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2013 East Liberty LIVE!

East Liberty LIVE! is Kelly Strayhorn Theater's summer series of programming for children, families, and general audiences. Through exciting, accessible and low-cost events, East Liberty LIVE! engages those who live and work in the East End, and encourages first-time patrons to visit other areas businesses including restaurants, shops and cultural destinations.

East Liberty LIVE! is supported in part by Block Communications, Inc. and The PNC Financial Services Group.

Beats n Eats | Midday Dance Party

Second Wednesday of each Month

June 12, July 10, August 14 | Noon – 2 PM | Quiet Storm, 5430 Penn Ave

Meet up with Penn Avenue creatives for the first of three Wednesday lunch parties at the always-zestful Quiet Storm. Special lunch and drink menus provided, a house DJ and, yes, dancing! Take a break, bust a move, and grab some food with Kelly Strayhorn Theater, recently voted "Best Dancers in Arts Management," by an office poll.

ALLOY RESIDENCY SERIES

Since 2009, Pittsburgh audiences have been able to see, hear, and meet innovative artists in an intimate setting unlike any other. Our Summer Residency program, renamed the Alloy Residency, is a performing-arts series that informs artistic creation through stimulating conversation and performance, presented at The Alloy Studios.

The Alloy Residency champions inventive new ideas in performance and offers a behind the scenes look at bold new creators and performers. Residency showings invite audiences to be part of fun and engaging conversations, followed by post-show mixers with the artists.

Alloy Residencies support artists who are exploring new ideas and developing new work. The program further expands and enhances KST's mission of supporting the development of new work by selected artists.

The 2013 Alloy Residency schedule follows on the next page.





Murphy/Smith Dance Collective

Residency showing - "Sound Project"

July 5, 2013 | 8:00 PM | The Alloy Studios

Pay What You Can - Limited seating, RSVP required

MSDC's "Sound Project" explores the relationship between sound and human instinct. In 2011, after establishing themselves as independent emerging choreographers, Pittsburgh-based choreographers Jamie Erin Murphy and Renee Danielle Smith assembled Murphy/Smith Dance Collective. "Sound Project" illuminates how our everyday life sounds around us create environment, a source of communication and even our general feeling of safety. So what can happen when our familiar soundscape becomes distorted or even disappears?

Collaborating artists include Gordon Nunn (composer); Abigail Adkins, Brady Sanders, Shana Simmons, Laura Warnock, LaMar Williams (dancers); and Frank Ferraro (project mentor). Join MSDC for a performance that encourages you to participate in a few movement/sound games!

Part of **Car Free Fridays**, in partnership with **Bike PGH***.

Alloy Master Class with Jamie Murphy and Renee Smith

Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 AM | The Alloy Studios | \$10



Stein | Holum Projects

Residency showing - "The Wholehearted"

July 12, 2013 | 8:00 PM | The Alloy Studios

Pay What You Can - Limited Seating, RSVP required

Drawing on sources as diverse as dubstep and Appalachian murder ballads, THE WHOLEHEARTED uses text, choreography, and live-feed projection to explore the contradictory nature of truth. Suli Holum (nominated for a Drama Desk Award for her performance in CHIMERA) plays a proud but unreliable former champion reliving her glory days in a run-down boxing gym, dreaming of a comeback. Suli and her team, Deborah Stein, Polly Carl (dramaturg), Mimi Lien (set design), James Sugg (sound design and original songs), Imaginary Media (video), Oana Botez (costumes), and Stephen Arnold (lights) come to KST for a residency to develop the work to premiere next year.

Part of **Car Free Fridays**, in partnership with **Bike PGH***.



Sidra Bell Dance New York

Residency showing - Titles TBD

August 9, 2013 | 8:00 PM | The Alloy Studios

Pay What You Can - Limited Seating, RSVP required

Sidra Bell Dance New York returns to KST with their innovative, provocative kinetic dance theater works for a week-long residency from August 5-9. Sidra Bell Dance New York began as a community initiative in Harlem, NY. Bell, a graduate of Yale University and native New Yorker, was awarded a grant from the Yale Entrepreneurial Society to found the company. It is Bell's mission in life to continue the long tradition of her family of sharing art with people from all walks of life.

