

STORY BOOK

We are so excited to have you with us at LCT!



This book explains the words and experiences you will encounter when you come to visit us for a performance.



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Lexington Children's Theatre

I am going to Lexington Children's Theatre to see a **play**.

A play is a way of telling a story with people speaking and moving around on stage. The people I will see on stage are called **actors**. They will wear **costumes** to make them look like an animal or a person in the story. Sometimes the actors will also dance and sing on stage with music. A play with dancing and singing is called a **musical**.



Arrival

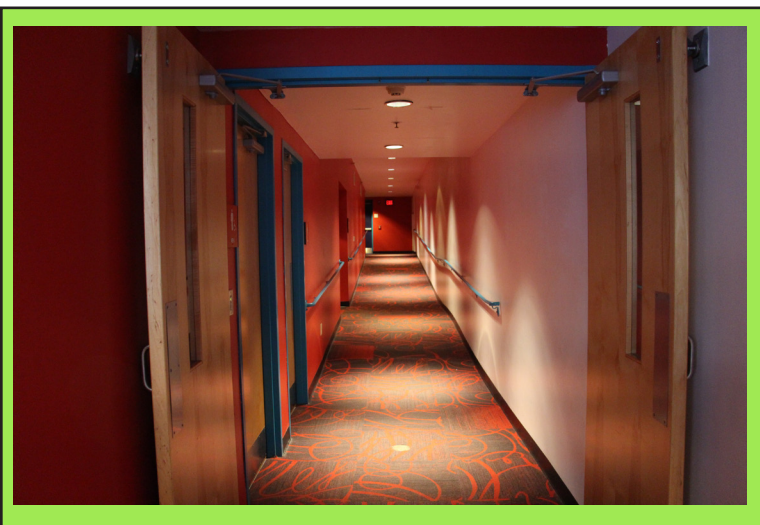
When we get to the theatre, my family and I will enter the building and then walk to the **box office** to get our **tickets**. We will tell the person in the box office our name and they will give us the tickets. We may bring our tickets from home if we have already printed them. Every person needs a ticket to get into the theatre to see the play.



The Lobby

When I walk into the building, I will be in a big room called the **lobby**. The lobby is where we can stand and wait before going into the theatre to find my seat for the play; there are also blue benches to sit on. This room can get very crowded with people who are also waiting for the play. It can be a noisy place. If I don't like the crowd, I can find a quiet spot.

If I look down in the lobby I will see red and black carpet and I will see white and blue walls. There are also big windows. I can also see a long hallway; if I go down the hallway there will be bathrooms. In the lobby, there is also a water fountain by the elevator.



If I need to take a break during the show I can leave the theatre with my family and go to the lobby area. I will tell my family if I need to use the lobby. There may be other people using the lobby area too. In the lobby I may watch the play on the tv screen if I want to or I can just hang out.

The Bathroom

The **bathrooms** are by the lobby.

I can tell my family when I need to use the bathroom at any time, even if I need to leave the theatre during the show. The bathrooms will be down the hallway with the teal railing. There will be paper towels that I can use to dry my hands after washing them. There might be a line of people waiting to use the bathroom, so I may need to stand in line in the hallway. I will wait for my turn to use the bathroom.



Entering the Theatre



In the lobby, there are big doors that lead into the **theatre**. Right before the play they will open the doors to welcome me inside the theatre. The theatre is a big room where the actors will perform the play. There will be seats for my family and me to sit in and there will be a large space for the actors to perform the play on.



My Seat



My **seat** in the theatre will be a part of a row of seats. My family and I will choose where we want to sit; we could sit close to the stage or far away. We could sit in the middle of a row or the outside of a row. We will be able to all sit together.

A person called an **usher** will help me find my seat if I need it. I may have to go up or down stairs to get to my seat in the theatre.

I might have family on one side of me and a person I don't know on the other side of me.



The Stage

The play will happen on a **stage**. The stage will be right in front of me when I am sitting in my seat. Before the show begins there will be no people on the stage, but there will be **scenery**. The scenery will be different things built on the stage to help tell the story of the play. The scenery will probably be painted with bright colors. I can look at the stage or talk to my family while I wait for the play to start.



Beginning the Play

I will know that the **play** is beginning when a big announcement is made to the entire audience. Sometimes there is clapping when the play starts. People may also clap for a short amount of time after a song in the show. At the very end of the show, people may clap for the actors again. If I like the show, I can clap too. If the clapping noise is too loud, I can cover my ears. People will not clap for a long time, it will be over in less than a minute.



During the Play

Actors will come on stage in costumes to perform a story. There may be music and the audience might laugh or clap along during certain parts. I will sit in my seat and watch the play. If I need to get up, go to the quiet area, or go to the bathroom during the play it is alright.



Ending the Play

The **play** will be over when the actors take a bow on stage. When the actors come up to the front and bow, the audience will clap. After the clapping is over, I can leave the theatre or I can wait and meet the actors.



Meeting the Actors

The actors will be on stage after the show is over to meet the audience, in their costumes. I do not have to talk to them if I do not want to. Before I leave with my family, I can stop and say hello to them and ask them a question about the show or get their autograph. Other people may also want to talk to the actors, I can wait in line to get a turn. The theatre might be crowded or noisy again because everyone is excited to talk about the play.



Leaving the Building

As I leave the building, everyone else will also be leaving the theatre too, so it may be crowded. I can wait for people to leave before I exit the theatre.

After the show is over and I am done talking to the actors, it will be time to leave the building. My family and I will walk into the lobby and outside through the glass doors. On my way home from the theatre, I can talk with my family about my favorite parts of the play.

