



Sensory-Friendly Performance

Saturday, November 24th at

2:00pm

Going to see *Annie*!



I am going with _____ to see
Annie at Bridge Players Theatre Company!

Seeing a show on stage is like watching something on TV or at the movies. But, the people in this kind of show will be on a stage and live, in person. These people are called actors.

Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, Annie has become a worldwide phenomenon. The winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Featuring a score by Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, Annie includes some of the greatest musical theatre hits including "Tomorrow." With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other girls in the Orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations and finds a new home and family in billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.



The show is at Bridge Players Theatre Company, in a town called Burlington City. We will need to travel to the theatre by car, taxi or even the RiverLine train. My family will know how to get there.

When we go, we may have to park away from the building and walk to where we will see the show.

Bridge Players Theatre Company is located in a building at Broad Street United Methodist Church. The building we'll be looking for is big and made of many bricks.



When we come up to the large, brick building, we'll need to walk down this sidewalk to get to the entrance to where the theatre is. There will be a large white sign next to the gate that will say "Bridge Players Theatre Company."



There is a white door where we will enter the building to go and see the show. I can use the white railings on the sides of the ramp to help me walk to the door, if I need them.



When we go into the building, we will be in a room called the lobby. The lobby is where people like me will wait until we can go into the theatre to see the show. We may have to stand in line to get our tickets. I will stand nicely and quietly while we wait. If it's too loud, I can cover my ears, put on headphones, or ask for an adult for help.



While we are in the lobby, we may have to buy our tickets. We need a ticket to see the show so that other people know we are there and can be counted as audience members. There will be someone behind a long table who will sell us our tickets.



While we wait in the lobby, I may have to go to the restroom. If I need help finding one, I can ask for help.

There is a Men's Room



There is a Ladies' Room



If I need a drink of water, I can ask for one too.



When it's time to go into the theatre, there will be someone at the door at the end of the hallway to take our tickets. He or she will take a small part of my ticket and they will hand part of it back to me. I'll be able to keep that as a souvenir.



When we go into the theatre, we will also be given a program to read. The program will tell me all about the show we are about to see. It will tell us who the actors are, tell us all about the different scenes we will see, who helped work on the show, and a lot more. I'll be able to quietly read the program when I get to my seat.



This is the big moment! We are now in the theatre!

The theatre is a large room with a lot of seats where my family and I will sit. There will be a lot of other people sitting in other seats as well.

We'll be able to pick anywhere we want to sit.

The stage is in front of the theatre. The actors will perform for us there. The stage is higher than where we are sitting so that everyone will be able to see all the actors.

This will be the best time for me to sit quietly and read the program I got when walking into the theatre.



When it's time for the show to start, someone will come on stage and ask everyone to turn off their cell phones and talk for a couple of minutes about the show, where the exits are for the Activity Room and Quiet Room, where the emergency exits are and other things we will find interesting about the show.

I will try to be as quiet as I can so everyone can hear what is being said.

When the person leaves the stage, the theatre will get a little darker and the show will start.



When the show starts, the lights will come on the stage.

The stage will look like the inside of an big airport. We will also start seeing the actors and actresses come out on stage where they will act for us.

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

I will need to stay in my seat during the show. If I have a question, I will need to ask it very quietly.

If I need to take a break, I can ask to go to the Activity Room or Quiet Room. If I need to leave the theatre during the show, I will need to walk out quietly.

The Activity Room is where I will find different things to do.

I can color in a coloring book. I can read or look through a book. I can play with clay or I can just sit.

The Quiet Room is a room where I can come with someone to just sit and relax. There are comfortable chairs in the room. It will be nice and quiet.



About half way through the show, there will be a 15-minute break called an intermission. During this time, I can remain sitting in my seat, I can stand up and stretch, or I can walk around the theatre or the lobby. This would be a good time for me to use the restroom if I need to. I can also get a snack at the concession table if I ask.

Intermission is a busy and crowded time. I may have to wait in lines to use the restroom or to get a snack.

When the intermission is over, I will need to go back to my seat again. The show will start back up on the stage.



When the show is over, all the cast will come out onto the stage and take a bow. I can clap and cheer for them if I really liked the show. If the clapping is too loud, I can wear ear protection or cover my ears.



When the actors leave the stage, it will be our time to leave as well. I may have to wait in line to leave the theatre. I can remain sitting in my seat and wait for the crowd to leave the theatre and then I will leave the theatre.

When I walk out, I might see some of the actors or actresses I saw up on stage. If I want to, I can say hello and talk to them. They like to sign autographs in my program.

I'll walk out of the building the same way I came in. If I want to, I can share how I feel about the show with those I came to the show with.

