

# 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, Pittsburgh CAPA School Theater, and at the Pittsburgh Opera headquarters. Through Assistive Listening 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 \$10.00 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 at the Benedum Center, a patron presents an ID in the Guest Services Center, located off the far right lobby. 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 Assistive Listening Devices. Another team member reads from the program book ten minutes before each act of the performance—the "pre-show". Another team member reads the Supertitles and describes the visual aspects of the stage—the "play-by-play".



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