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**Pittsburgh Opera's Opera Up Close: *The Italian Girl in Algiers*
With Antony Walker, Chris Alexander, Paolo Pecchioli and William Burden**

When: 12:45 PM – 2:45 PM, Saturday, April 25, 2009

Where: Pittsburgh Opera, [2425 Liberty Avenue](#) in the Strip District

What: Pittsburgh Opera's **Opera Up Close: *The Italian Girl in Algiers***

Who: Pittsburgh Opera's Music Director Antony Walker, Stage Director Chris Alexander, bass Paolo Pecchioli, and tenor William Burden

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Pittsburgh, PA... [Pittsburgh Opera](#) hosts **Opera Up Close: *The Italian Girl in Algiers*** on Saturday, April 25 at 12:45 PM, following the weekly Brown Bag Concert. Opera Up Close is an exciting and informative program offered five times per season, before the opening of each production, offering an insider's look into the upcoming opera. This Saturday's star-studded panel will consist of internationally-renowned conductor and Pittsburgh Opera Music Director Antony Walker, Italian bass Paolo Pecchioli, American tenor William Burden and international stage director Chris Alexander (son of a soprano and a baritone who sang in Pittsburgh in the 1950s). This event is free and open to the public. For program information, or to pre-order a deluxe gourmet box lunch from il mercato, call Kristin Gatch at 412-281-0912 x227.

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Subscriptions for as little as \$41. Single tickets for as little as \$16. For ticket information visit our website www.pittsburghopera.org or call (412) 281-0912

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