

## **“Music of Flight and Fantasy” Fact Sheet**

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### **A Sensory Friendly Performance**

**Date:** Saturday, June 17, 2017

**Time:** 1:15 – 2:15 pm pre-concert activities; 2:30 pm – 3:20 pm concert

**Location:** Heinz Hall for the Performing Arts, 600 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Theme:** Music of Flight and Fantasy will feature musical selections that celebrate stories, characters, and adventure. The program will engage the imagination and delight individuals using the narratives and music from *ET*, *Harry Potter*, *Star Wars*, *Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Ballet dancers featured in Tchaikovsky’s *Swan Lake* give the audience a sense of flight and fantasy. Guest soloists will enhance the experience with live drawing, singing, and musical solos.

**Cost of Attendance:** All tickets are \$15!

**How to Purchase Tickets:** Visit [www.pittsburghsymphony.org/sensoryfriendly](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org/sensoryfriendly) or call 412.392.4900

### **Pre-Concert Activity Rooms:**

- **Kinesthetic Room** -Join the Pittsburgh Ballet faculty for creative movement activities!
- **Musician Meet & Greet**s - Meet and hear members of your Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.
- **Quiet Room** – If you need a moment, visit this room equipped with bean bag chairs, weighted lap pads and neck rolls, noise-canceling headphones, play mats, and coloring materials.
- **Picture This** - Take a picture with your favorite character cutout in the Grand Lobby. Dress up and become a character on the Music of Flight and Fantasy program. Share your photos on social media at #PSOsensoryfriendly.

- **Sound Exploratorium** - Explore percussion instruments, singing, and movement with our friends from Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC Music Therapy!
- **Fiddlesticks' Art Room** - Create one or more flight and fantasy inspired art projects facilitated by staff from the Children's Museum and the Andy Warhol Museum. Don't forget to visit Fiddlesticks, our feline musical ambassador to children!

### **Pre-Visit Materials:**

Find pre-visit materials on [www.pittsburghsymphony.org/sensoryfriendly](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org/sensoryfriendly). Created by Roger Ideishi, JD, OT, FAOTA and Christina Smith, MOT, OTR/L from Temple University in Philadelphia, these materials assist in preparing you for your experience at Heinz Hall and in enhancing your learning.

### **Artists and Guests:**

- **Lawrence Loh**, Conductor, will lead the orchestra and give insights before each musical selection on the program
- **James Rodgers**, Contrabassoon, will perform in the orchestra and solo in front of the orchestra in "Fluffy and Harp"
- **Gretchen Van Hoesen**, Harp, will perform in the orchestra and solo in front of the orchestra in "Fluffy and Harp"
- **Katy Shackleton Williams**, Vocalist, will sing two pieces, "Pure Imagination" from *Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory* and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from *The Wizard of Oz*
- **Stacy Innerst**, Artist, will complete a live drawing on stage during the "Pure Imagination" song
- **Ballet dancers** will dance on stage while the music is played to Scene 1 from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*

**Sensory Friendly Modifications:** Modifications that will create a sensory friendly environment will include:

- Online pre-visit materials, including a concert playlist, pre-visit story, instrument picture schedule, tip sheet, and preview video, that show patrons what they can expect to see and hear at Heinz Hall. (Visit [www.pittsburghsymphony.org/sensoryfriendly](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org/sensoryfriendly) to access these materials as they become available.)

- Training for ushers, volunteers, staff, and musicians to help Heinz Hall personnel to foster an especially welcoming and inclusive environment.
- Relaxed rules in the concert hall so that all responses to the music – clapping, singing, vocalizing, moving, dancing, etc. are welcome at any time.
- Partially raised house lights in the auditorium to facilitate ease of movement in the Hall.
- Free fidgets and earplugs to help patrons regulate their sensory stimulation.
- A designated quiet space with relaxing activities and a live video feed of the onstage action for patrons who would like to take a break from the pre-concert activities and/or performance.
- Slight mitigation of sudden, loud sounds during the performance.
- A family restroom located on the lower level.
- Gluten and casein-free concession options.
- A modified refund policy that allows families to receive 100% of their money back if they purchase tickets and find they are unable to attend the day of the performance.

**Additional Accessible Services:** In addition to the services available at all Heinz Hall performances (curbside assistance, accessible entrances and seating, an accessible restroom, and portable FM assistive listening devices and hearing loop), we will have a family restroom, Braille programs, large print programs, ASL interpretation, and Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) at the concert.

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