

**Want to Help Make the Arts Accessible to People
with Visual Disabilities?**

The Kentucky Center Access Services will be offering training in the Fall in preparation for the 2017-18 Season. Access Services provides services for patrons with disabilities that attend events at The Brown Theatre, Kentucky Center Theaters as well as other venues such as Actors Theatre of Louisville and The Kentucky Shakespeare Festival. The trainings focus on two specific areas of service, Audio Description and Caption Theater.

Audio Description is a service for individuals who are blind or who have low vision. It provides description of the scenery, costumes and stage movement during a live performance. Audience members who request the service receive the description from a small FM receiver with a single earpiece. The Descriptor is trained not to speak over the lines of the dialogue or singing, only during verbal pauses. We will be offering training for both Audio Describers and Audio Description Assistants. The Describers provide the live description during the performance, this role requires two and a half days of intense classroom training.

The Assistant assist the Descriptor in testing the equipment and they interact with the patron. This role requires one four-hour training session.

Audio Description Descriptor Training*

Friday, 8/25/17 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday, 8/26/17 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday, 8/27/17 9:00am – 5:00pm

***Attending all three dates is required.**

Audio Description Assistant training will be scheduled later. Please let us know if you are interested in this opportunity and we will notify you when it has been scheduled.

If you think you might be interested please contact Stacy Ridgway, Manager of Accessibility Services in one of the following ways – by email at sridgway@kentuckycenter.org or by TEXT at 502780-1249.