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WHYY AND DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION ANNOUNCE PERFORMERS FOR 2012 WHYY CONNECTIONS FESTIVAL

Four Day Festival Features FREE Concerts, Film Screenings, Visual Art Presentations, Kids Events and More

PHILADELPHIA, July 9, 2012 — WHYY and the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC) are pleased to announce the headlining performers and initial program schedule for the 2012 WHYY Connections Festival. This exciting festival, which attracted a crowd of more than 12,000 attendees in 2011, has grown to include four days of programming, numerous events and two concerts.

The first Connections Festival concert will feature performances by **Yo La Tengo, Frank Turner, Maps & Atlases** and more on Saturday, September 8. The second concert will feature performances by **Fred Parrish and the Five Satins, Charlie Gracie, The Del Satins** and more as the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Education Center and WHYY present the Philadelphia Doo-Wop Festival on Sunday, September 9. These two exciting concerts will both take place on the RiverStage at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing (Columbus Boulevard at Chestnut Street, Philadelphia).

Preceding the two concert events will be a Connections Festival kick-off event on Thursday, September 6. Developed as part of WHYY's Newsworks.org **Creative Connectors** project, this event will take place at WHYY's Philadelphia studios (150 N. Sixth Street) and will feature performances featuring or inspired by the 76 arts leaders who were named to the Creative Connectors list.

On Friday, September 7, WHYY will preview the September episode of its Emmy Award-winning program **Friday Arts** at the Race Street Pier (Columbus Blvd & Race St.) before inviting guests to a screening of the station's latest national TV documentary, **The Barnes Collection** at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing (Columbus Blvd between Market St. & Walnut St).

WHYY and the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC) are the lead partners on these special events, all of which will be FREE and open to the public. WHYY members will have access to exclusive VIP areas, and opportunities to meet the artists throughout the festival.

Additional partners for the WHYY Connections Festival include **Live Nation**, the **Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Education Center**, the **Partnership for the Delaware Estuary** and **First Person Arts**.

For regular updates on the WHYY Connections Festival, visit WHYY.org/ConnectionsFestival or follow the festival's social media pages – on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ConnectionsFestival](https://www.facebook.com/ConnectionsFestival) and on Twitter at [@WHYYConnectFest](https://twitter.com/WHYYConnectFest)

Detailed Festival Agenda Included Below:

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2012 WHYY Connections Festival Agenda*

Thursday, September 6

Connections Festival Kick-Off Event featuring *Newsworks.org* Creative Connectors

WHYY's Philadelphia Studios

150 N. Sixth Street, Philadelphia, PA

7 – 9 p.m.

Join WHYY and representatives from numerous local arts organizations for the official kick-off event for the 2012 Connections Festival. This exciting event will feature visual art displays, food and drink and performances featuring or inspired by *Newsworks.org*'s **Creative Connectors**. The Creative Connectors are a group of 76 Philadelphia area arts leaders selected by LEADERSHIP Philadelphia in recognition of their ability to build community and economic vitality while creating art, culture, or design. This exciting kick off event will celebrate the arts and convene many of these "Connectors" -- the unsung heroes who seem to know everyone and get things done "beneath the radar." For more information about the Creative Connectors, visit Newsworks.org.

Friday, September 7

Screening of WHYY's *Friday Arts*

Race Street Pier

Columbus Boulevard and Race Street, Philadelphia

6 – 9 p.m.

Celebrate First Friday with WHYY and the DRWC at the newly refurbished Race Street Pier! Guests will enjoy live entertainment and a preview of the September episode of WHYY's Emmy Award-Winning local production *Friday Arts*. FREE and open to the public. For more information about *Friday Arts*, visit WHYY.org/FridayArts

Friday, September 7

Screening of WHYY's *The Barnes Collection*

Great Plaza at Penn's Landing

Columbus Boulevard between Market Street and Walnut Street, Philadelphia

8 – 10 p.m.

