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**SEATTLE
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE**

STORY BOOK

This document explains words and experiences you will encounter when you come to the theatre. We hope you enjoy the show!

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SEATTLE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

I am going to Seattle Children's Theatre to see a **show!**

A show is a way of telling a story with people speaking and moving around on stage.

These people are **actors.**

Sometimes the actors also dance and sing on stage.

A show with dancing and singing is called a **musical.**



ARRIVING

When we arrive at the theatre, my family and I will enter the building then walk to the table to get our **tickets**.

Every person must have a ticket to get into the theatre.

We will tell the person at the tickets table our name and they will give us our tickets to the show.



THE LOBBY

When I go in the theatre building, I will be standing in the **lobby**. The lobby is a very big room. It may be crowded with many people. It may be noisy. If I don't like the crowd, I can find a quiet spot.

If I look down in the lobby, I will see colorful carpet, and if I look up, I will see a high ceiling. I will see yellow walls and big windows around me.

In the lobby there is a crafts table I can visit to make a name tag. I can put my name tag on my seat in the theatre so I will know where I am sitting.



THE LOBBY

There is a **relaxed area** in the lobby I can visit whenever I need to take a break. I will follow light blue arrows to get to the relaxed area. If I need to take a break during the show, I can leave the theatre with my family and go to the relaxed area. I will tell my family if I need to use the relaxed area. There may be other kids and families using the relaxed area too.

The lobby is where I can buy a snack or drink from the concessions area.



THE RESTROOM

The **restrooms** are in the lobby.

I can tell my parent or guardian when I need to use the restroom at any time, even if I need to leave the theatre during the show.

I will follow the pink arrows to get to the restroom.

The **hand dryer** in the restroom makes a loud noise. The noise does not last a long time. If the noise is too loud, I can cover my ears.

If I don't want to use the hand dryer, I can use a paper towel in the restroom to wipe my hands.

There might be a line of people waiting to use the restroom. I will wait for my turn to use the restroom.



ENTERING THE THEATRE

In the lobby, I will see arrows on the carpet. I will follow the yellow arrows to get to the **theatre**, a big room where the actors work on the stage at the front.



MY SEAT

My seat in the theatre will be part of a row of seats. My family and I will choose where we want to sit. A friend called an **usher** will help me find my seat if I need it.

I may have to go down stairs to get to my seat.

My seat can be close to the stage or far from the stage.

If I have my iPad or tablet with me, I will sit in the back of the theatre.

If I might need to get up and move during the play, that is OK.

My seat will always be next to my family.

I might have my family on one side of me and a person I don't know on the other side of me.

I can use my name tag to remember which seat is mine.



THE STAGE

The play will happen on the **stage**, the raised platform at the front of the big room. Before the show begins, there are no people on the stage. I will wait with my family until the show starts.

While I wait, I can look at the scenery on the stage, or I can talk to my family.



THE SHOW BEGINS

I will know the **show begins** when the usher speaks from the stage. Sometimes there is clapping when the show begins.

People sometimes **clap** for a short amount of time after a song or story in the show.

At the end of the first half of the show people may clap for the actors.

At the very end of the show, people may clap for the actors again.

If I like the show, I can clap at these times, too.

I can cover my ears if the clapping noise is too loud.



INTERMISSION

The play has two parts with a short rest time in the middle, an **intermission**. During intermission, I can go into the lobby and eat a snack or walk around with my family. I will know intermission is over when I hear the usher ring a bell. Then it will be time to go back to my seat and watch the rest of the show.



THE SHOW ENDS

The **show ends** when the actors **take a bow** on the stage and the audience claps. After the clapping is over, I can leave the theatre.

The stairs will be crowded.

I will walk slowly on the stairs and out of the theatre.



ACTORS MEET THE AUDIENCE

The actors will be in the lobby after the show is over to meet the audience. Before I leave with my family, I can stop and say hello to them and ask them a question about the show.



LEAVING THE BUILDING

After the show is over and I am done talking to the actors in the lobby, it will be time to **leave the building.**

My family and I will walk outside through the glass doors.

On my way home from the theatre, I can talk with my family about the play.

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