

Thieves Hit Three Rivers Arts Festival

Despite 24-hour-a-day security, several artists participating this year's Three Rivers Arts Festival were the victims of robbers.

The thefts occurred during the late night and early morning hours of June 8/9 when the festival was closed.

What is even more troubling is that the tents targeted were near the security booth.



"It was like a stab to the chest," festival participant Alexis Croyle told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Loretta Wimbley. "I've been through storms and you will lose a little, but this was the biggest loss I've experienced."

Adding to the problem, writes Wimbley, have been reports of fake \$100 bills being used to purchase works. Read her full article at <https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2019/06/10/Pittsburgh-Cultural-Trust-increasing-security-for-Three-Rivers-Arts->

[Festival-after-weekend-theft/stories/201906100070](https://www.post-gazette.com/stories/201906100070)

In a press release, the **Pittsburgh Cultural Trust** (the festival's producer) called the incident "an unfortunate occurrence that is highly out of the ordinary" adding that "*we have alerted our on-site staff, volunteers, and security partners in the city to be on special lookout for these acts and have dedicated further resources to security in the Artist Market area.*"

Media outlets across the country such as the *Chicago Tribune* picked the story as provided by the **Associated Press**.

The total value is unknown, but the amount is probably considerable. Wimbley also writes that Chicago artist Chris Jackson "reported the theft of four paintings valued at more than \$3,000, including a horse painting and a large version of a Penguins

Stanley Cup tribute. The thief, he said, entered his booth by unzipping the back of his tent."

In related news, Ulric Joseph won Best of Show at the festival. This includes a \$2500 cash prize. Lisa Cunningham did a write-up about Joseph for *Pittsburgh City Paper* which can be read at <https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/politically-charged-pittsburgh-artist-ulric-joseph-wins-best-of-show-in-this-years-juried-visual-art-exhibition-at-three-rivers-arts-festival/Content?oid=15169353>

KDKA-TV posted a news report about the thefts which can be seen by clicking the image below..



WESA Wins Prestigious Murrow Award

A September 2018 report by WESA-FM's Lucy Perkins has been honored with an Edward R. Murrow Award, writes Deadline's Erik Pedersen.

Named in honor of pioneering broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965), the awards recognize excellence in electronic journalism. The program is administered by the **Radio Television Digital News Association**.

The story titled "What Would Happen to Abortion Access in Pennsylvania if Roe v. Wade Was Overturned" [<https://www.wesa.fm/post/what-would-happen-abortion-access-pennsylvania-if-roe-v-wade-was-overturned>] was named in the "News Series" category.

For the full list of winners, visit <https://deadline.com/2019/06/edward-r-murrow-awards-2019-list-1202634197/>



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Fall-Out Continues

Last year's sexual misconduct scandal at the **Mattress Factory** continues to rock the museum, reports WESA-FM's Bill O'Driscoll.



Attendance has been strong and the museum's annual "Garden Party" fundraiser judged a success. "But critics say issues remain, including a rapid exodus of Mattress Factory staff." writes

O'Driscoll. "According to one former employee, about 30 full- and part-time staffers left over the past year, including long-time senior management."

Some staff members continue to claim that the board doesn't do a good job of keeping them informed about the museum's plans. Long-term leadership also remains an issue.

Read the full article by clicking <https://www.wesa.fm/post/mattress-factory-moves-sexual-misconduct-controversy-questions-remain>

CLP Staff Begins Unionization Effort

The process has begun to unionize employees at the **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh** (CLP), reports WESA-FM's Ariel Worthy.

Worthy writes that a "colorful makeshift book drop box" was set-up in the lobby of the United Steelworkers building. Many CLP employees dropped signed United Library Workers union cards into the box.



Issues from diversity to pay are among the concerns.

"When I lose a day, I don't just lose that income," part-time librarian Rachel Masilamani told Worthy. "I oftentimes --- be-

cause I am sick --- have to take on the added cost of health care on top of that, so I end up deeper in the hole,"

Read the full article by clicking <https://www.wesa.fm/post/carnegie-library-employees-take-first-step-toward-creating-union>



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Meet Love PGH Music

A group of artists and organizations are launching **Love PGH Music** (LPM) this month "to shine a light on the huge pool of working musicians who call our city home and help them share their music with the world. "



The group is a direct outgrowth of a 2018 project called the Pittsburgh Music Ecosystem Study. With input from hundreds of musicians and others, the study (<http://pghmusicproject.org/>) examined the strengths and needs of the local music industry.

In a press release, organizer Abby Goldstein (who is with WYEP-FM) explains that LPM will Music makes it easy for local musicians to connect with the public, and for music fans to plug into all that's happening in Pittsburgh's growing, creative and fun local scene."

