

ARSC

49th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The Association for Recorded Sound Collections Board of Directors invites you to attend the 49th Annual Conference at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on **May 27-30, 2015**, hosted by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Please review the entire registration packet for details on the workshops, conference program, banquet, hotel, travel, silent auction, newcomer orientation/mentor program, and exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities. The most detailed and up-to-date information can be found on the conference website at www.arsc-audio.org/conference/2015.

Registration forms with checks or money orders made payable to ARSC must be mailed to the conference registrar by **May 6, 2015** in order to receive the early registration discount. You may also register online and pay via PayPal or a credit card (a PayPal account is not required).

HOTEL

Conference sessions will be held at the Westin, a smoke-free, pet friendly hotel located in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh near shopping, restaurants, and public transportation. For distinctive local flavor, Pittsburgh's historic Strip District, named for its narrow confines between the Allegheny River and Grant's Hill, is just one mile from the hotel. Great cultural offerings found here include the famous Saturday Farmers Market, plus intriguing ethnic and specialty shopping and tempting local cuisine.

The Westin offers a complimentary shuttle around the downtown area on weekdays between 7:00am-11:00pm, as well as a business center, workout facility with lap pool, a concierge who leads daily riverfront runs from 6:30-7:00am, and a gear lending program (for \$5, workout gear, including tennis shoes, will be delivered to your room). Other guest room amenities include laptop safes, complementary wifi and newspaper, and a coffeemaker with Starbucks coffee.

Our primary contracted dates are Tuesday May 26–Saturday May 30, 2015 (with Sunday departure). ARSC group rates will be honored 3 days prior (Memorial Day weekend) and 3 days after these dates, subject to availability (if you receive an error message when booking extended dates online, please call reservation line for assistance). The deadline to make reservations at the Westin is **May 5, 2015, 5:00 pm, EDT**. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis at the prevailing rate.

Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh
1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 USA
Reservations: (412) 560-6365; Local Phone: (412) 281-3700
www.westinpittsburgh.com

To make your hotel reservations please follow these instructions:

- By telephone: call (412) 560-6365 and request the Association for Recorded Sound Collections room block. Reservations must be guaranteed with first night's deposit to a credit card.
- Online: follow the links on the ARSC conference page, or go to our Westin group page at <http://tinyurl.com/q22qv4r>. Adjust dates accordingly and select room preferences.

The ARSC rate is \$139 (plus 14% tax) for a standard room with one king or two double beds, single or double occupancy (add \$10 for each additional person; complimentary rollaway beds may be requested for king rooms). Check-in is 3:00 p.m. EDT, check-out is noon. Reservations must be cancelled by 6:00 p.m. EDT on the day *prior* to your arrival date to avoid loss of first night's room and tax charges.

ROOMMATE CLEARINGHOUSE

If you need a roommate for the meeting, contact Brenda Nelson-Strauss (bnelsons@indiana.edu) and provide your contact information, dates for which you need a roommate, and any other preferences. You'll receive a list of others who meet your preferences and then you can make your own arrangements.

TRAVEL (see conference website for additional maps and links)

The Pittsburgh International Airport is approximately 19 miles from the hotel and is serviced by Air Canada, American, Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest, United, and USAir. Taxi service between the airport and the Westin is approximately \$38.00 one way, Super Shuttle fare is approximately \$30 one way, and the Port Authority's 28X Airport Flyer bus is \$3.75 one way. Rental cars may be picked up on-site at the airport. The Pittsburgh Amtrak station is located two blocks from the Westin. Amtrak's Pennsylvanian travels from New York's Penn Station via Newark and Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, while the Capitol Limited connects Washington DC to Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Chicago.

