

**Arkansas Shakespeare  
Theatre's Sensory  
Friendly Performance  
Social Story**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 2pm**





## **ARRIVAL**

I am going to see a show performed by the Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre at Reynold's Performance Hall. When I arrive, I will walk up the sidewalk to enter the building.

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## **TICKETS**

I may have to stand in line outside to get my ticket for the show. If I already bought my ticket, I may have to stand in line inside to pick up my ticket. When I pick up my ticket, I can ask the volunteer for noise-cancelling headphones and fidget toys to use during the show.



## **THEATRE LOBBY**

When I walk inside, I will see volunteers wearing purple sashes greeting me. I will also see the will-call desk where I can pick up my tickets if I bought them in advance. I will walk to the left side of the lobby to access the hallway that will lead me to the theatre.

There will be a volunteer at the door of the hallway who will tell me where to go.



## **CALMING AREA**

In the lobby, I will also see a calming area to the right where I can go at any time before or during the show if I need to take a break.

The calming area will have fidget toys, bean bags, and weighted blankets for me to use.



### **READING NOOK**

In the lobby, I will also see a reading nook to the left where I can go at any time before or during the show if I need to take a break.

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### **RESTROOMS**

The ladies' restroom is on the left side of the lobby. The men's restroom is on the right side of the lobby. Both are wheelchair accessible. I may use these restrooms at any time before, during, or after the show.



### **THEATRE USHER**

Once I walk down the long hallway, there will be an usher by the door of the theatre who will scan my ticket. The usher will hand me a program. Then, I will walk inside onto the stage. There are no assigned seats.

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### **THEATRE ENTRANCE**

I will enter the stage through this walkway and choose my seat. When the show is over, I will also leave through this walkway. This is wheelchair accessible.



### **SEATING**

I will sit on stage on risers. If I do not want to sit on risers, I may sit/stand on the floor or in a different type of seat. I will be very close to the performers. If I go inside early, I will wait for the show to begin.

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### **PERFORMANCE**

The lights may dim when the show is ready to start but they will remain the same throughout the show. I will hear announcements before the show begins. Someone will hold up a glowstick on the stage anytime I am about to hear a loud noise. I can cover my ears or wear my headphones. I will expect to hear clapping at the end of the performance.



### **TAKING A BREAK**

If I need to take a break, I can ask a volunteer to help me go to the calming area in the lobby. I can leave at any time during the show and will be allowed to come back on when I am ready. I can bring any sensory supplies back into the theatre with me.

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### **LEAVING**

I will walk out of the theatre the same way that I came in. Volunteers will be on stage and in the hallway to help me.



## **RETURNING EQUIPMENT**

When the show is over, I must return all sensory equipment (weighted blankets, weighted lap dogs, and headphones) to the basket in the lobby. It is important to make sure I do not leave with these items so that I can use them again when I come to the next show.