More information is available at <https://lovepghmusic.com/>

Equity Makes Changes

A series of changes to the **Actors' Equity Association** (AEA) constitution have been approved by its membership, the union has announced.

Founded in 1913, the national labor union represents more than 51,000 professional actors and stage managers working in live theatre. This includes several hundred in the Pittsburgh area.



Approved changes include updated non-discrimination language and creating a national convention. Perhaps the most important change is the creation of "at-large" seats on the AEA council. The press release says that these seats assure "a voice in Equity's governance for Equity members outside of New York, Los Angeles or Chicago" --- such as Pittsburgh.

The first national convention will be held in early 2021 and will include 211 elected delegates from across the country. Specifics have not yet been announced.

Schlamme Re-Elected DGA President

Thomas Schlamme has been elected to another term as president of the **Directors Guild of America** (DGA).

As a television director and producer, Schlamme is best known for his work with writer/producer Aaron Sorkin. These include the series "Sports Night" (1998-2000), "The West Wing" (1999-2006) and "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" (2006-2007). He has been married to award winning actress and filmmaker Christine Lahti since 1983.

"It is my honor to once again accept the position of President of

the Directors Guild of America," said Schlamme in a press release. "It's a privilege I don't take lightly. We're in a time of immense change, and the next few years will be critical for the DGA and for our industry. I am focused and ready to lead us through our next negotiations, and to ensure that the creative and economic rights of directors and their teams are protected for years to come. And I am fortunate that serving alongside me is a dedicated, experienced team of fellow officers elected to represent our members."

Schlamme's current project is a six-part miniseries adaptation of the 2004 novel *The Plot Against*

SAG-AFTRA Preps For New Deal

The process has begun for a new **SAG-AFTRA** master contract, reports *Variety's* Dave McNary.



Initial meetings with members were held on June 12 at the union's various regional offices, including Pittsburgh.

McNary explains that those first sessions "covered residuals and emerging media. Upcoming sessions will cover the outlook for scripted dramatic live action; exclusivity and options; pension and health; new media and SVOD; schedule breaks; and nudity and scenes involving sexuality." Read his full article at <https://variety.com/2019/film/news/sag-aftra-prepping-contract-negotiations-1203241123/>

The current contract with the **Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers** (which represents the studios) will expire on June 30, 2020.

America written by Phillip Roth (1933-2018). The novel imagines an alternative history where aviator --- and white supremacist --- Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974) wins the U.S. presidency in 1940.

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Chabon Helms "Picard"

Michael Chabon has been named showrunner for the new streaming series "Star Trek: Picard," reports Tony Maglio for TheWrap.com.

The series brings back actor Patrick Stewart to

his most famous role, as Jean-Luc Picard. The series follows the aging Admiral Picard twenty years after the events depicted in the 2002 film "Star Trek: Nemesis."



Michael Chabon grew up in Pittsburgh and has written acclaimed novels such as 1988's *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh* and Pulitzer Prize winning 2000 novel *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*.

Ten ten episode first season of "Star Trek: Picard" will start streaming on CBS All Access later this year.

Howell Leaves KDKA

Jay Howell, who has been the general manager for KDKA-TV/WPCW-TV since last July, has been promoted by **CBS Corporation**.

He has been named

president and general manager of KCBS-KCAL Los Angeles, which includes CBSLA.com and the recently launched streaming service CBSN Los Angeles. Howell's father was general manager of WPXI-TV from 1984 to 2001. In a press release, he calls leaving Pittsburgh "bittersweet."

At press time, a successor for KDKA/WPCW has not been named.



PSO Hires Violinist

Jeremías Sergiani-Velázquez has been appointed by the **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's** (PSO) Second Violin section starting in the 2019-2020 season.

"A violinist with significant accomplishments," explains a

PSO press release, "Sergiani-Velázquez was awarded First Prize at the Argentinean Hebrew Foundation Competition, has performed in collaboration with the acclaimed Borromeo Quartet in Boston, and regularly tours with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. He recently joined the first violin section of the Grant Park Music Festival Orchestra in Chicago, has played



as guest concertmaster with the Atlanta Symphony, and, as a member of the New York Classical Players, he has soloed and played as concertmaster on several occasions."

The Argentine native is a graduate of the New England Conservatory, The Juilliard School, and the Manhattan School of Music.

Commonheart Sets Release Date

Local band **Commonheart** has announced August 16 as the release date for their new album, "Pressure".

The band is especially proud of the song "Do Right." In a press release, frontman Clinton Clegg

describes the tune as "a mantra as much as it is a song" with a "message of positive mentorship in our communities as well as our own hearts."

The 10-song album is being released by New York City label **Julian Records**.



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Lillis Cast As “I’m Not Okay” Lead

17-year-old actress Sophia Lillis has been cast in the lead to the upcoming **Netflix** series "Iam Not Okay with This," reports *The Hollywood Reporter's* Jackie Strause.

