

# PITTSBURGH OPERA

Pittsburgh Opera is seeking a child to play the role of “Young Spirit” in our production of Benjamin Britten’s *Curlew River*, to be performed at [Calvary Episcopal Church](#) in January 2026.

Seeking a boy, 6-10 years old, who is comfortable in a theatrical setting. The child appears throughout the production; this is a non-speaking/ non-singing role. This role is a key figure in this beautiful story of redemption and enlightenment.

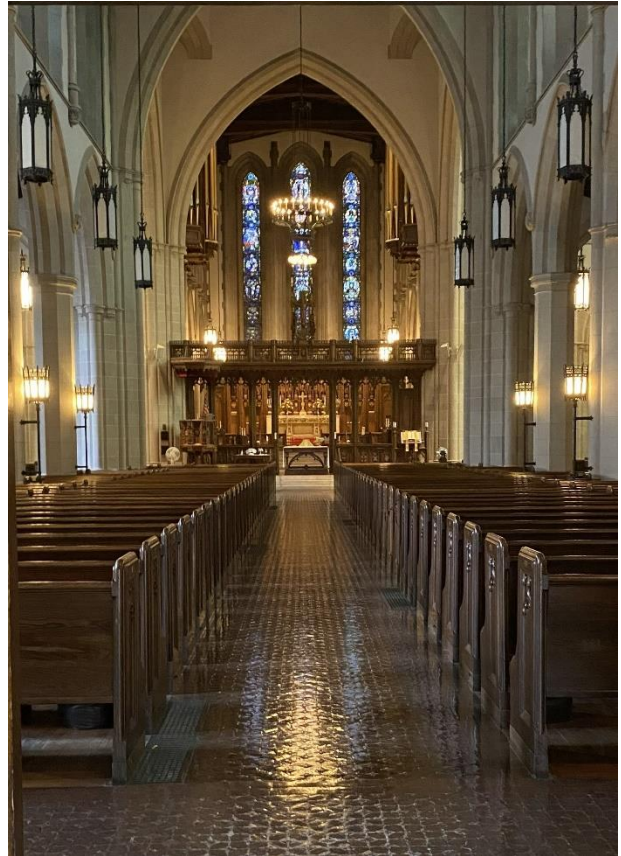
[Curlew River](#) is approximately 70 minutes long. Some rehearsals and performances will end as late as 10:00pm.

The tentative schedule (below) is subject to change. We will have additional times needed:

- Costume fittings; typically, one to two sessions lasting 30-60 minutes.
- Staging Rehearsals: We will need to schedule 2-3 rehearsals with the director; to be determined, based on availability. These rehearsals typically last 1-3 hours.
- If auditioning, you must be available for all scheduled calls (rehearsals and performances).

Auditions will be held on **Wednesday, December 3rd starting at 4:30pm** and may involve basic theater games, following basic instructions, and working with adult actors. There is no singing or speaking requirement.

Any interested parties should [sign up](#) for an audition by visiting Pittsburgh Opera’s auditions webpage. <https://forms.gle/2KCPoqBzxf3aSp2p8>



**Curlew River SCHEDULE for Young Spirit - Actor**  
**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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| DAY                                                                                                                | DATE             | TIME        | SERVICE                          | LOCATION |
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| <b><i>Additional staging rehearsals to be scheduled between January 5<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup></i></b> |                  |             |                                  | BOF      |
| Saturday                                                                                                           | January 17, 2026 | 4:00-7:00p  | Studio Run Through               | Calvary  |
| Monday                                                                                                             | January 19, 2026 | 6:00-10:00p | Piano Tech Rehearsal*            | Calvary  |
| Tuesday                                                                                                            | January 20, 2026 | 6:00-9:00p  | Wandelprobe                      | Calvary  |
| Wednesday                                                                                                          | January 21, 2026 | 6:00-9:00p  | Orchestra Dress Rehearsal*       | Calvary  |
| Thursday                                                                                                           | January 22, 2026 | 6:00-9:00p  | Final Orchestra Dress Rehearsal* | Calvary  |
| <b>Performances</b>                                                                                                |                  |             |                                  |          |
| Saturday                                                                                                           | January 24, 2026 | 7:00p       | Performance #1*                  | Calvary  |
| Tuesday                                                                                                            | January 27, 2026 | 7:00p       | Performance #2*                  | Calvary  |
| Friday                                                                                                             | January 30, 2026 | 7:00p       | Performance #3*                  | Calvary  |
| Sunday                                                                                                             | February 1, 2026 | 4:00p       | Performance #4*                  | Calvary  |

*\*Possible earlier call times for hair, makeup, and costumes*

Calvary Episcopal Church – 315 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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If you have additional questions, email [kmartin@pittsburghopera.org](mailto:kmartin@pittsburghopera.org)