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RADICAL DAYS 2011 BEGINS THIS MONTH

50+ Arts and Culture Organizations to Offer Free Admissions and Performances

PITTSBURGH—The region's popular RADical Days event returns for the 10th time on September 24th—and there are at least 10 good reasons to get out and experience the regional assets:

1. See the tallest and largest land mammals on the planet – for free.
2. Lose yourself in the sounds of music from baroque to jazz – for free.
3. Marvel at the swinging and swaying of dancers – for free.
4. Awaken your senses with nature in a glass house – for free.
5. Interact with history at multiple museums – for free.
6. Create and take home your own art – for free.
7. Get up close with heat-defying acts of art – for free.
8. Go behind the scenes of world-class sports and civic facilities – for free.
9. Explore an asset you've never visited before – for free.
10. Just walk right in to dozens of cultural treasures – for free.

RADical Days is an annual event sponsored by the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD) and its funded assets to thank the public for the sales tax funds that support the region's parks, libraries, sports and civic facilities, and arts and culture organizations. This year, there will be 40 venues offering free admissions, and more than a dozen arts groups offering music, dance and theater performances for the region.

"The District is pleased to announce the 10th annual RADical Days event that has grown from three days of activities to three weeks of free admissions and performances by our regional assets," said David Donahoe, Executive Director of RAD. "We hope the public will enjoy the diverse and excellent experiences offered by the assets during RADical Days."

RADical Days 2011 festivities begin on Saturday September 24th with the Allegheny County Parks' Hay Day at Hartwood Acres in the afternoon, and concludes on October 15th with music and dance tours and concerts with WOED-fm, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Opera and Attack Theatre.

New offerings this year include a full afternoon of music, dance and theater performances at the New Hazlett Theater, and an open house at the Young Men and Women's African Heritage Assn., both on October 2 on the North Side.

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The full event schedule follows and can also be found at radworkhere.org. Updates will also be posted on the District's Facebook page facebook.com/radworkhere.org. Mobile users can receive updates via the District's text site: text RAD to SMASH (76274). There is no charge to received text alerts; however, users' standard message and data rates may apply.

Participating assets are NOT offering free admission every day. The public is urged to check listings for each asset's free date, times and limitations. Admissions are first-come, first-served. Some venues require advance reservations due to seating limitations. Parking fees might be charged at venue lots.

RADical Days 2011 Events:

Saturday, September 24

ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARKS HARTWOOD ACRES HAY DAY

Free Admission 11am-5pm

PITTSBURGH OPERA: RISING STARS

Free Admission 6-7:30pm

Reservations are required. Limit 4 seats per reservation. To reserve your place on the waiting list, contact Mark Marston at 412-281-0912, x 216.

Sunday, September 25

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER

Free Admission 10am-5pm

Miniature Railroad closed for maintenance Sept. 18 - Nov. 24. Prime Stage and the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra will present short staged readings from their new stage adaptation of the award-winning fantasy novel, A Wrinkle In Time. Shows at 1PM and 3PM

Monday, September 26

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

Free Admission 9:30am-5pm

Performances by Tuesday Musical Club (Noon) and River City Brass (1P).

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL

Free Admission 10am-4pm

Thursday, September 29

PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Free Admission 2pm

1/2 hour docent tour of the 2011 Pittsburgh Biennial

MCG JAZZ, YOUTH ARTS

OPEN HOUSE AND CONCERT

Free Admission 5-7pm

Hands-on, take-home studio art; plus a concert by COL Jazz Band.

Friday, September 30

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL

Free Admission 10am-4pm

PITTSBURGH CULTURAL TRUST: GALLERY CRAWL

Free Admission 5:30-9pm

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Saturday, October 1

BOYCE MAYVIEW PARK: THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Free Admission 9am-3pm

FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER

Free Admission 10am-5pm

Family activities and take-home art.

SENATOR JOHN HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Free Admission 10am-5pm

Performances by South Hills Chorale (noon), Children's Festival Chorus (1P), Calliope Folk Music society singers and musicians (2P) and Chatham Baroque (2:30P).

SOCIETY FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

Free Admission 10am-5pm

Take-home art in the drop-in studio from 11AM-2PM.

AUGUST WILSON CENTER FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE

Free Admission 11am-6pm

RIVERQUEST

Free Admission 11am-4pm

Free walk-on activities onboard Explorer at dock.

