



going to the theatre

a social story

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# theatre

Today I am going to the **theatre**.

I am going to Orlando Repertory Theatre to see a **show**.



## show

I am going to see *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical*.

That is a **show** that is based on a book by Barbara Robinson.

The **show** is a musical with actors telling the story by talking, singing, and dancing.



## entrance

To enter the building, I will follow signs that lead to the **lobby**.

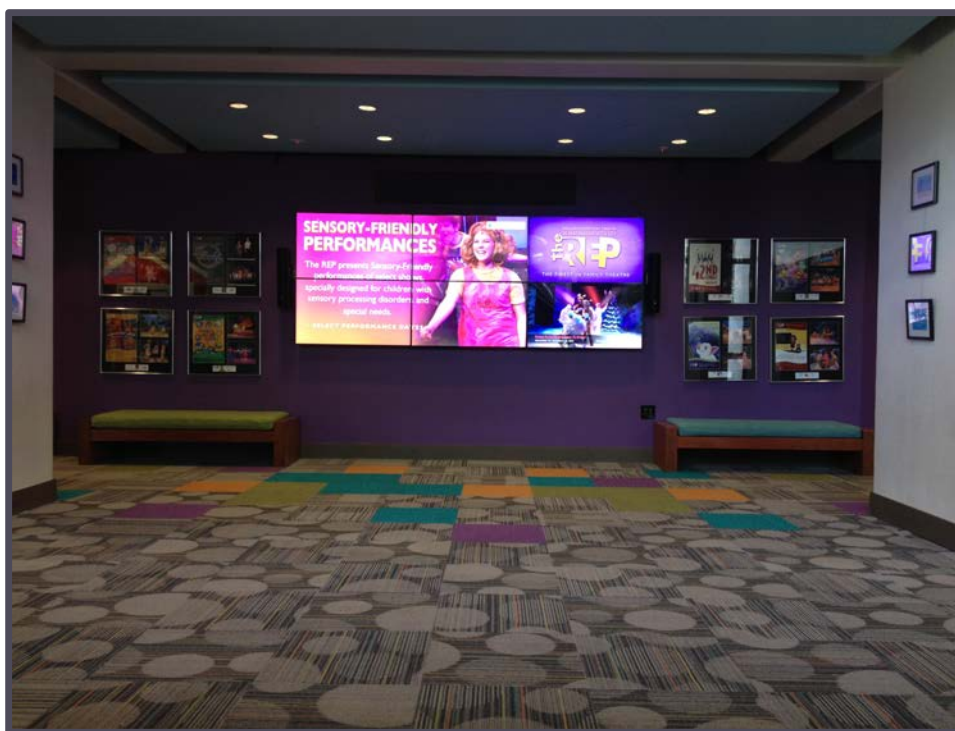
I will walk slowly and wait from my friends and family members.



## lobby

When I enter the building, I will be in the **lobby**.

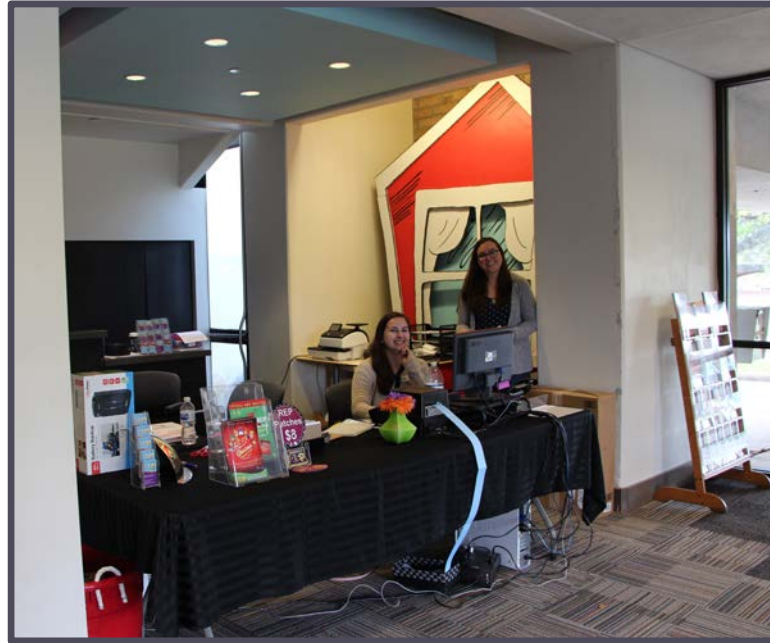
There are many fun and colorful things to look at, and there may be a lot of people.



## lobby

On the wall of the **lobby** there are television screens. There is music and bright colors coming from the television screens.

I can watch the television screens as I wait to go into the **theatre**.



## box office

Before we go into the **theatre**, we have to get tickets for the **show**.

We will go to a place called the **box office**. This is where we will talk to a person who will sell us tickets.

