

# Welcome to **THE GRAND**



## **SOCIAL STORY** for Sensory-Friendly Family Programming



# The Building

I am going to see a show at The Grand Opera House. The theater is called the baby grand.

When I get there, I will walk up the long sidewalk to enter the building through big doors.



# Box Office

Every person must have a ticket to see the show. The adult with me might already have our tickets, or we can get them from the Box Office.

I may have to stand in line to wait for our turn.



# Lobby

When I get inside, I may have to wait in the lobby before the show starts. There might be a lot of people and noise in the lobby.

I can go to the Quiet Space if I need a break from the lobby noise and crowds.



# Café

I might go to the café where I can ask the adult with me if we can buy a snack or drink.

I will see tables and chairs, where I can sit and rest.



# Bathroom

If I need to use the bathroom, I will find it off the lobby. I can use the bathroom anytime during the show.



# Gallery

There will be artwork on the walls that I can look at while I wait.



# Ushers

When it is time to go in the theater, I will give my ticket to an usher who will tear off the stub and give the ticket back to me.

The usher will also give me a program book about the show and performers.

The ushers wear red or gray jackets. I can talk to them if I have questions or need help.



# Theater

When I enter the baby grand theater, I will see a lot of seats and the stage where the show will be performed.

This theater has 299 seats and spaces for wheelchairs.



# My Seat

I can choose any seat that is empty and sit alongside the adult with me.

Other people will also be choosing their seats while I wait for the show to begin.

My seat folds down. I keep my feet down and do not kick the seat in front of me.



# The Performance

The lights dim when the show is ready to start, but they will stay on so I can see my surroundings.

I may hear music or announcements. If the show sounds are too loud, I can use ear protection or cover my ears.



# Quiet Space

If I need to take a break from the show, I can go to the Quiet Space. It is an area right next to the theater with calming activities.

I can go back into the theater at anytime to see the rest of the show.



# Clapping

When the show is over, I can clap and cheer for the performers on stage as they take their bows.

If the clapping is too loud, I can wear ear protection or cover my ears.



# Leaving

When the show is over, I wait in line to leave the theater and go slowly. I can remain in my seat and wait for the crowd to leave first, then I will leave the baby grand.

I will walk out of The Grand the same way I came in. I can talk about the show as soon as it ends.

# Thank You!

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## Mission Statement

*The Grand entertains, engages, and enriches our community with diverse live performances and educational programs in a welcoming, patron-centered environment. As proud stewards, we celebrate our cherished historic theaters that create economic vitality and lift the human spirit.*

## THEGRAND

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