PARKING

On-site hotel valet and self-service parking is available for \$24 and \$20 per night respectively. There is also off-site parking one block away (11th & Penn) for \$13 per day and five blocks away (15th & Smallman) for \$6 per day. Prices are subject to change.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Westin is an ADA compliant hotel offering accessible guest rooms upon request; additional questions about accessible facilities and services at the Westin should be directed to the hotel. ARSC is committed to providing equal access in all aspects of its business and will make efforts to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities within the limits of its budget. To request accommodation for a disability during the conference, contact ARSC's Executive Director: execdir@arsc-audio.org; 541-346-1852.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The ARSC registration table will open on Wednesday from 4-7:30 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Foyer on the second floor, and will move to the Allegheny Foyer on Thursday. If you arrive by 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, please stop by the registration desk to pick up your name badge prior to the reception.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Two pre-conference workshops will be offered. The Education and Training Committee workshop, "From Idea to Deliverable: Planning and Executing Your Grant-Funded Project," will be held in the Westin's Somerset Room from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., followed by a tour of MediaPreserve (buses will depart at 3:30 and return to the hotel at approximately 6:00 p.m.). The Technical Committee is offering the two-hour "All Hands on Deck! Audiotape Playback Workshop" which will be held at MediaPreserve (buses will depart at 12:30 and return to the hotel at approximately 4:30 p.m.).

OPENING RECEPTION

The conference will officially kick off with the opening reception on Wednesday evening in the Westin's Pennsylvania Room on the 2nd floor. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 9:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soda will be served, and there will be a cash bar for other drinks. Please check the box on the registration form if you plan to attend, so we can better estimate our catering needs.

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION/MENTOR PROGRAM

First-time conference attendees and conference veterans are invited to participate in the Newcomer Orientation and Mentoring Program. The program pairs newcomers with long-time members based on their shared interests. Mentors provide mentees with an orientation to the conference, the association, and its participants in informal meetings over the course of the conference. Mentors and mentees must be able to attend the newcomer orientation on Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Westin's Somerset Room.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

All sessions are scheduled from Thursday through Saturday in the Allegheny Ballroom on the 2nd floor of the Westin. Complete session abstracts will be available on the conference website and printed in the final program.

EXHIBITS

The Exhibit Hall will be open on Thursday at 9:45 a.m. and close on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Individuals or companies interested in exhibiting at the conference should complete and return the enclosed form with their registration. Those who are not able to attend the conference may still reserve a non-hosted table, send literature for the conference bags, or advertise in the program. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to showcase your wares and services. Also, it isn't too late to become an official conference sponsor and receive a free exhibit table and complementary registration. Please contact the assistant conference manager for details or refer to the website.

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction will be located in the Exhibit Hall. All ARSC members and vendors are encouraged to donate items to be auctioned off to the highest bidder—this is a great way to support ARSC (a non-profit, 501.C.3 organization) and will make our exhibit room a lively place. Any item in good condition is welcome including books, CDs, LPs, 78s, 45s, audio products, and ephemera. Bid sheets can be printed from the website and should be included with your donation if you wish to set a minimum bid or require a receipt. If you are willing to donate materials please bring them with you to the conference, or ship them via UPS or Media Mail at least two weeks in advance to: Timothy R. Williams, Music, Film & Audio Department, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Tickets to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concert on Friday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Heinz Hall may be purchased via the link on the conference website at the ARSC group rate. Conductor Juanjo Mena will be leading a Spanish-themed program: Debussy's "Ibéria" No. 2, Ginastera's Suite from *Panambi* and Dances from *Estancia*, Falla's Interlude & Dance from *La Vida Breve*, and Ludwig's *Pictures from the Floating World*.

GOOD FRIDAYS AT THE WARHOL MUSEUM

The Andy Warhol Museum offers half price admission and a cash bar every Friday from 5:00-10:00 p.m. Many Good Fridays also offer special programs including music, film, and performances. Located at 117 Sandusky St., the museum is a 15 minute walk from the Westin, on the other side of the Allegheny River across the Andy Warhol Bridge. Additional information will be provided at the ARSC registration desk.

COLLECTORS' ROUNDTABLE

For this year's annual Friday night roundtable, participants are invited to bring a crate of records they would like to sell or trade, and/or a record or two for show & tell. A phonograph will be available for playing disc recordings. There's no special theme, just plan on some fun records and interesting discussion.

AWARDS BANQUET

The conference will conclude on Saturday evening with the annual Awards Banquet, preceded by a Happy Hour at 6:00 p.m. Winners of the 2014 ARSC Awards for Excellence, the 2015 Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Service Awards, and the finalists for the 2015 Awards for Excellence will be honored. If you are attending the banquet, please be sure to select your choice of entrée on the registration form. Options include mushroom ravioli with asiago alfredo sauce, London broil with wild mushroom demi glaze, or roast breast of chicken with port wine sauce. We will also try to accommodate special dietary needs—please email the Conference Manager or add a note to your registration form.

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