

2009-2010 Pittsburgh Opera Opera Connections Program for Families



Connecting the opera to the community Connecting children and their parents

The Opera Connections program provides opportunities for parents and children from select Pittsburgh neighborhoods to attend opera performances together—to experience art as a family. At Pittsburgh Opera, we believe in reaching out to our friends who might not normally be able to attend arts performances, and we believe in preparing them to attend through pre-performance workshops.

When a child is exposed to a magnificent operatic voice at a workshop, or meets a cast member during intermission, or sees men and women working backstage before the opera begins, that child is not only entertained, but also awakened to the idea that he or she could be involved with the arts as a career. When Opera Connections guests visit the beautiful Benedum Center, experience orchestral music, hear amazing solo voices and a full chorus, and see colorful costumes and sets on stage, they not only learn about excellence in the arts, but also expand their world view. And, what better way to experience the magic of opera than to attend with a family member!

During the 2009-2010 season, Opera Connections families will attend Friday evening performances of *Falstaff*, *Carmen*, and *The Marriage of Figaro*.

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