We may wait in line with other people to get our tickets.



## helpers

If I need help, I can ask a **helper**.

**Helpers** will be wearing a white shirt and a tag that says **helper**.





## activities

There will be arts-and-crafts **activities** in the **lobby** before the show.

I can participate in the **activities** if I want. There may be other people participating in the **activities** with me.



## stairs

To get into the theatre, I will have to walk up **stairs**.

Before walking up the stairs, a **helper** will look at my **ticket**.



## balcony lobby

I will enter the theatre from the **balcony lobby**.



## **theatre**

The **theatre** will be darker than the **balcony lobby**. A helper will be there to help me find a **seat**.

To get to my **seat**, I will need to walk down **stairs**. There is a **handrail** for me to hold.



## sitting

I sit with my friends or family members during the **show**. I might be **sitting** next to someone I do not know.

After I have sat down, other people might need to walk in front of me to get to their seats. They may accidentally touch me when they walk past. That is okay.



# show

When the **show** is about to start, somebody will make an announcement.

The **show** will be on the **stage**. There will be actors, colors, and music during the show.

It is okay for me to cover my ears if the **show** is too noisy. It is okay for me to cover my eyes if the **show** is too bright.



## **intermission**

There will be a break during the show. This is called an **intermission**.

During **intermission**, I can leave the theatre to use the bathroom, stand up and stretch, or wait in my seat. If I leave the theatre, I will ask a friend or family member to go with me.

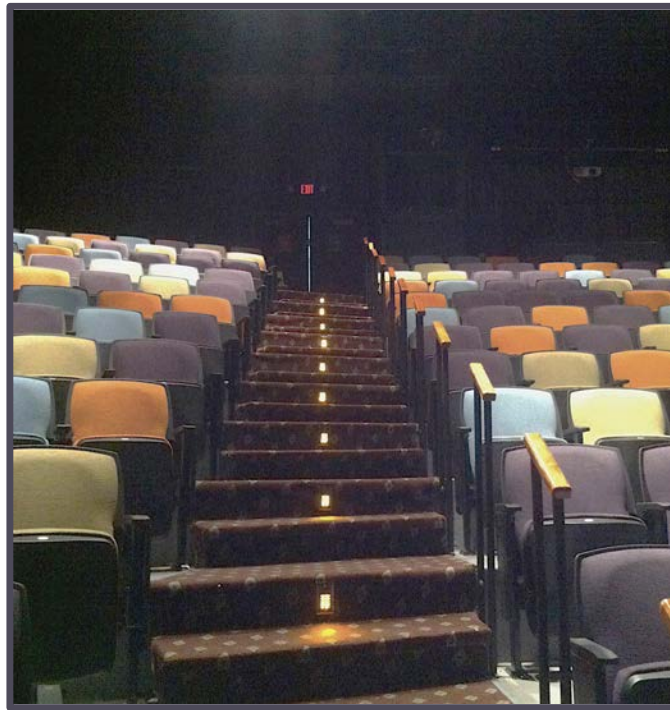
After **intermission**, the show will continue and we will see how the story ends.



## interaction

Sometimes the actors might be in an aisle near my seat. I do not have to talk to them if I do not want to.





## exit

I can leave the **show** at anytime.

If I need to take a break from the **show**, I will tell a friend or family member.

We will exit the theatre, and ask a **helper** how to get to the **quiet lobby** or **restroom**.

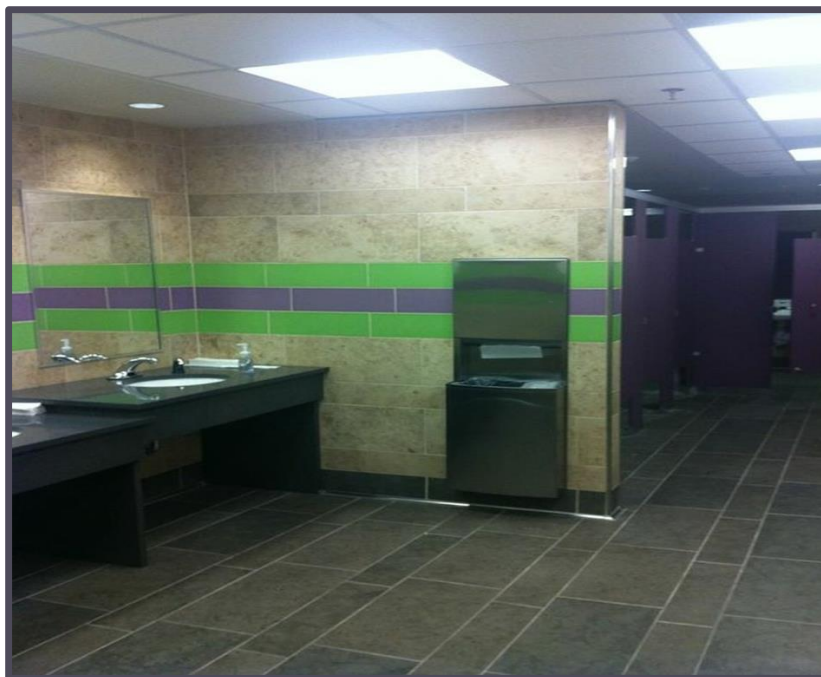


## quiet lobby

If I need some quiet time during the show, I will ask a friend or family member to take me to the **quiet lobby**.

