

THE PITTSBURGH

Landmark map

1. Byham Theater

"The Byham Theater" (then called the 'Gayety Theater' was built in 1903. For many years it was one of the country's foremost stage and vaudeville houses. In 1930, the Gayety, was renamed as 'Fulton Theater' and became a full time movie theater. You can catch plays such as Miss Saigon and A Musical Christmas Carol here.

2. Heinz Hall

Jack Heinz built Heinz Hall, a new home for the Pittsburgh Symphony, and as Heinz Hall breathed new life into downtown, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust was formed in 1984 as both an arts agency and a real estate and economic development catalyst - to realize Jack Heinz' fuller vision of a cultural district. You can catch plays such as the Nutcracker and Annie here.

3. O'Reilly Theater

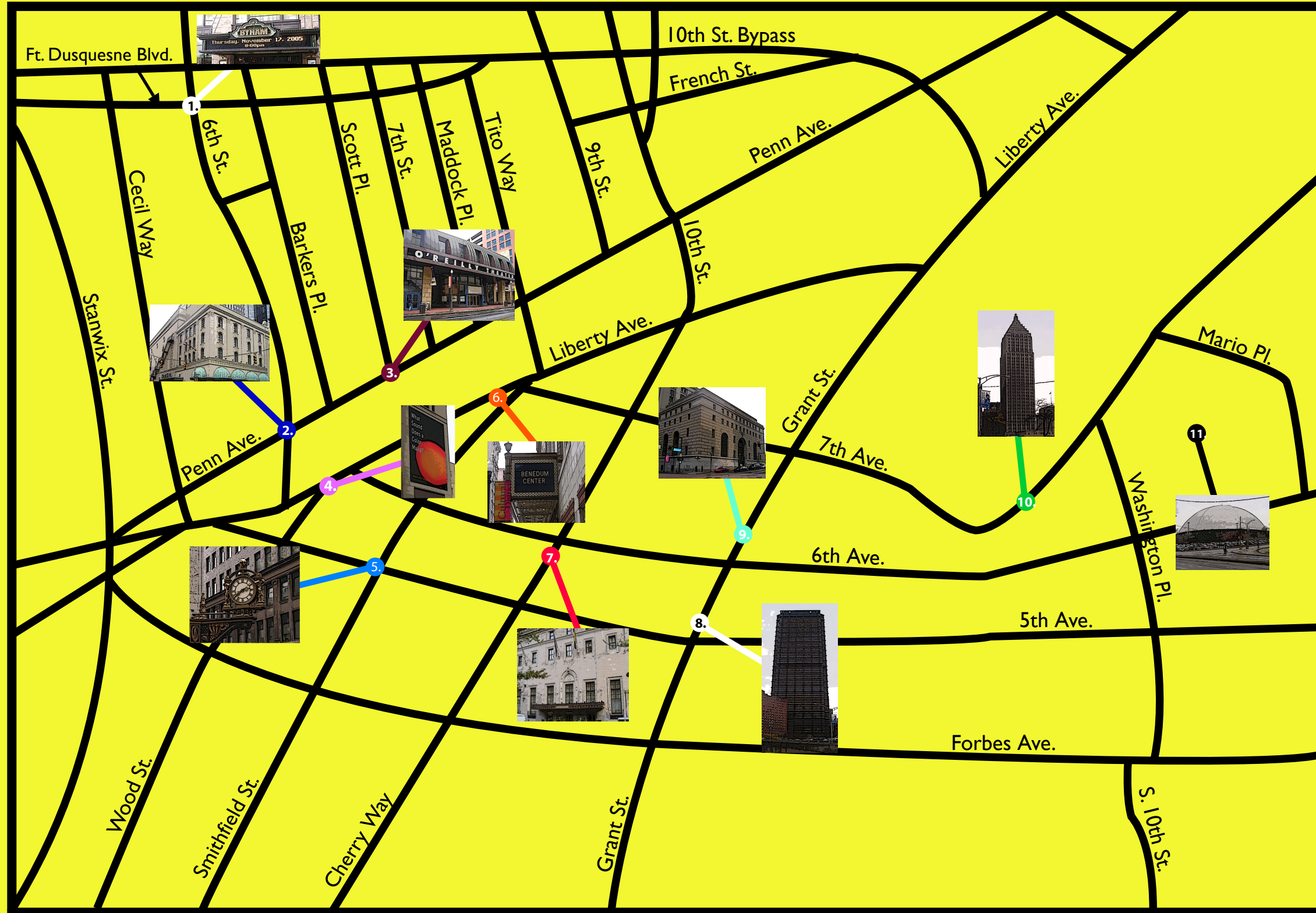
This is a new theater that was only opened in 1999. It is the only downtown performance venue that features a thrust stage, surrounded by the audience on three sides. The theater features 650 seats and state of the art theater technology.

4. The Wood Street Galleries

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust operates the Wood St. Galleries, which features multi-disciplinary artists from all over the world.

5. Kaufmann's Department Store

Kaufmann's Department Store was founded by immigrant brothers Jacob and Isaac Kaufmann in 1871 at 1918 Carson St. on the South Side of Pittsburgh. The downtown store still has it's original marble facings, glass columns, brass railings, mahogany cases, and grand elevators. If you are around Kaufmann's at Christmas time, make sure you check out the Christmas window displays! They're extraordinary!



6. Benedum Center

The Benedum (then called the Stanley Theater) was built in 1927. It was billed as 'Pittsburgh's Palace of Amusement'. In 1987, the Benedum was restored at a cost of 43 million. You can see Radio City Christmas Spectacular, or "The Phantom of the Opera" here.

7. The Westin William Penn Hotel

William Penn was the first great hero of American liberty. He gave Pennsylvania a written constitution, which limited power of government, provided a humane penal code and guaranteed many fundamental liberties. No wonder he had a hotel named after him! If you're staying in Pittsburgh, The William Penn Hotel is definitely one worth visiting!

8. The U.S. Steel Building

U.S. Steel Tower is the tallest skyscraper in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the 33rd tallest in the United States. When completed in 1970, the tower stretched 64 floors to 841 ft (256 m). Its original name was the U.S. Steel Building for many years before it was changed to USX Tower. The name was finally changed to the U.S. Steel Tower in January of 2002 to reflect U.S. Steel's separation from its parent company and to recognize U.S. Steel as the largest tenant of the building

9. The Grant Street U.S. Post Office

The abandonment of the train sheds in 1929 reopened Grant Street beyond Seventh Avenue and spurred the construction of the Koppers Building, the Gulf Building, and the Old U.S. Post Office and Courthouse Building.

10. The Gulf Tower

The Gulf Tower in downtown Pittsburgh is unique because it has a little house at the top of it. I haven't seen many buildings like that in my lifetime, have you? I wonder if birds live in there?

11. Mellon Arena

The Mellon Arena (then called the Civic Arena), opened in 1961. It is a center for concerts, ice capades, and of course the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team!