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UPDATED INFORMATION

**WHYY AND DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION
ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL PERFORMERS
FOR WHY Y CONNECTIONS FESTIVAL**

*Four-day Festival Features Free Concerts, Film Screenings,
Visual Art Presentations, Kids Events and More*

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22, 2012 —WHYY and the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation are pleased to announce two additional performers — **Fabian Akilles** and **The Lawsuits** — for the 2012 WHYY Connections Festival, to be held from Thursday, Sept. 6, through Sunday, Sept. 9. This exciting festival, which attracted more than 12,000 attendees last year, has expanded to encompass four days of programming, several events and two concerts.

The first Connections Festival concert will feature performances by **Yo La Tengo**, **Frank Turner**, **Maps & Atlases**, **Fabian Akilles**, **The Lawsuits** and more Saturday, Sept. 8. The second concert will feature performances by **Fred Parris & 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, Sept. 9. These shows will be held on the RiverStage at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, Columbus Boulevard and Chestnut Street in Philadelphia.

Preceding the concerts will be a Connections Festival kickoff event Thursday, Sept. 6. Developed as part of the **Creative Connectors** project of WHYY's NewsWorks.org, this event will take place at WHYY's Philadelphia studios (150 N. Sixth St.) and feature performances inspired by the 76 arts leaders named to the Creative Connectors list.

On Friday, Sept. 7, WHYY will preview the September episode of its Emmy Award-winning program **Friday Arts** at the Race Street Pier (Columbus Boulevard and Race Street) before inviting guests to a screening of WHYY-TV's latest nationally broadcast film, **The Barnes Collection**, at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing (Columbus Boulevard at Chestnut Street in Philadelphia).



WHYY and the 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:

- Facebook: [Facebook.com/ConnectionsFestival](https://www.facebook.com/ConnectionsFestival)
- Twitter: at @WHYYConnectFest

* DETAILED 2012 WHYY CONNECTIONS FESTIVAL AGENDA

Thursday, Sept. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.
NewsWorks.org Connections Salon
WHYY, 150 N. Sixth St., Philadelphia

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

Friday, Sept. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.
Screening of WHYY's *Friday Arts*
Race Street Pier, Columbus Boulevard and Race Street, Philadelphia

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*. This event is free and open to the public. For more information about *Friday Arts*, visit WHYY.org/FridayArts

Friday, Sept. 7, from 8 to 10 p.m.
Screening of WHYY's *The Barnes Collection*
The Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, Columbus Boulevard and Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

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 Foundation building in Center City Philadelphia. For more information about *The Barnes Collection* documentary, visit WHYY.org/Barnes.

Saturday, Sept. 8, from noon to 5 p.m.

Y Kids Club Presents Sid the Science Kid at Coast Day

The Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, Columbus Boulevard and Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

Join the Y Kids Club and 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 roundtrip tour to the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center and more! Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 10 p.m.

Connections Festival Concert Featuring Yo La Tengo, Frank Turner, Maps & Atlases, Fabian Akilles, The Lawsuits and more!

The RiverStage at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, Columbus Boulevard and Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

Indie-rock superstars **Yo La Tengo** will headline the WHYY Connections Festival's free concert. Joining YLT on the bill are British folk rocker **Frank Turner**, Chicago's **Maps & Atlases**, **Fabian Akilles**, **The Lawsuits** and more. The event also includes storytelling from four-time **First Person Arts StorySlam** champion **Martha Cooney**, live visual art demonstrations and more! This event is free and open to the public. WHYY members will enjoy access to an exclusive VIP and member section, meet-and-greet opportunities and more throughout the show.

Sunday, Sept. 9, from noon to 6 p.m.

The Philadelphia Doo-Wop Festival featuring Fred Parris & The Five Satins, Charlie Gracie, The Del-Satins and more!

The Great Plaza at Penn's Landing, Columbus Boulevard and Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

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 additional information and updates.

**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 the DRWC:

The 2012 Summer Program of Free Events at Penn's Landing is funded and produced by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, or 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 the DRWC is to design, develop and manage the central Delaware River waterfront in Philadelphia. DRWC is transforming the waterfront into a vibrant destination for recreational, cultural and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia.

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

About Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center

A nonprofit organization, the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center 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, it offers 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 Philadelphia Doo-Wop festival and performers, visit PhillyDooWopFestival.org.

About Live Nation

Live Nation Entertainment is the world's leading live entertainment and eCommerce company, comprising four market leaders: Ticketmaster.com, Live Nation Concerts, Front Line Management Group and Live Nation Network. Ticketmaster.com is the global event ticketing leader and one of the world's top five eCommerce sites, with over 26 million monthly unique visitors. Live Nation Concerts produces over 20,000 shows annually for more than 2,000 artists globally. Front Line is the world's top artist management company, representing over 250 artists.

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