



going to the theatre

a social story

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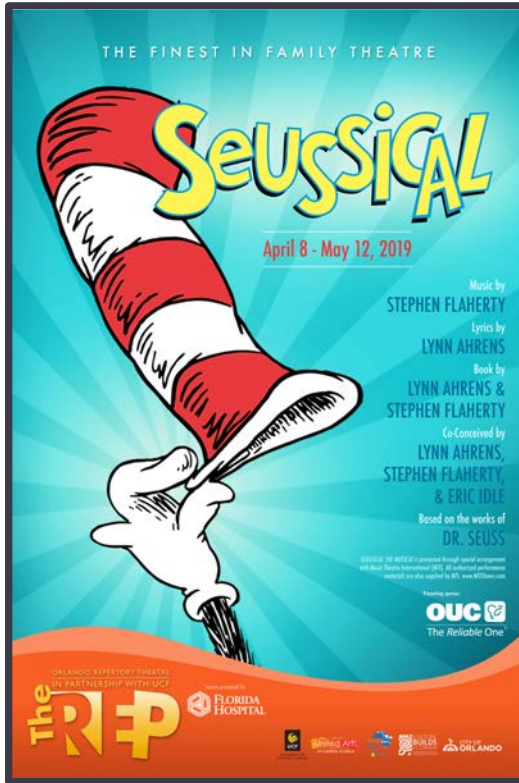




**theatre**

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

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



## show

I am going to see *Seussical*.

That is a **show** that is based on the works of Dr. Seuss.

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



# lobby

When I enter the building, the first thing I will see is the **lobby**.

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



## box office

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

A ticket will let me into the show. Every person seeing the show needs to have a ticket.

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

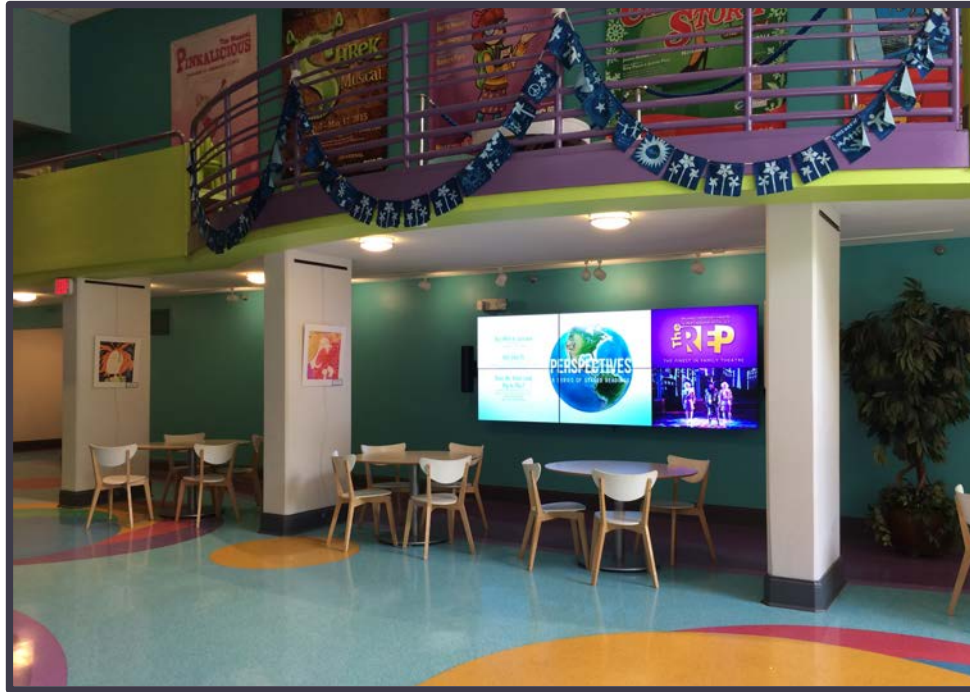




## concession stand

There is a **concession stand** in the **lobby** where I can go to buy snacks, drinks, and other items for sale.

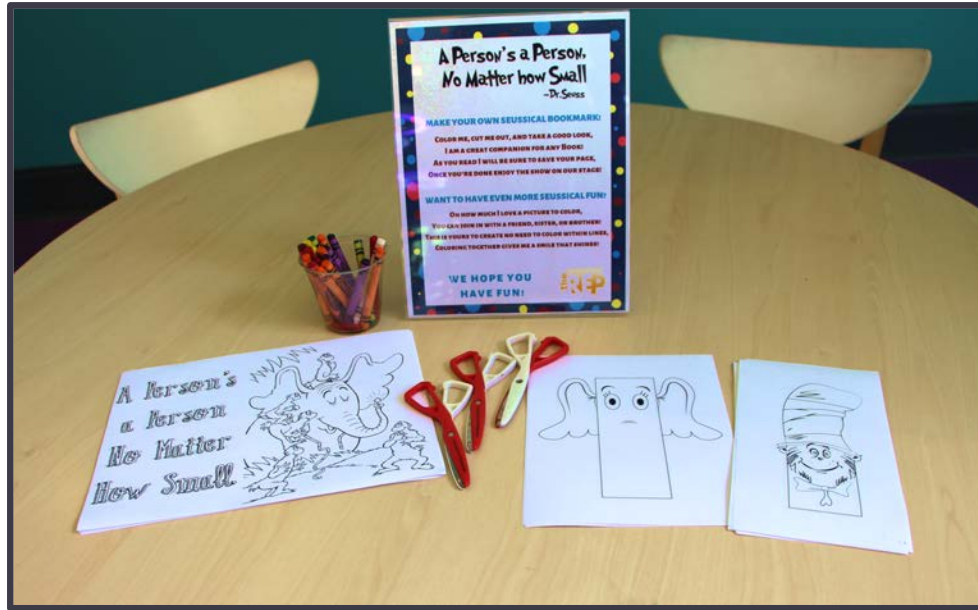
We may wait in line with other people to buy items from the **concession stand**.



## 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**. There may be other people watching the television screens, too.



## activities

There will be coloring **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.





## helpers

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

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



# lobby

The **lobby** is the entrance to the **theatre**.

Before going into the **theatre**, I will show my **ticket** to a **helper**.



# theatre

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

To get to my **seat**, I may need to use the **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 that 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 as 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 sounds 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.





## show

Sometimes the **actors** may be close to me or 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 room** or **restroom**.



## quiet room

If I need some quiet time, I will tell a friend or family member to take me to the **quiet room**.

A **helper** can help me find the **quiet room**.

I can sit in a chair or walk around the **quiet room**.



## 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 may have to use the **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 liked 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.