What/Why:
The Philly POPS is back on Independence Mall for its annual free July 3 show during the Wawa Welcome America! festival.

FEATURING
Todd Ellison, conductor
Heather Headley, vocalist
Voices of the POPS

With the backdrop of Independence Hall, the 65-piece Philly POPS orchestra, led by Todd Ellison, will perform a patriotic, entertaining show. POPS on Independence has become a Philadelphia tradition enjoyed by 15,000 locals and visitors each year.

Starring in POPS on Independence will be Tony and Grammy winner, R&B hitmaker, and international singing sensation Heather Headley! Heather's July 3 performance will preview a one-night-only show on October 12: The Philly POPS presents Heather Headley's Broadway My Way. Heather is the original Nala from The Lion King on Broadway, the Tony-winning star of Aida and the Laurence Olivier Award nominee for her star turn in The Bodyguard musical. She has recently toured with Andrea Bocelli -- POPS audiences saw her last December at the Wells Fargo Center.

As the POPS celebrates its 40th Anniversary, POPS on Independence and the 2018-19 concert
season is dedicated to Philadelphia musicians, moments from the last 40 years of the POPS, and the magic that is American pop music. July 3’s show will feature songs that have connections to POPS history and that showcase artists and music with Philly roots, such as Curtis Institute graduate Leonard Bernstein whose centenary is currently being celebrated worldwide and right on Independence Mall with the National Museum of American Jewish History's The Power of Music exhibit.