

HARLEQUIN

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Harlequin announces accessible performances

Olympia, WA – December 23, 2025 – Harlequin Productions announces expanded accessibility in Season 2026. Of the new offerings, Board Member and Education & Access Committee Chair Kate Faro notes, “Accessibility in the theater is about ensuring that the transformative power of the performing arts is available to everyone. Inclusive practices ensure people with varying needs can fully engage. And while accessibility is essential for some, it benefits a wide range of people.”

- Large-print and Braille programs are now available to all.
 - Large-print programs have been available since *Murder on the Orient Express*. Braille programs became available beginning with *A Christmas Carol*.
 - Patrons can find large print programs at concessions as well as on our website on each show page.
 - Braille programs are available at concessions.
- Beginning with *Wait Until Dark*, Harlequin will be offering:
 - **Community Talkbacks:** Every first Sunday matinee will conclude with a 20-minute talkback, curated and hosted by Brian Tyrrell. Talkbacks may include the actors, as well as designers and other professionals hired for the production. Occasionally, members of the community whose experience is relevant to the production will also attend.
 - **Closed Captioning:** The second Sunday of each performance run will include a closed-captioned option for patrons. Harlequin will provide a browser link to patrons, who can then use any device to follow along with live closed captioning of the performance. The captions will appear in white lettering on a black background. A similar service is provided by Village Theater and Taproot Theatre.
 - **Audio Description:** Performance dates TBA. Patrons will hear a live audio description of the performance.
 - **Sensory Friendly:** House lights will be dimmed but not extinguished.
 - Visit our [Talkback & Accessibility page](#) to reference all the dates listed below:

Wait Until Dark

Community Talkback: January 25 at 2pm

Closed Captioned: February 1 at 2pm

Audio Described: TBA

Sensory Friendly: N/A

The Foreigner

Community Talkback: March 8 at 2PM

Closed Captioned: March 15 at 2PM

Audio Described: TBA

Sensory Friendly: TBA

Where the Summit Meets the Stars

Community Talkback: May 3 at 2PM
Closed Captioned: May 10 at 2PM
Audio Described: TBA
Sensory Friendly: TBA

Million Dollar Quartet

Community Talkback: June 21 at 2PM
Closed Captioned: June 28 at 2PM
Audio Described: TBA
Sensory Friendly: TBA

Barefoot in the Park

Community Talkback: August 23 at 2PM
Closed Captioned: August 30 at 2PM
Audio Described: TBA
Sensory Friendly: TBA

Our Town

Community Talkback: October 4 at 2PM
Closed Captioned: TBA
Audio Described: TBA
Sensory Friendly: TBA

Sanctuary City

Community Talkback: October 11 at 2PM
Closed Captioned: TBA
Audio Described: TBA
Sensory Friendly: TBA

Holiday 2026

Community Talkback: November 29 at 2PM
Closed Captioned: December 6 at 2PM
Audio Described: TBA
Sensory Friendly: TBA

Harlequin Productions is a professional not-for-profit theater company in Olympia, WA. We seek to invigorate, educate, and empower our community and all people to feel more, think more, play more, and judge less through the mirror of real live theatre.

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