We will ask a **helper** to guide us to the **quiet lobby**.

I can sit in a chair or walk around the **quiet lobby**. There may be other people in the **quiet lobby**.



## restroom

If I need to use the **restroom** during the show, I can ask a friend or family member to take me.

A **helper** can help me find the nearest restroom.

The **toilets** in the **restroom** are noisy and will flush on their own.

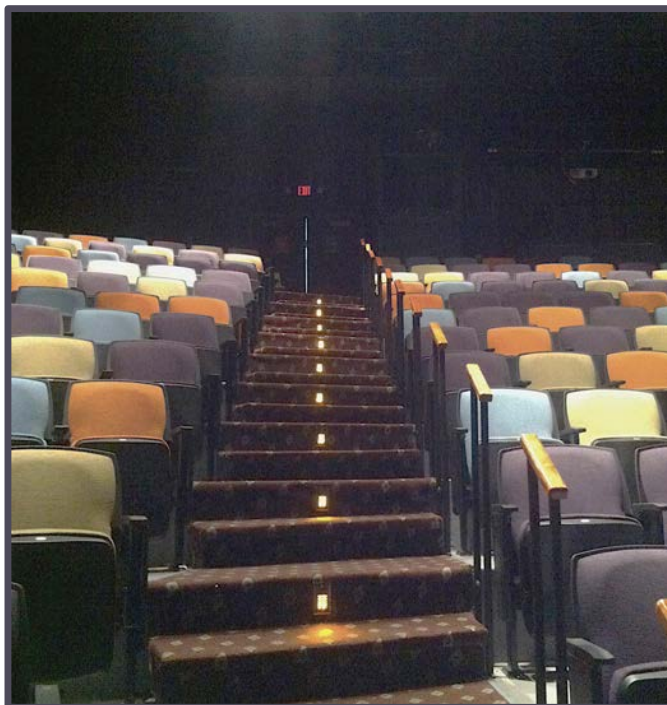


## clapping

The show is over when the actors take a bow.

I can show that I liked the show by **clapping** my hands.

Other people will **clap**, too, and it may be loud. If the **clapping** is too loud, it is okay to cover my ears.



## leaving

When **leaving** the theatre, I will have to walk up **stairs**.

Other people will be **leaving**, too. There may be a lot of people on the **stairs**.

I will walk slowly and wait for my friends and family members.



## meet and greet

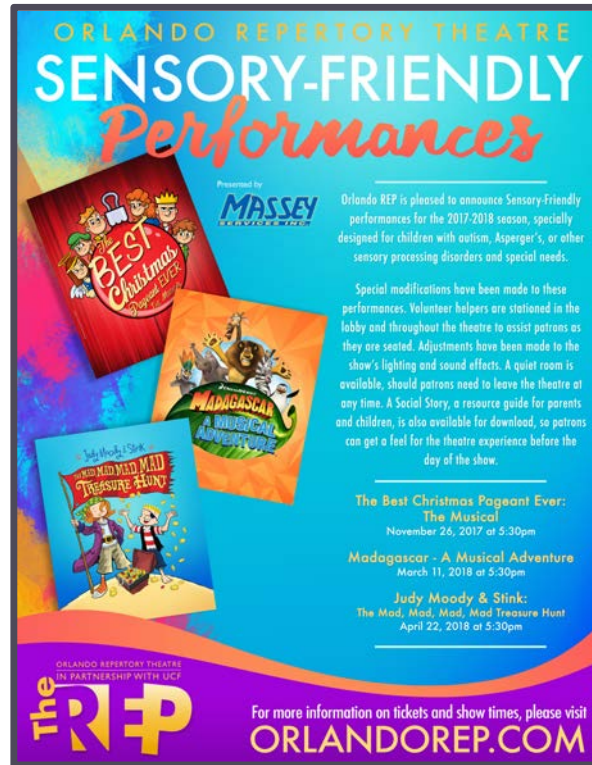
After the **show**, I can meet the actors in the lobby. This is called a **meet and greet**.

The actors will be in their costumes from the show. I can tell them I like the show and say thank you.



## leaving

When it is time to **leave**, I will wait for my friends and family before I go outside of the building.



## future shows

Please join us for our upcoming Sensory-Friendly Performances:

*Madagascar – A Musical Adventure* on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 5:30pm

*Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt*  
on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 5:30pm