

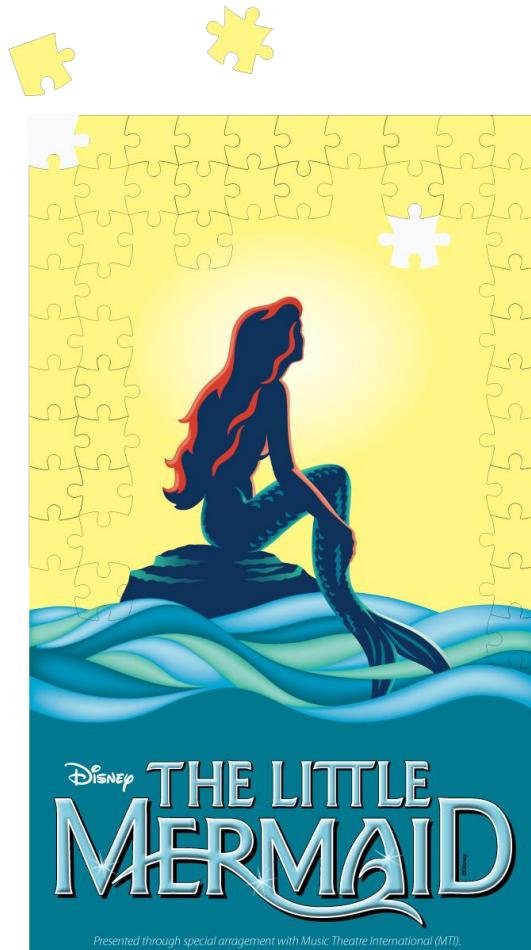


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"Because theatre is for everyone."

Adapted Performance Social Story

I am going to see a play called *The Little Mermaid*.



Watching a play is like watching TV or a movie,
except people are on stage in front of us. They are called actors.



The Little Mermaid is a special kind of play called a musical.
The actors will tell a story by talking, singing, and dancing.

The Little Mermaid show is at the MCT Center for the Performing Arts.
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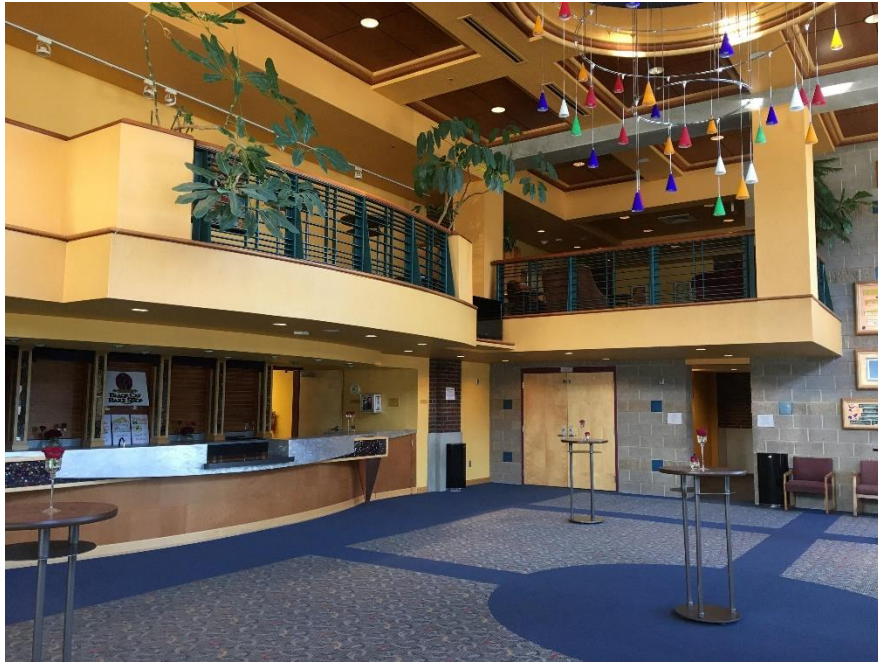
We may have to stand in line to get tickets at the box office.
We stand nicely and quietly while we wait.



Then we will go inside to the lobby.



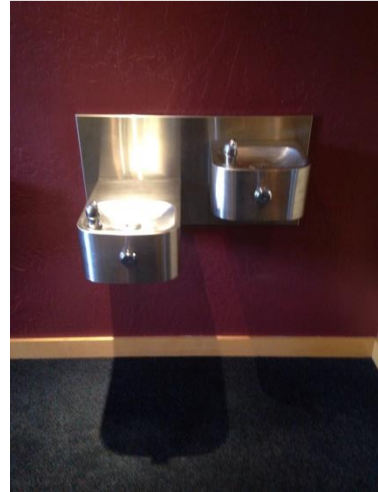
This is what the lobby looks like.



Before we go inside to our seats in the theatre,
we can use the bathroom or water fountains.

If I need to go to the bathroom, I can ask.

If I need a drink of water, I can ask for one.



We will walk through the lobby and hand our tickets to a person called an usher.



The usher will also give us a playbill.
Playbills are books that tell us about the people who helped make the show.
Playbills also list the names of the songs
we will hear during the performance.

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We will go into the theatre and choose where we want to sit.
If we need help, an usher will help us find a seat.
The theatre is very big. There are many seats in the theatre!



