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## WHYY Connections Festival Returns to the Delaware River Waterfront

*Featuring two FREE days of music, art, and kids' activities!*

*With performances by They Might Be Giants, Ben Kweller, Jesse Ruben and more*

**PHILADELPHIA, August 8, 2013** – WHYY and the Delaware River Waterfront Corp (DRWC), in collaboration with Live Nation, are pleased to announce the headlining performers and program details for the 2013 WHYY Connections Festival. The family-friendly event is a FREE, two-day festival taking place Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8 at the RiverStage at Great Plaza and the Marina on Penn's Landing.

Saturday begins with a celebration of the Delaware River's ecology and natural history with kid-oriented outdoor activities, and ends with a free concert featuring **They Might Be Giants**, **Ben Kweller**, and **Jesse Ruben**. During the day, Coast Day celebrations feature free family activities along the river, organized by the Partnership for the Delaware River Estuary in conjunction with DRWC. Starting at 3PM, local artists **Hezekiah Jones** and the **Khari Mateen**, from Hoots and Hellmouth, open the night's free concert. Spend the evening under the stars listening to headliners **They Might Be Giants**, **Ben Kweller**, and **Jesse Ruben** play at one of the city's most scenic venues. Sunday's concert features Doo-wop groups, some of the city's best college acapella performers and other talent to be announced.

Festival Details:

### **Saturday, September 7**

12PM – 5PM: Coast Day, as part of the WHYY Connections Festival, features a tug boat competition, visiting fireboats, free kayak, swan boat and ferry rides, Coast Guard Search and Rescue demonstrations, Coastie the robot, free face painting and arts and crafts and meet-and-greet appearances with PBS kids costumed characters. Location: The Marina at Penn's Landing

3PM – 10PM: WHYY Connections Festival Concert featuring They Might Be Giants, Ben Kweller, Jesse Ruben, Hezekiah Jones and the Sean Hoots Trio. Location: The RiverStage at Penn's Landing

**They Might Be Giants** is an original band from Brooklyn, New York founded by John Flansburgh and John Linnell. TMBG writes, records and tours continuously, and has been involved in numerous television and film projects. They have an on-going audio and sometimes video podcast that is free. They have won two Grammys. The Johns are frequently joined by Dan Miller on guitar, Danny Weinkauf on bass, and Marty Beller on drums.

### **Sunday, September 8**

12-5PM: WHYY Connections Festival Concert featuring Doo-wop, acapella, and more. Location: The RiverStage at Penn's Landing

Performers and schedule subject to change. For more information about the WHYY Connections Festival, visit

[WHYY.org/connectionsfestival](http://WHYY.org/connectionsfestival). For more information on the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, please visit [www.delawariverwaterfront.com](http://www.delawariverwaterfront.com), follow on Twitter @delriverfront, on Facebook at Delaware River Waterfront, or call (215) 922-2FUN.

**DRWC** is a 501(c)(3) 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 for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia.

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