The series is an adaptation of the 2017 graphic novel by Charles "Chuck" Forsman. The main character is named Sydney, who must manage the challenges of high school as well as the mysterious powers she's starting to manifest. The first season of eight 30-minute episodes are currently being filmed in Pittsburgh.

Lillis is probably best known for her break-out role in the 2017 film "It." Strause's full article is available at <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/live-feed/netflixs-i-am-not-star-sophia-lillis-1217057> and Netflix has created a special online presence at <https://www.netflix.com/title/80244781>



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“Ma Rainey” Film Starts Shooting

Production is expected to begin this month in Pittsburgh for a film adaptation of the play "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," reports Anthony D'Alessandro for *Deadline*.

The 1982 play was written by August Wilson (1945-2005) as part of his "Pittsburgh Cycle" series. It recounts the story of blues singer Gertrude "Ma Rainey" Pridget (1882-1939) before and during a tension-filled 1927 recording session. Viola Davis will play the lead.

Other cast members include Chadwick Boseman, Glynn Turman and Michael Potts. Denel Washington is producing.

The finished film will stream on **Netflix**. Read more at <https://deadline.com/2019/06/viola-davis-chadwick-boseman-netflix-movie-ma-raineys-black-bottom-august-wilson-1202635104/>

**“Ma Rainey” is
seeking crew. Scroll
down to page 10.**

Images



Major Scales and Jinx Monsoon appear in “The Vaudevillians” at the O’Reilly Theater this month. Photo by Magnus Hastings.



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Opportunities

KDKA-TV, part of **CBS Corporation** is seeking an art director who has a strong background in digital design, motion, illustration and video projects. Apply at <https://cbscorporation.jobs/pittsburgh-pa/art-director/0C59063A7FF944ABB771633ACA5038ED/job/>

A full-time adult librarian position has opened at the Squirrel Hill branch of the **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**. The chosen candidate must have a college degree and be comfortable with technology. Details at https://www.appone.com/MainInfoReq.asp?R_ID=2551334

Crew is needed for the film "Ma Rainey." Send your resume to maraineyprod@gmail.com

FreshWorks is the **Kelly Strayhorn Theater** month-long creative residency for Pittsburgh based artists and collaborators. The program supports interdisciplinary collaborations in contemporary dance, theater, music and multimedia and provides artists with studio space, production support, lighting and sound design, professional development and encouragement for creative risk taking. For more information, visit <http://kelly-strayhorn.org/community/artistopportunities-2/>

The Carnegie Museum of Art (part of the **Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh**) is seeking a professional to handle collection care, loan activity, temporary exhibitions and on-going presentations of the permanent collection. To apply, click <https://usr56.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/car/Posting/View/1520>

An artist with a background in youth education is being sought by the **Children's Museum of Pittsburgh**. To learn more, download the PDF at https://s3.amazonaws.com/cmop_production/downloads/527/Youth_Teaching_Artisit-ML_06.12.2019.pdf?1561053255

City Theatre Company has an opening for an education director. Click <http://www.citytheatrecompany.org/inside-city/auditions-and-employment/>

Steeltown Partnership Offers Fund Raising Opportunities

The non-profit **Steeltown** has entered into a partnership with **Storyblaster**,

Founded in 2017, Storyblaster is the brain-child of comedian, entrepreneur and Steeltown co-founder Maxine Lapiduss. The Los Angeles company provides marketing tools to increase the



chances of a crowd funding campaign to succeed, especially through social media.

Storyblaster is offering free trial periods and discounts through its Steeltown partnership (use the link https://www.storyblaster.com/partners/steeltown?utm_source=steeltown&mc_cid=f6993a334a&mc_cid=7dd4c75d64)

for crowd funding support and https://www.storyblaster.com/partners/steeltown_ab?utm_source=steeltown_ab&mc_cid=f6993a334a&mc_cid=7dd4c75d64 for audience building support).

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Mac Miller In New Song

The late Mac Miller keeps delivering (sort of) reports Michael Saponara for *Billboard*.

Rapper and Pittsburgh native Malcolm "Mac Miller" McCormick died from an apparent accidental drug overdose in 2018. He was 26 years old.

Saponara writes that rapper Charles "88-Keys" Njapa released a new single on June 20 includes vocals and a verse written by Miller. The song is "That's Life" and it also features singer Sia Fuller. Miller apparently recorded his portion in 2015.

"Mac came up with the concept for the song stemming from a conversation we had in the studio about relationships," Saponara quotes 88-Keys. "As we shared with each other what made the ones we were in at the time special."

Watch the music video by clicking the link below.



Matrix Inks Canada Deal

Pittsburgh-based advertising sales firm **Matrix Solutions** has inked a deal with Canadian broadcaster Vista Radio.