We might choose to sit upstairs in a place called the balcony.



To get to the balcony, we may walk up the stairs or use the elevator.



When we get to our seats, we will sit down nicely.
When it is time for the show to start, the theatre will get a little bit darker,
and everyone will get quiet.



Then a voice will ask everyone to turn off their phones.
It is important to be quiet during the show so that we can hear everything.
The show is about to begin!



When the show starts, the orchestra will begin to play music.
If it is too loud,
I can cover my ears, wear headphones, or hold a parent or grown-up's hand.



Some of the singers or actors may come close to us.
Remember that these are actors wearing costumes and makeup,
like on Halloween. The characters are not real.





It is important to stay in my seat if the actors get near me.

If I feel afraid or nervous,
I can cover my ears, hold my Mom or Dad's hand, or a grown-up's hand.



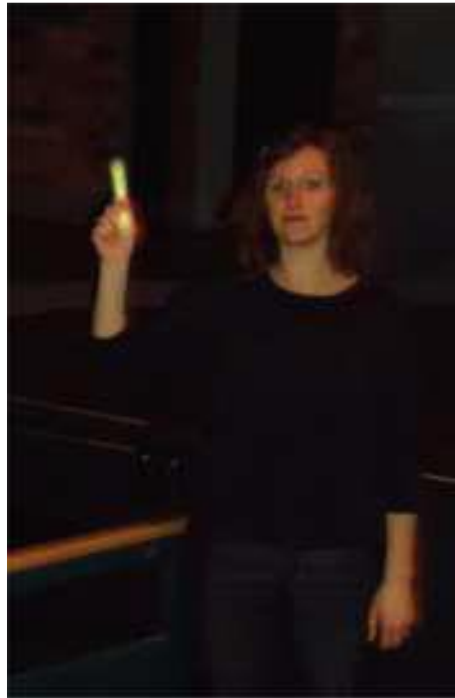
I will have a lot of fun at the show!



There will be lots of music, singing and dancing.



Sometimes it will be loud.
Before a loud noise, someone will raise a glow stick up in the air.



If it is too loud,
I can cover my ears, wear my headphones,
or hold my Mom or Dad's or a friend's hand.



I know that even though the singing can be loud and can feel scary,
none of the noise can hurt me.



Sometimes I may think the show is a little scary.

If I am scared,
I can cover my ears, hold someone's hand, or hug my Mom or Dad.



After each song, some people will clap.



Clapping is nice because it tells the actors I liked their song.
If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap if I don't want to.

If the clapping is too loud,
I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or hold my Mom or Dad's hand.



I know that even though the clapping can be loud,
the noises cannot hurt me.



If it is too loud, and I want to leave at any time during the show,
I can ask to leave. I can go to the lobby where it is quiet.



In the middle of the show, we will have a break.
This break is called an intermission.

During the intermission,
many people will stand up to go get a drink or to use the bathroom.
We can stand up to stretch, ask to use the bathroom, or ask for a drink.



After the break, everyone will come back and sit down in their seats again.

It will get a little darker and quieter again just like at the beginning of the show.



The orchestra will play music,
and the actors will come back on the stage and finish telling the story.



At the end of the show, all of the actors will come out on stage.
This is called a curtain call.



Many people will clap a lot so the actors will know how much they liked the show.

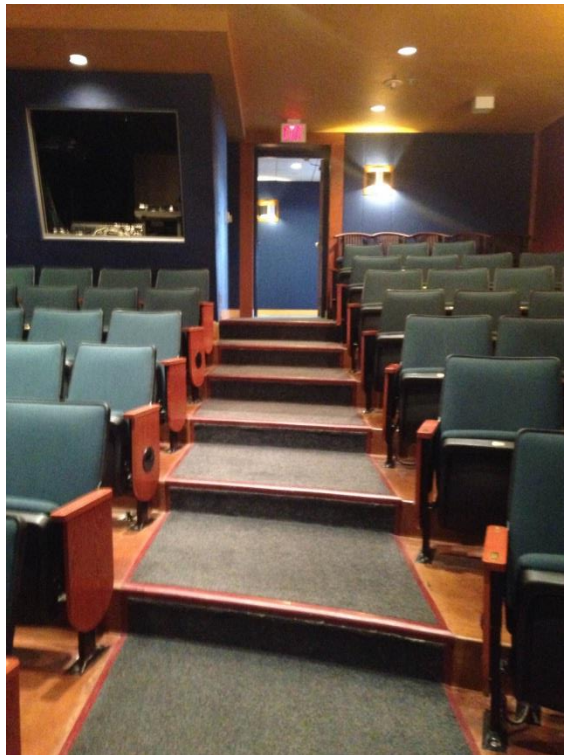


Clapping is a good thing, but I don't have to clap.

If the clapping is too loud,
I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or hold a grown-up's hand.



After the show is over, we will leave the theatre, and walk through the lobby.





The actors will be in the lobby after the show.

The actors are wearing costumes and makeup, like we do on Halloween.

The characters are not real

If I would like to meet them and say hello, I can. If I don't want to, I don't have to.



Then it will be time to go home.

I am very excited to go see *The Little Mermaid*!