

The Cultural District

In the making for over thirty years, Downtown's Cultural District is the culmination of moving most of the City's major performing arts venues from Oakland (once known as the "Civic Center") to a series of magnificently restored movie palaces. In 1998, the District added a new building, the Michael Graves designed O'Reilly Theater.

The Venues

Heinz Hall is the home of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, whose season runs from September through June. Hall also features the Symphony Pops, lecture series and special events. The Heinz Hall Box Office (412-392-4900) is open from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12-4 on Saturday. Go online at: www.pittsburghsymphony.org.

The **Benedum Center** is the District's largest venue and hosts major stage productions, from classic Broadway hits to Disney musicals. It is also home to the Pittsburgh Opera and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. The **Byham Theater** is the Cultural District's medium-sized venue, hosting dance and a wide range of other kinds of performances including lectures and film specials. The **O'Reilly Theater** is home to the Pittsburgh Public Theater and features some comedy and musical performances as well. There is also an adjoining cabaret theater. Advance tickets for the Benedum, Byham and O'Reilly may be purchased at the **Theater Square Box Office** (412-456-6666) from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12-6 on Sunday, or online at www.pgharts.org. The individual venue box offices are *only* open two hours immediately preceding an event.

The **Harris Theater** is one of the three venues for the Pittsburgh Filmmakers, and features independent, foreign, and classic films. Go online at www.pghfilmmakers.org.

Getting In and Out

With the right information in hand, driving into Downtown isn't as difficult as it might seem. See our Consol Energy Center map to see all the ramps and routings untangled.

Parking ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Event parking in the vicinity of the Cultural District is plentiful, and inexpensive, too. All Pittsburgh Parking Authority garages in Downtown are a flat rate of \$5 after 5 p.m. and on weekends. The Fort Duquesne & 6th St. Garage (①) is right across the street from the Byham Theater and a block down from Heinz Hall. The Smithfield Liberty (formerly Gimbel's) (②) and 9th & Penn (③) Garages are great options for Benedum Center and Harris Theater events.

Theater Square also has its own parking garage (④). It's a \$10 flat rate for events, but you'll really be in the thick of things. The Alco 6th & Penn Garage (⑤) is also very convenient, but charges \$10 for events, \$6 on nights and weekends otherwise.

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