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Alloy Master Class with Sidra Bell

Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 AM | The Alloy Studios | \$10



SUMMER CONCERTS

Kelly Strayhorn Theater features a diverse mix of live music and performance on KST's main stage and Alloy Studios. Join us for exciting new music featuring emerging local musicians as well as nationally and internationally recognized musicians in a fun and easygoing atmosphere.



Harlem Quartet

Pre-concert mixer and intermission catering provided by Bar Marco

Co-presented with Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society

July 11, 2013 | 7:30 PM | Kelly Strayhorn Theater | \$20

Co-presented by Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society and Kelly Strayhorn Theater as part of PCMS's "Just Summer!" series. Music. Food. Friends. Join us for an evening of exciting music in a relaxed atmosphere!

Praised for its panache by The New York Times, the acclaimed Harlem Quartet returns to Pittsburgh to perform Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 PM. The quartet features Ilmar Gavilan, violin; Melissa White, violin; Jaime Amador Medina, viola; and Matthew Zalkind, cello. Each member is a seasoned solo artist, having appeared with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, and Boston Pops. As a quartet, they have performed at The White House for President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama and are the resident ensemble in the New England Conservatory of Music's Professional String Quartet Program.



Brooklyn Rider

Pre-concert mixer and intermission catering provided by Bar Marco

Co-presented with Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society

July 18, 2013 | 7:30 PM | Kelly Strayhorn Theater | \$20

Co-presented by Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society and Kelly Strayhorn Theater as part of PCMS's "Just Summer!" series. Music. Food. Friends. Join us for an evening of exciting music in a relaxed atmosphere!

Trumpeted as "stunningly imaginative" by Lucid Culture, the string quartet Brooklyn Rider makes its Pittsburgh debut, Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 pm. NPR credits Brooklyn Rider with "recreating the 300-year-old form of string quartet as a vital and creative 21st-Century ensemble". The artists who comprise Brooklyn Rider are: Johnny Gandelsman, violin; Nicolas Cords, viola and brothers Colin Jacobsen, violin, and Eric Jacobsen, cello. The ensemble has performed in a range of venues and festivals that include Joe's Pub in New York City, the San Francisco Jazz Festival, Japan's Todai-ji, the Library of Congress, and the SXSW Festival.

The Groove Aesthetic: DIGITAL Media MUSIC

July 19, 2013 | The Alloy Studios | \$10

Limited Seating, RSVP required

The Groove Aesthetic is a collective of artists and musicians of various disciplines and genres. The purpose of this collective is to create performances that are multi-faceted and moving through the traditional music experience, collaboration of multiple artists, and the audience. There are four elements that remain constant with each Groove Aesthetic performance, they are: Classical music, Jazz / Soul music, Performance Art (a multi-disciplinary work) and a newly arranged piece that combines elements of classical music and jazz. These four elements will be used in collaboration with DJ duo Tracksploitation and visual/video artist Julie Mallis.

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GROOVE AESTHETIC COLLABORATORS:

Anqwenique Wingfield, VOCALIST & PRODUCER/DIRECTOR
Julie Mallis, VIDEO ARTIST
Tracksploitation, DJ DUO
Joe Sheehan, KEYBOARD & COMPOSER

Langston Kelly, SAX
Gabe Debruzzo, CLASSICAL PIANO
Naila Ansari, DANCE
Jason Rafalak, BASS

With production support from Thomas Jamison, Matt Pickart, Sara Dickson, Dawn Jackson, and Darrell Kinsel.

FAMILYtime: Family Programming for Everyone

A chance for the whole family and community to enjoy screenings, dance parties, prizes and so much more!



SOUNDWAVES Steelband Ensemble - Workshop

July 29–August 2, 2013 | The Alloy Studios

Designed for students interested in a broad range of musical styles and developing their skills, SOUNDWAVES Steelband hosts a one-week intensive July 29–Aug 2, 2013 at The Alloy Studios. Contact soundwaves@kelly-strayhorn.org for enrollment.

SOUNDWAVES Steelband Ensemble - Open House

August 2, 2013 | 6:00–8:00 PM | The Alloy Studios | FREE

Enjoy the lively and beautiful sounds of steelband music from Kelly Strayhorn Theater's youth ensemble, SOUNDWAVES. SOUNDWAVES is designed for talented students ages 12–17 to develop and enhance musical skills. From Strayhorn to Bob Marley, enjoy an evening of music fun for the whole family. Evening features performances by SOUNDWAVES one-week intensive students.

