cultural campus for its 12th season, starting in June. This year's lineup includes a smooth jazz band, a high-energy polka group and more.

Alongside the lively schedule of performers, there will be artmaking activities and a delicious line-up of food vendors.

There is a \$5 per visitor charge to attend each night of Summer Fridays events. Entry fees directly support cultural programming and help to keep Summer Fridays a sustainable event into the future.

[CLICK HERE FOR IMAGES OF SUMMER FRIDAYS.](#)

A full description of each Summer Fridays event:

June 5: The Stemtecs Band

To kick off the series, the Frick will host its fifth "[Make Music Pittsburgh](#)" night dedicated to supporting all Pittsburghers in their pursuit of music-making. [The Stemtecs Band](#), a smooth jazz group, will perform soulful grooves while [Brighton Music Center](#) and [Unisound](#) will offer visitors the chance to learn about instruments.

Formed in 2013 by Calvin Stemley, The Stemtecs Band brings a mix of smooth and jazzy melodies, blending both covers and original songs. The evening will feature Calvin Stemley on saxophone, Gary Davis on bass, Brian Edwards on drums and Keith Flowers on keyboards.

From jazz to pop and R&B to smooth jazz, the band delivers an entertaining experience that showcases their deep musical connection.

In honor of “Make Music Pittsburgh” night, Brighton Music Center and Unisound will host an “instrument petting zoo,” offering visitors the opportunity to learn more about instruments through hands-on interaction.

[Farina Foundation](#) will also be at each night of Summer Fridays, collecting instruments for a 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.

\$5 for all visitors ages 3 and older. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/summerfridays.

July 24: The Polkamaniacs

For the second night, [The Polkamaniacs](#), a high-energy group known for blending traditional polka with punk, will take the stage. The Pittsburgh-based band’s lively performances feature accordion, guitars, banjo, trumpet, trombone, bass and drums. With Pittsburgh-centric songs and playful stage antics, The Polkamaniacs will bring joyful tunes to Summer Fridays.

\$5 for all visitors ages 3 and older. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/summerfridays.

August 28: Donora

Pittsburgh-based band [Donora](#) will close out Summer Fridays with catchy hooks, warm harmonies and an inviting sound. Known for their engaging performances and approachable stage presence, Donora creates a relaxed atmosphere where audiences can unwind and connect. Donora’s performance will feature songs from their latest album, *Out Here Bleeding Again*.

\$5 for all visitors ages 3 and older. Tickets are available at thefrickpittsburgh.org/summerfridays.

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About The Frick Pittsburgh

Since 1990, The Frick Pittsburgh has welcomed visitors to its 10-acre cultural campus in the heart of Pittsburgh’s East End. Gifted to the people of Pittsburgh by Helen Clay Frick, daughter of noted industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick, the campus is home to Clayton, the family’s Gilded Age mansion, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The *Gilded, Not Golden* tour of Clayton was honored with a 2024 Leadership in History Award from the American Association for State and Local History.

The campus also includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, a greenhouse, gardens, and welcoming café. Through its permanent collections, traveling exhibitions, historic tours, and public programs, the Frick invites all visitors to experience history

and art, reframed for today. Discover more about The Frick Pittsburgh at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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