Matrix Solutions helps media companies better monetize their content through its global ad sales platform. The firm manages more than \$13 billion in media ad revenue, offering analytics, sales intelligence, media-specific sales tools to more than 10,000 media sellers.

"We are continually looking for ways to grow our business and as a result recognized a need to bet-

ter understand and capitalize on our revenue across multiple assets," shared Vista's Geoff Poulton in a press release. "After an extensive search we selected Matrix Solutions' Monarch based on its media-specific design and integrations, robust sales-generating resources, and the ability to connect our teams and opportunities enterprise-wide."

Vista, a unit of **Westerkirk Capital**, owns and operates 41 stations primarily in Ontario and British Columbia.

Rostrum Promotions

Independent label Rostrum Records has promoted Nicole Plantin to senior vice president of artists & repertoire (A&R) and Ryan Hobbs to vice president of marketing. The news was first reported in the June 4, 2019 issue of *Variety*.



Rostrum was launched in Pittsburgh in 2003 before relocating to Los Angeles. The company is now a subsidiary of **Vivendi's** Universal Music Group division.

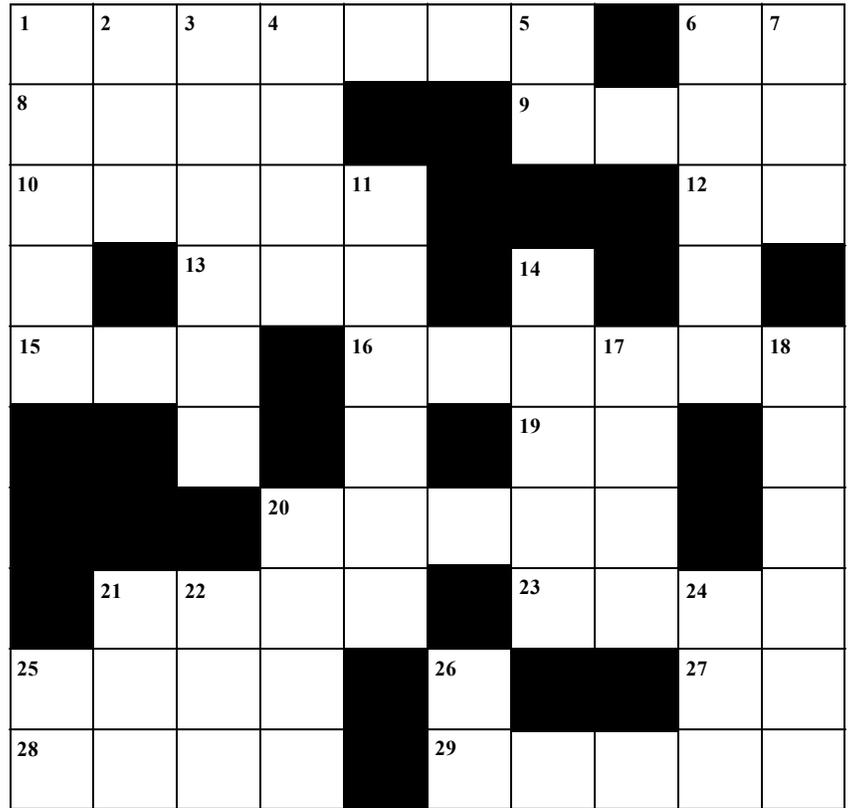
The article quotes Plantin: "In our ever changing environment I am grateful to work with a team that thinks outside of the box and works tirelessly to support and build our artists' careers."

Read the full article by clicking <https://variety.com/2019/music/news/rostrum-records-nicole-plantin-ryan-hobbs-1203232376/>



Across

1. Renaissance dude starring at the Carnegie Science Center
6. Half a laugh
8. Salt Lake state
9. Opinion
10. Madrid mister
12. Musical note between do and mi
13. Wall Street letters
15. "Starship Trooper" band
16. See 6-Down
19. State north of NC
20. 360 feet of fabric
21. Ralph Lauren brand
23. Singer Sedaka, to pals
25. Singer and songwriter known as the "King of California" (with 14-Down)
27. Stage name for singer/songwriter Kevin Grivois
28. Chew
29. He'll be at the Benedum this month where he'll never grow up (with 21-Down)



Down

1. Comic who will "Slay" at the Improv this month
2. Dined
3. Disappear
4. Breakfast chain initials
5. ER or OR drip
6. French artist who has inspired a Children's Museum exhibit (with 16-Across)
7. Admiration
11. Abstract painter Mark
14. See 25-Across
17. Sport section at Arsenal Bowl
18. Penn's partner
20. Fancy way to say killed
21. See 29-Across
22. Egg cell, scientifically
24. He was liked in the 1950's
25. Italian luxury letters, separated by "&"
26. Surf apparel company, briefly

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