

Pittsburgh Opera Audio Commentary Service



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Pittsburgh Opera offers an Audio Commentary service for patrons with visual impairments during Tuesday performances at the Benedum Center. Through Channel 2 on the Infrared Hearing Devices, patrons can hear the Supertitles read simultaneously with their appearance on the screen, as well as descriptions of the set, characters, and costumes.

Some facts about the Audio Commentary program:

- A patron may reserve a seat in advance by calling 412-281-0912, extension 213. Tickets are only \$10.50 each for patrons with visual impairments and a companion, and consideration will be given in case of financial hardship.
- Braille and Large-Print programs are available at each performance.
- To pick up an Infrared Hearing Device, a patron presents an ID at the storage cabinet in the far right lobby of the Benedum Center. Channel 1 on the Infrared Hearing Devices is audio amplification only. Channel 2 on the Infrared Hearing Devices includes music and Audio Commentary.
- An all-volunteer team has provided the Audio Commentary service since 2003. Several team members provide individual assistance to patrons as they pick up the Infrared Hearing Devices. Another team member reads from the program book 10 minutes before each act of the performance—the "preshow". Another team member reads the Supertitles and describes the visual aspects of the stage—the "play-by-play".



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