

THE LIGHTNING THIEF

THE
PERCY JACKSON
MUSICAL

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I will go to The Rose Theater.
The outside of The Rose Theater looks like
this.



I am going to see the Rose Theater's production of **The Lightning Thief!**

I will walk inside the lobby.



The lobby is a big room where people wait outside the theater.

I will wait in line for my ticket.



I will wait quietly and patiently.

Once we get our tickets, my family and I will have two choices.



The first choice is:
We can enter the theater to pick our seats.

The second choice is:
We can wait where it is less
crowded in a blue room.
(This room is called Classroom #2).



I can stay there with my adult until I am ready.

The theater is very large and has a lot of seats.



There might be a lot of people.
I will sit with my family or
friends.

We have two choices
when picking our seats.



The first choice is:
My family and I may choose to sit in seats on the first floor. My family and I can sit anywhere we want to sit.

The second choice is:
My family and I can choose
to sit in seats on the second
floor.



This floor is called the balcony.
The seats in the balcony are up high.
If we want to sit in the balcony, we
will walk up the stairs in the lobby
and enter the theater upstairs.

Before the show starts,
I can talk to my family and friends.



I will sit in my seat on my back
pockets and keep my hands and feet to myself.

If I need to go to the bathroom
before, after, or during the show,
I will walk back into the lobby
with my grown-up.



I will walk downstairs.
The bathrooms are in the basement.

I can also get a drink at the drinking fountain in the basement!



There are also bathrooms on the second floor. I
can use these too, especially if I am sitting
in the balcony seats.



When I am done with the bathroom,
I will go back to my seat in the theater.

Soon, the lights will get darker and
there will be a pre-show announcement.
This means the show is about to start.



I will be a good audience member.
I will be quiet and watch the stage.

Seeing a performance at a theater is like seeing a movie.



In live theater, the people performing
will be right in front of me on stage.
They are called actors.

Actors pretend they are
characters and tell a story.





The show will begin with a man making an announcement on a microphone. I can listen to what he is saying with my family.

When the show begins, the lights will go down a little bit.
I don't have to be scared; I am safe.

The actors perform on a set with special scenery,
like doors and windows,
which help the audience know
when and where the story takes place.



Special lights and sounds also
help the actors to tell the story.
The lights and sounds won't hurt me.



When a loud noise on stage is about to happen, I can look for a light that looks like this. When I see the light, I can cover my ears and prepare. When the light goes down, the noise is over.

The sounds that help tell the story
will sometimes be loud.
I know that even though the sounds
can be loud and can feel scary.
None of the noise can hurt me.

If things get too loud or I need to take a break, I can go to the Restless Room.
(Classroom 2)



I will walk quietly out of the theater
and back into the lobby with my grown-up.

We can watch the show on a TV screen.
There may be other people in the Restless Room too.



We will sit in the Restless Room until I feel
better.

When the play is over the actors will form a line
and take a bow like this, I can clap too.
This is called a curtain call.



It is nice to clap for the actors.
When we clap, the actors know that
we had fun watching them act!

If it is too loud, I will cover my ears
or hold my grown-up's hand.

Once the curtain call is over, I can ask the actors questions about the show.

After the bow, the lights will come up. I can leave with my grown-up, or stay for a Question and Answer session with the actors, if I wish.



The Question & Answer session will take place in the theater, or I can choose to go to a classroom that looks like this. A Rose theater staff member can help me find the place to go.

If you want to know a little more about some of the surprises in



then keep reading!



If you would like to be surprised, stop reading now.



The Lighting Thief is about the children of Greek gods.
The Greek gods come from a group of stories called
Greek Mythology.



I will meet the character of Mrs. Dodds.
Mrs. Dodds becomes a creature.
The creature is a character, played by an actor.
The actor is safe. I am safe.



I will see “Haze” that will come from under the stage.
Haze looks like smoke.
But I do not have to worry.
The haze is not smoke. It cannot hurt me.



There will be some characters in **The Lightning Thief** who “die” in the play or get injured. One character gets their head cut off. The play is pretend, the actors are safe, and I am safe. No person dies for real in this play.



There will be sounds in the play that may feel scary.
If a sound seems too loud or scary,
I can always cover my ears.
I can also look for the orange cone that looks like this.



The show ends with a happy ending,
so I do not have to worry.



Now I can get ready to...



...enjoy the show!

Then I will go home.
I can talk to my family or friends about
the fun things that I saw
in the show at The Rose!





My friends at The Rose Theater hope I
have a great time at the show,
and are looking forward to
seeing me soon!



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