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# **Going to Ford's Theatre**

## **Sensory-Friendly Performance:**

### **Pre-Visit Story**

# Ford's Theatre



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**I am going to Ford's Theatre to see a show.**

# COVID-19 Safety



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.



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**Before I enter the lobby, a staff member will check my ID and my COVID-19 vaccine card. I can show them my paper card or a picture of my card on my phone. If I don't have a vaccine card, I will show a negative COVID test.**

**I will wear my mask over my nose and mouth the whole time I'm inside.**

# Lobby



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**I may need to wait in the lobby before the show begins.  
The lobby may be crowded and noisy.**

# Box Office



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**We may pick up our tickets at the Box Office.**

**The Box Office staff will ask me my name before giving me my ticket.**

# Bathrooms



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**Bathrooms are down this hallway. They are open anytime during the show.**

**The paper towel dispensers, faucets and toilets in the bathroom are automatic. The automatic toilets may be loud and surprise me.**

# Museum



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**The Ford's Theatre Museum is open. I can visit the museum before the show.**

**I will walk down a stairway to get to the museum. I can ask a staff member for help if I need an elevator.**

**The museum is open during the show if I need a quiet space.**

# Usher



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.



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**Ushers are friendly helpers who will:**

- 1. Scan my ticket,**
- 2. Give me a program book about the show, and**
- 3. Help me find where I will sit to see the show.**



# Theatre



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.



Scenic Design by Jason Ardizzone-West. Photo by André Chung.

**There are many doors to the theatre. If I go through the wrong door, it's OK. Every door goes into the theatre.**

**When I go inside the theatre, I will see a lot of seats and the stage where the play will be performed.**

# Seat



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**When I am in the theatre, I will sit with my family or friends.**

**There will be other people here to see the show too.**

**I may be sitting next to someone I don't know.**

# Presidential Box



Photo ©Maxwell MacKenzie.

**When I am inside the theatre, I will see a special area called the Presidential Box.**

**The Presidential Box is where President Abraham Lincoln sat in 1865.**

**It is decorated today just like it was for President Lincoln in 1865.**

**No one sits in the Box today. It is just a way to remember President Lincoln.**

# Technical Sound Booth



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**When I enter the theatre, I may see and walk past the technical sound booth.**

**There may be a worker at the booth getting ready for the show.**

**Even though he is close to me, I will not talk to him because he is working.**

# Show



Photo of the cast by André Chung.

**A show is a story that is told by people on the stage.**

**The people in the play are called actors.**

**The actors pretend to be characters during the show.**

**The actors will sing to help tell the story.**

# Quiet Spaces



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.



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**I can go down into the museum if I need a quiet space during the show.**

**I will keep my mask on inside.**

**If I need to take my mask off, I can step outside to the sidewalk.**

**When I'm ready to come back inside, I can put my mask back on and enter the theatre through the same doors.**

# Clapping



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**People clap during the show when they like something.**

**Sometimes people also cheer or stand when they love something.**

**I can clap, cheer or stand if I like what I see or hear.**

**People usually clap for a short time.**

# End of the Show



Photo of the cast by André Chung.

**When the show is over, all of the actors will come on stage and bow.**

**This is called a curtain call.**

**Many people will clap a lot to let the actors know how much they liked the show.**



# Leaving the Theatre



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**When the show is over, I will leave the theatre.**

**The lobby will be crowded after the show.**

**I may have to wait my turn to leave the theatre and the lobby.**

## **GOING TO FORD'S THEATRE – CREDITS**

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