ALLEGHENY PARKS: SOUTH PARK HAY DAY

Free Admission Noon-4pm

CITY THEATRE 12TH ANNUAL YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL

Free Admission 2:30-4:30pm

Hands-on theater workshops. Appropriate for ages 12-18. Register at klink@citytheatrecompany.org.

PITTSBURGH FILMMAKERS: Ann Arbor Film Festival

Free Admission 7-8:30pm (Program A) and 8:45-10:15pm (Program B)

Sunday, October 2

FORT PITT MUSEUM

Free Admission 10am-5pm

PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Free Admission 11am-1pm

Free mixed media workshops for kids ages 5-13 and their parents.

CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF ART

CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Free Admission Noon-5pm

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PITTSBURGH

Free Admission Noon-5pm

Performances by the Bulgarian Cultural Center's dance ensemble Otets Paissi (1P), and the Aeolian Winds (3P).

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN'S AFRICAN HERITAGE ASSN

Free Admission Noon-5pm

MATTRESS FACTORY

Free Admission 1-5pm

NEW HAZLETT THEATER: An Afternoon of Performance

Free Admission Noon-5pm

With musical guests EMay, Melinda, Accelerando Music Conservatory; dance artists Texture Contemporary Ballet; poetry and theater offerings by Blue Mango, Speaking Of..., and Prime Stage Theatre.

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Sunday, October 2 (cont.)

PITTSBURGH OPERA UP CLOSE: LA TRAVIATA
Free Admission 2-3:30pm

Monday, October 3

DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER
Free Admission for Tours 10am-3pm
Reserve your tour time at 412.565.6000.
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL AND MUSEUM
Free Admission 10am-4pm
PITTSBURGH FILMMAKERS: Ann Arbor Film Festival
Free Admission 8-9:30pm (Program A)

Tuesday, October 4

PNC PARK
Free Admission 10am-3pm (tours only)
Tours take place on the hour; last tour starts at 2pm; 60 guest maximum, on a first-come, first-served basis. Subject to change without notice. Please check the RAD web site for information if a cancellation occurs.
PITTSBURGH FILMMAKERS: Ann Arbor Film Festival
Free Admission 8-9:30pm (Program B)

Thursday, October 6

PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Free Admission 2pm
Free 1/2 hour docent tour of the 2011 Pittsburgh Biennial.
CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH (Main): WRITERS LIVE PRESENTS SHANNON CAIN
Free Admission 6-7pm

Friday, October 7

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL AND MUSEUM
Free Admission 10am-4pm
PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER
Free Admission 10am-9pm
Demonstrations in the flameworking and glassblowing studios.

Saturday, October 8

BULGARIAN CULTURAL CENTER
Free Admission 9am-3pm
CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH:
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CLP – EAST LIBERTY!
Free Admission 10am-3pm
PITTSBURGH CULTURAL TRUST:SKETCH CRAWL
Free Admission 10am-4pm
*Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Must register by email:
education@pittsburgharts.org or phone 412-471-6079.*

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Sunday, October 9

PITTSBURGH ZOO & PPG AQUARIUM

Free Admission 9am-5pm (gates close at 4pm)

Performances by Pittsburgh CLO Mini-Stars (11A), Gateway to the Arts roster artists Joe Wos (noon) and Betsy Lawrence (12:30P) and Jazz Workshop (1P). Sponsored by PPG Industries.

Monday, October 10

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL AND MUSEUM

Free Admission 10am-4pm

Tuesday, October 11

HEINZ FIELD

Free Admission 10am-3pm (tours only)

Tours on the hour; last tour starts at 3pm. Limit 50 guests per hour. First come, first served

Thursday, October 13

PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Free Admission 2pm

Free 1/2 hour docent tour of the 2011 Pittsburgh Biennial.

Friday, October 14

NATIONAL AVIARY: WORLD EGG DAY

Free Admission 10am-5pm

THE ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM

Free Admission 10am-10pm

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL AND MUSEUM

Free Admission 10am-4pm

Saturday, October 15

CLASSICAL WQED-FM 89.3(CAROLYN M. BYHAM STUDIO)

Free Admission 11am-2pm

Tour WQED-FM 89.3 Carolyn M. Byham Studio; Pittsburgh POPS Principal Conductor Marvin Hamlisch in person from noon – 1pm.

PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Free Admission 11am-Noon

Visit the Heinz Hall box office or call 412-392-4900 for advance tickets.

PITTSBURGH OPERA AND ATTACK THEATRE CONCERT

Free Admission Noon-1pm

ATTACK THEATRE'S GAME DAY

Free Admission 1-3pm

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