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Let's Move! Family Dance Party

August 3, 2013 | 11:00 AM–2:00 PM | Kelly Strayhorn Theater
Pay What You Can

Grab your dancing shoes, your family and join the fun at our summer dance party! Together with our friends at 720 Music Clothing, Music & Café, This party has the right mix for toddlers and their families to get down! The party includes tasty treats, and fun activities from Citiparks Roving Art Cart, face painting, balloon twisters, an Italian ice station and plenty more activities!

Pre-register online and receive a free gift bag and chance to win Children's Museum tickets



Gospel Xplosion

August 10, 2013 | 2:00–5:00 PM | Kelly Strayhorn Theater
Pay What You Can

Kelly Strayhorn Theater and Iron Cross Ministries present Gospel Xplosion, a family friendly concert with an uplifting message featuring Pittsburgh's best talent in music and dance. Start the night outside the theater in the enclosed facade and lobby 2–5PM with activities for kids including face painting, double dutch, door prizes, and more. Come early for the outdoor pre-con- cert open mic then join us inside for the main stage event.

Pre-register online and receive a free gift bag and chance to win Children's Museum tickets



Singing in the Rain Summer Social and Screening
 August 23, 2013 | 7:00 PM | Kelly Strayhorn Theater
 Pay What You Can

Celebrate Gene's 101st birthday with a little something sweet and screening of "Singing in the Rain" (1952) starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds. Co-directed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donan. A lighthearted depiction of Hollywood, with a production company caught up in a difficult transition from silent films to "talkies".

*Pre-register online and receive a free gift bag and chance to win Children's Museum tickets Part of **Car Free Fridays**, in partnership with Bike PGH*.*



Alloy School Classes + Workshops
 June 10 - July 27 | Times Vary | The Alloy Studios
 \$15 Drop-In, \$72 6-Class Card

Ever wanted to be taught by high quality, nationally and internationally recognized contemporary artists? Alloy School offers 6 weeks of non-competitive, inclusive classes and 3 weeks of hour-long master classes abundant with artists and enthusiasts alike.

For more information and registration visit kelly-strayhorn.org/classes-workshops/.

ALL EVENTS

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| July 5 | 8:00 PM | Murphy/Smith Dance Collective - Residency Showing |
| July 10 | 10:00 AM | Alloy Master Class with Suli Holum |
| July 10 | Noon | Beats n Eats |
| July 11 | 7:30 PM | Harlem Quartet co-presented w/ PCMS |
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| July 18 | 7:30 PM | Brooklyn Rider co-presented w/ PCMS |
| July 29 | TBD | SOUNDWAVES Workshop |
| August 2 | 6:00 PM | SOUNDWAVES Open House |
| August 3 | 11:00 AM | Let's Move! Family Dance Party |
| August 7 | 10:00 AM | Alloy Master Class with Sidra Bell |
| August 9 | 8:00 PM | Sidra Bell Dance New York - Residency Showing |
| August 10 | 2:00 PM | Gospel Xplosion |
| August 14 | Noon | Beats n Eats |
| August 23 | 7:00 PM | Singing in the Rain Summer Social and Screening |

Tickets

Buy online or by phone: kelly-strayhorn.org, 412-363-3000 x 318
 Questions? 412-363-3000

*Arrive to Friday events car-free (by walking, bike, or transit) and receive a voucher for two free tickets to a 2013-2014 KST Presents event of your choosing. *Not redeemable for Suite Life or Full Bloom events.*

Venues

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About the Kelly Strayhorn Theater

As the last of nine theaters from the 1950s heyday of East Liberty, the Kelly Strayhorn Theater uses the arts as a catalyst for continuing community revitalization. The theater, in its 12th season, continues to play a key role in the transformation of Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood. An intimate, professionally equipped, 349-seat multiple-use performance venue, the theater demonstrates its commitment to Pittsburgh artists and audiences. The KST is a favorite venue of emerging local artists, regional artists and arts organizations who take risks and present new work. Noted Pittsburghers Gene Kelly and Billy Strayhorn, the namesakes, are among the 80 area artists honored on the theater's Gallery of Stars. The building, opened in 1914, is the former Regent Theatre, which served the East End as a movie house for eight decades.

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