2023 National Conference Agenda – Education & Community Engagement Half-Day Meeting

All times below are Eastern. Agenda content subject to change.

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Meeting Location: All constituency sessions will be held at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown, located at 600 Commonwealth Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

This meeting requires a separate registration, as a special Pre-Conference session. Coffee and light snacks will be provided, but please be sure to eat lunch beforehand!

1:00pm-1:15pm  Check-in, welcome, sponsor remarks, introductions

1:15pm-2:00pm  Setting the Stage – Starting with Strength
We’ll get started with a strength and asset inventory exercise and ice breaker, establishing groundwork and the flow of the day.

Speaker(s): Suzanne Perrino, Senior Vice President of Learning & Community Engagement, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO)

2:00pm-2:30pm   “Right in Your Own Backyard”
PSO Principal Pops Conductor Byron Stripling will lead an interactive session sharing his belief in the power of music and music education. He will speak to how music saved him through life, school, financial, and career challenges and how it continues to inspire his life and work today.

Speaker(s): Byron Stripling, PSO Principal Pops Conductor, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

2:30pm-3:00pm  Reflections, Pause, and Questions
With Byron Stripling & Suzanne Perrino
3:00pm-4:15pm  **Building Bridges Across Organizations and Regions**

This discussion will examine the PSO’s commitment to Accessibility as a case study in how setting a foundation around a common goal and creating a culture that support it can unify departments and the entire organization. Roger Ideishi will describe what makes a sensory-friendly program and then will be joined by others specialists in discussing how the PSO leaned on others, found their path, and discovered how to use music as an effective and meaningful tool in building bridges.

*Speaker(s): Kory Antonacci, Creative & Expressive Arts Therapy Program Manager, UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh; Vanessa Braun, Director of Accessibility and Manager of Employee Engagement, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust; Roger Ideishi, Professor of Health, Human Function and Rehabilitation Sciences, The George Washington University; Suzanne Perrino, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra*

4:15pm-4:30pm  **Break**

4:30pm-5:00pm  **Bringing It Home and Spreading the Joy**

PSO and Cultural District staff will share how they are breaking down silos to spread the learning about Accessibility throughout the PSO institution and beyond.

5:30-6:00pm  **Final Thoughts and Intentions**

Suzanne Perrino, *Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra* & Pam Blaine, *Houston Symphony*

*Following the EdCE Pre-Conference Meeting, the constituency typically gathers for an optional self-pay dinner. Please contact Najean Lee if interested in joining and stay tuned for further information.*

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**Notice:** It is important to keep in mind antitrust rules governing competition that apply to this group discussion. While the agenda for this group includes discussion of a variety of issues that are crucial to orchestras’ planning and strategies, the goal is not to agree on a single approach to these issues. With the
benefit of analysis and discussion, each orchestra will be able to decide independently what course of action is best for its own organization. We ask you to avoid comments that relate to your orchestra’s current or future plans for ticket or event pricing (actual ticket prices, discount amounts), bargaining (including collective bargaining agreements or with vendors), or compensation.