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CLASSICAL WQED-FM 89.3 LAUNCHES UNIQUE PITTSBURGH CONCERT CHANNEL ONLINE AND ON WQED-HD2

PITTSBURGH—Classical WQED-FM 89.3 just made Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra performances available 24-hours-a-day.

Now available at wqed.org/fm and WQED-HD2 (89.3-2FM) on HD Radio, the **Pittsburgh Concert Channel** exclusively broadcasts archived local performances (WQED-FM has recorded and broadcast) from the nationally syndicated *Pittsburgh Symphony Radio* series along with select concerts from Chatham Baroque, CMU School of Music and many others. Future plans for this one-of-a-kind channel include adding performances from other local arts groups. WQED-HD2 joins Classical WQED-FM 89.3 broadcasting in Pittsburgh and Classical WQEJ-FM 89.7 being simulcast in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, both of which are also available worldwide at wqed.org/fm.

"The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra National Broadcast Series (*Pittsburgh Symphony Radio*) is a historic and successful partnership between the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and WQED, and we are thrilled that it is now being shared with a broad community," said Jim Wilkinson, president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

WQED Pittsburgh has a proud history of honors**,** including 128 National and Mid-Atlantic Emmy® Awards, an Academy Award, and many, many others, including two Emmy® Awards for Station Excellence. WQED was founded in 1954 as the nation's first community-supported broadcaster. The people of WQED create, produce and distribute quality programs, products and services to engage, inform, educate and entertain the public within their community and around the world. WQED Pittsburgh is one of the first broadcasters in the country to be fully high-definition (HD) in its studio and field production capabilities. It is the parent company of WQED-TV (PBS); WQED: The Neighborhood Channel; WQED: The Create Channel; WQED Showcase; Classical WQED-FM 89.3/Pittsburgh; Classical WQEJ-FM 89.7/Johnstown; local and national television and radio productions; WQED Interactive (www.wqed.org) and The WQED Education Department.

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