



### **What is a Sensory Friendly Performance?**

Sensory-Friendly performances create a guest experience that is welcoming, judgement free, and inclusive of guests with a wide range of sensory, learning and physical differences. This performance is perfect for young children, and guests who might benefit from a more relaxed theatrical environment. Special accommodations are made for these performances to be inclusive of the audience watching.

### **How is a Sensory Performance different from other performances?**

Every sensory show will be slightly different in how each show specifically adjust their individual show/performance, but typically the following accommodations are made for these performances.

- Lower sound levels, especially for startling or loud sounds
- House lights remain on at a low level in the theatre during the performance
- A reduction in strobe lighting or lighting focused on the audience
- Patrons are free to talk and leave their seats during the performance
- Designated quiet area within the theatre lobby for anyone who may need to take a break
- Staff and volunteers are trained to be inviting and accommodating to families' needs
- Families will also have access to resource material to prepare for their visit. Materials will be on the website no later than July 1, 2019 – Materials: Study Guide, Social Narrative, Character Card, Show Synopsis, Event Schedule & Location Cheat Sheet

### **Can anyone attend this performance?**

Yes, anyone can attend this performance, but there may be audience members who make different sounds or call out during the performance and that will be an acceptable behavior during this performance. No audience member should be shushed or made to feel like they do not belong, or their child is not behaving. We are being inclusive of this special audience and this performance is for them. So, all are welcome, as long as you keep in mind it is geared for individuals on the autism spectrum, with other special needs and/or who may enjoy a more relaxed theatrical environment i.e. (small children who talk 😊).

If there are any other questions, please feel free to give me a call or email and I will get back to you, asap, to resolve your issue. I can be reached at:

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**Thank you and enjoy the show!**

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