At 8 p.m., guests are invited to visit the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing for a FREE public screening of WHYY's latest national television production, *The Barnes Collection*. Following the screening, WHYY will host a Q&A session with the film's producers. *The Barnes Collection* tells the story of Dr. Albert C. Barnes and his noteworthy, priceless art collection, considered among the world's greatest, and detail the design and construction of the new Barnes building in Center City Philadelphia. For more information about *The Barnes Collection* documentary, visit WHYY.org/Barnes.

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**Saturday, September 8****Y Kids Club Presents Sid the Science Kid at Coast Day****The Great Plaza at Penn's Landing****Columbus Boulevard between Market Street and Walnut Street, Philadelphia****12 noon – 5 p.m.**

Join the Y Kids Club and the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary for an afternoon of scientific fun with Sid the Science Kid at the 11th Annual Coast Day celebration. This marine-themed event will feature interactive activities, tours of the historic *Kalmar Nyckel* Tall Ship, a free shuttle bus for a round-trip tour to the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center and more! FREE and open to the public.

Saturday, September 8**Connections Festival Concert Featuring Yo La Tengo, Frank Turner, Maps & Atlases and more!****The RiverStage at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing****Columbus Boulevard at Chestnut Street, Philadelphia****4 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

Indie-rock superstars **Yo La Tengo** will headline the WHYY Connections Festival's FREE concert Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia. Joining YLT on the bill is British folk-rocker **Frank Turner**, Chicago's **Maps & Atlases**, storytelling from four-time **First Person Arts StorySlam champion, Martha Cooney**, live visual art demonstrations and more (additional acts will be announced soon)! This event is FREE and open to the public. WHYY members will enjoy access to an exclusive member-VIP area, meet-and-greet opportunities and more throughout the concert.

Sunday, September 9**The Philadelphia Doo-Wop Festival featuring Fred Parris & The Five Satins, Charlie Gracie, The Del Satins and more!****12 noon – 6 p.m.****The Great Plaza at Penn's Landing**

The Philadelphia Doo-Wop festival, produced by Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Education Center with support from WHYY, will feature performances by **Fred Parris & The Five Satins**, best known for their 1956 hit "In the Still of the Night," **Charlie Gracie**, a Philadelphia-born American rock pioneer **The Del-Satins**, best remembered for their harmonies on Dion records such as "Runaround Sue" and many more! This event is FREE and open to the public.

*(Details Subject to Change – visit WHYY.org/ConnectionsFestival for more)

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**About WHYY:**

WHYY is Greater Philadelphia's leading public media provider, serving southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and all of Delaware for more than 50 years. WHYY takes pride in bringing its audience news when it needs it, entertainment when it wants it and education when it counts — on television, radio, the Web and in the community. For more information about WHYY, or to become a WHYY member, visit WHYY.org.

About DRWC:

The 2012 Summer Program of Free Events at Penn's Landing is funded and produced by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC). All events produced by DRWC are FREE to the public on the RiverStage on the Great Plaza, Philadelphia's premier waterfront entertainment destination, and at Philadelphia's newest park, the Race Street Pier.

The DRWC is a nonprofit corporation created in January 2009, exclusively for the benefit of the City of Philadelphia and its citizens. The fundamental purpose of DRWC is to design, develop, and manage the central Delaware River waterfront in Philadelphia. DRWC is transforming the waterfront into a vibrant destination location for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia.

For more information and event details, please call (215) 922-2FUN or visit DelawareRiverEvents.com. This website is a virtual resource for the waterfront which can help visitors plan to easily park, play and stay all day at Penn's Landing.

About Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Education Center

This non-profit group aims to provide employment, training, and related educational services to all facets of the community, especially Veterans, regardless of their station in life. In addition, they offer social and human services, counseling, and referrals to less fortunate clients experiencing barriers in finding their way back into the mainstream of society. For more information on the Doo Wop festival and performers visit PhillyDooWopFestival.org.

About Live Nation

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