

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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The Frick Pittsburgh Announces

# **Summer Fridays at the Frick 2023**



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Summertime favorite concert series continues for incredible ninth season

**PITTSBURGH, PA, May 30, 2023** - A beloved Pittsburgh summer tradition continues with the return of Summer Fridays at the Frick, a free monthly outdoor concert series featuring live music, delicious food, and Frick fun for all ages. On four Friday evenings between June and September, visitors can spread their picnic blankets on the North Lawn and enjoy thrilling performances by local musicians, food truck fare, artmaking activities, and self-guided tours of new exhibition **Pittsburgh and the Great Migration** in the Car and Carriage Museum.

#### **SCHEDULE**

All performances will be held on the North Lawn between Clayton and Lexington House, beginning at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

# June 30: Make Music Pittsburgh

Christopher Mark Jones brings his rhythmic brand of folk rock back to the Frick to open the 2023 Summer Fridays season. Guitarist and vocalist Dave Gillespie, drummer Eric George, and bassist Mark Perna join him for a lineup of original folk/roots music.

Brighton Music Center & Unisound's instrument petting zoo returns to Summer Fridays for a second year in a row, offering youth and the young at heart the opportunity to learn more about a variety of instruments through hands-on interaction. Discover the joy that comes from making music!

Farina Foundation will also be on hand 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: Affordable Elegance, Brisketburgh, Bruster's, The Café at the Frick, Kungfu Tea, Mr. Bulgogi, PGH Halal, and Steve & Benny's

## July 21: Big Hair, Big Hits: Music of the 80s

Wanna go back to the future? Grab your leg warmers and come hear Pittsburgh Concert Chorale (PCC) sing the music of the 80s. The band will be rockin' as accompanist Bryan Sable makes the piano dance, and the drums and bass get in the groove. It'll be, like, totally awesome!

Food: Affordable Elegance, Beatnik Sweet Eats, Brisketburgh, The Café at the Frick, Chili Revival, Frios Gourmet Pops, Hummus Pittsburgh, and Steve & Benny's.

#### August 18: Roots Reggae Vibes on the Lawn

Pittsburgh-based roots reggae powerhouse Truth and Rites brings the house down with original music and classic covers to get you on your feet. Made up of musicians from Ghana, Jamaica, Trinidad, and right here in Pittsburgh, Truth and Rites has been making conscious music together for over 10 years.

Enjoy a special DJ hour before the main event presented by High Pressure, an experienced roots reggae deejay sharing his collection of classics and deep cuts, all spreading positive messages of unity and equality.

Food: Bruster's The Café at the Frick, Frios Gourmet Pops, Inandis Ireations, Mr. Bulgogi, PGH Halal, Pittsburgh Pierogi, and Steve & Benny's.

#### September 1: NASH.V.ILL Presents: The Funky, Fly & Free Concert

NASH.V.ILL is one of Pittsburgh's hottest acts, known for their explosive live performances. Their unique sound blends funk, blues, hip-hop, and soul - all comfortably wrapped up in the electric energy of rock-and-roll. A NASH.V.ILL show is more than a concert...it's a life-changing musical experience.

Food: Affordable Elegance, Beatnik Sweet Treats, Brisketburgh, The Café at the Frick, Chili Revival, Hummus Pittsburgh, Kungfu Tea, and Pittsburgh Pierogi.

#### **HOURS AND ADMISSION**

The Frick Pittsburgh is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Summer Fridays dates. Free musical performances will be held on the North Lawn on the Frick grounds beginning at 6:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor performances and activities may be canceled or delayed. Please visit our website or follow us on social media for the most up-to-date event information.

During Summer Fridays, admission to **Pittsburgh and the Great Migration** will be offered at a special discounted rate. Youth ages 17 and under get in for free!

## **VISITOR AMENITIES**

Free parking is available for Summer Fridays attendees in the Frick's newly refurbished lot, and along Point Breeze residential streets surrounding the Frick. As the sun begins to set, picturesque, Dark Skies-compliant lighting illuminates the campus for the safety and enjoyment of visitors.

New at the Grable Visitor Center, the Scott Family Infant Care room will be available for use by caregivers with young children. The space is cheerfully decorated with custom wallpaper designed by local artist Clinton van Gemert, and features a cozy armchair, white noise machine, changing table, and toys for little ones to enjoy.

Kids can unleash their creativity with supplies from the new Grable Visitor Center art supply library. Simply check out one of our containers filled with markers, colored pencils, crayons, an art pad, and more, and get to drawing!

### ABOUT PITTSBURGH AND THE GREAT MIGRATION

Pittsburgh and the Great Migration: Black Mobility and the Automobile examines the role of the automobile in American history during the Great Migration, the mass movement between 1910 and 1970 when approximately six million Black people left the American South to seek a better quality of life in the North. Featuring classic cars, vintage clothing, and period photography, Pittsburgh and the Great Migration explores what drew Black Southerners to Pittsburgh, how the communities they developed transformed neighborhoods like the Hill District, and how the automobile facilitated that change.

## ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the estate of 19th-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, 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 The Frick Art Museum, offering world-class collections of European art and Chinese porcelain alongside an active schedule of temporary exhibitions; Clayton, the Frick family's French château-style mansion (remodeled by architect Frederick J. Osterling in the 1890s); the Car and Carriage Museum; and a large working greenhouse designed by architects Alden & Harlow—all nestled on six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens in Pittsburgh's East End. Amenities include an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (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.

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