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## **StoryCorps is Coming to Pittsburgh to Record the Stories of Our Region**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** (May 18, 2006). **WDUQ 90.5 FM** and the **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh** are bringing **StoryCorps** to Pittsburgh June 8 through July 2. StoryCorps, a national oral history project, will be collecting the stories of people from throughout southwestern Pennsylvania to add to the national audio archives at the **Library of Congress**.

The StoryCorps Mobile Booth recording studio will be parked outside Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Main in Oakland. On Opening Day, **Thursday, June 8 at 10 am**, media tours of the booth and the opportunity to speak with representatives of StoryCorps and the first Pittsburgh participants will be offered at a special press preview.

Sponsored by **National Public Radio**, this audio project was established to create an oral history of regular citizens across the nation, and to allow everyday Americans to preserve personal stories for their families and for future generations. Pittsburgh residents are encouraged to take part in the project by making a reservation to interview a friend or loved one during a 40-minute recorded session. Beginning Thursday, May 25, at 10 am, reservations can be scheduled by visiting <http://www.wduq.org> or calling 1.800.850.4406.

Along with archiving the interviews at the Library of Congress, a copy of the interviews will be placed in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. StoryCorps segments from around the country can be heard Fridays during NPR's *Morning Edition*, aired locally on WDUQ from 5 to 9 am. Additionally, WDUQ will air segments from Pittsburgh interviews throughout the summer. "The StoryCorps visit is a wonderful way to bring greater attention to Pittsburgh and the stories of the people who live here – and to remind everyone that they have stories worth hearing and sharing," said **Scott Hanley**, Director/General Manager of WDUQ-FM.

StoryCorps was created by award-winning documentary producer **Dave Isay**. It is the largest oral history project ever undertaken, with a goal of collecting 200,000 stories over the next decade. The first StoryBooth, a freestanding soundproof recording studio, opened in New York City's Grand Central Terminal in October 2003 and in June 2005, a second StoryBooth opened at the site of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. Two StoryCorps Mobile Booths began their national tour starting in Washington, DC on May 19, 2005. According to Isay, "Listening is an act of love. StoryCorps will teach participants to become better listeners, foster intergenerational communication, and help Americans appreciate the strength in the stories of everyday people."

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