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CHILDREN'S  
THEATRE

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## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The performance takes place in the Charlotte Martin Theatre. Seating is stadium style, similar to a movie theater. There are two aisles in the center of the theater, an aisle on each side, and a quiet room on the back right.
- **The show is approximately 90 minutes in duration and is performed with no intermission.**

## SHOW CONTENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Parents may want to prepare their children who are familiar with the traditional story of Snow White that the show tells the basic plot of Snow White, however it differs in that there are two actors who portray all of the characters in the play. When an actor embodies a character, the actor wears a specific costume piece associated with that character. An actor's transition from one character to another is denoted by a change in voice and posture as well as adding the costume piece associated with that character.
- At several points during the show the characters refer to and interact with the audience. Sometimes the audience is asked questions and audience members are welcome to respond. Audience members who may take statements literally should be aware that at one point a character says to the audience, "If you want to leave, best leave now." This statement is meant to create suspense, and not suggest that audience members actually leave.

SCENE	SENSORY CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Opening	EXCITEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both actors refer to the audience, and ask the audience questions</li></ul>
Starting the story: "It's my story and it starts with my mother singing."	SOUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recorded piano music</li></ul>
Talking with the Mirror	SOUND VISUAL SUSPENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Every time the Mirror speaks, the voice is amplified and echoes</li></ul>
Snow White asks to go outside	SOUND VISUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The woods is described as "dark and full of monsters". There is a lightening lighting effect and sound.</li></ul>
The Huntsman is called by the queen	SUSPENSE SUGGESTED VIOLENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Queen instructs the huntsman to kill Snow White and bring back her liver and lungs as proof of her death.</li></ul>
The Huntsman takes Snow White into the forest	SOUND VISUAL SUSPENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bird sound effects and suspenseful background music followed by rain sound and visual effects</li><li>• Owl sound effect</li><li>• The Huntsman draws his hunting knife and tells Snow White that he must kill her</li><li>• The Huntsman "kills" a pig</li></ul>
Snow White runs for her life	SOUND SUSPENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loud sound effects and music</li></ul>
The Queen, dressed as a little old lady, goes to find Snow White	VISUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loud sound effects and music</li></ul>

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The Queen ties a corset around Snow White	SOUND SUSPENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Queen ties the corset tighter and tighter, squeezing the breath out of Snow White, as suspenseful music plays. Eventually Snow White faints</li> </ul>
The Queen finds out Snow White is still alive	SOUND SUSPENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music plays as the queen talks of poisoning Snow White and curdling her blood</li> </ul>
Snow White promises to stay indoors, the dwarves leave for work, and the Queen approaches the cottage again	SOUND VISUAL SUSPENSE STRONG EMOTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rain and thunder sound effects. Lightening visual effects.</li> <li>Snow White chokes on the apple and collapses on the ground, appearing dead.</li> <li>The dwarves discover her dead and are very upset.</li> </ul>
A prince comes to the cottage	SOUND/ PHYSICAL COMEDY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The prince recounts his adventures with amplification, followed by music when he wakes Snow White up.</li> <li>The dwarves start crying as they say goodbye to Snow White</li> </ul>
The Queen finds out Snow White is alive and comes for her	SOUND VISUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreboding music, pickaxe and thunder sound effects. Lightening visual effect.</li> <li>The dwarves come to protect Snow White. There is a melee of sound effects.</li> </ul>
The birds attack the Queen	SUSPENSE SUGGESTED VIOLENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The actors describe a violent bird attack as the Queen meets her demise.</li> </ul>

