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## Pittsburgh Opera Announces Children's Ticket Pricing

Pittsburgh Opera now offers discounted tickets to its Benedum Center productions for all children ages 18 and under.

Pittsburgh Opera's Children's Tickets, which cost half the price of a regular-priced adult ticket, are available for all performances of both <u>Moby-Dick</u> (March 17-25) and Donizetti's classic romantic-comedy <u>The Elixir of Love</u> (April 21-29.)

"We want as many people to experience this wonderful art form as possible" said Pittsburgh Opera General Director Christopher Hahn. "Our new Children's Tickets will make it even easier for parents to enjoy a rewarding shared experience with their whole families. A family excursion to the opera creates life-long memories in ways that iPads and other forms of screen time never can."

How young is too young for an opera? Pittsburgh Opera Director of Education Dr. Marilyn Egan, who oversees the popular Student Matinee each season, advises, "Third or fourth graders are usually fine, but parents are the best judge. Your child should be able to sit quietly for long periods of time, and be able to read the supertitles projected above the stage."

Regular (adult) ticket prices start at just \$12, and with Children's Tickets as low as \$6, going to the opera can cost less than going to the movies.

Tickets are available online at <a href="www.pittsburghopera.org/tickets">www.pittsburghopera.org/tickets</a>, by phone at 412-456-6666, or in person at the Theater Square Box Office, 665 Penn Avenue, downtown.