PITTSBURGH, August 9, 2012 – Marty Ashby, executive producer of MCG Jazz, a program of the Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild, will take the stage on Saturday, Aug. 18, as part of Carnegie Science Center’s acoustic performance series.

Free with general admission to the Science Center, Saturday acoustic performances are held from 2-3 pm at the Sonic Sound Stage, presented by Dollar Bank in cooperation with WDVE, throughout the run of the traveling exhibit GUITAR: The Instrument That Rocked The World.

It started as a family affair for Ashby—the Ashby Family was one of the most sought-after bands in Baldwinsville, N.Y. during the 1970s. A seasoned performer by age 8, Ashby was accepted into Ithaca College’s music program on a scholarship at age 16. In college, he produced jazz festivals, gained performance experience, wrote music, and even toured with his own band.

He spent five years working with multiple musical outlets including the Cleveland Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra, and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Once introduced to the Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild (MCG) in 1987, Ashby found his calling. He took a significant pay cut to be part of the MCG and more than 20 years later, now serves as executive producer. In this role, he has produced more than 2,000 concerts and 40 recordings on the MCG Jazz label.

Acoustic performances are among a variety of special events presented in conjunction with GUITAR, which traces the instrument’s vast history over the past 400 years and showcases more than 60 models, ranging from the early sitars of the Middle Ages to modern-day electric guitars.

GUITAR, running through Sept. 30, is free with general admission. Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org for more details about upcoming rockin’ events.
About Carnegie Science Center
Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh’s premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh
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