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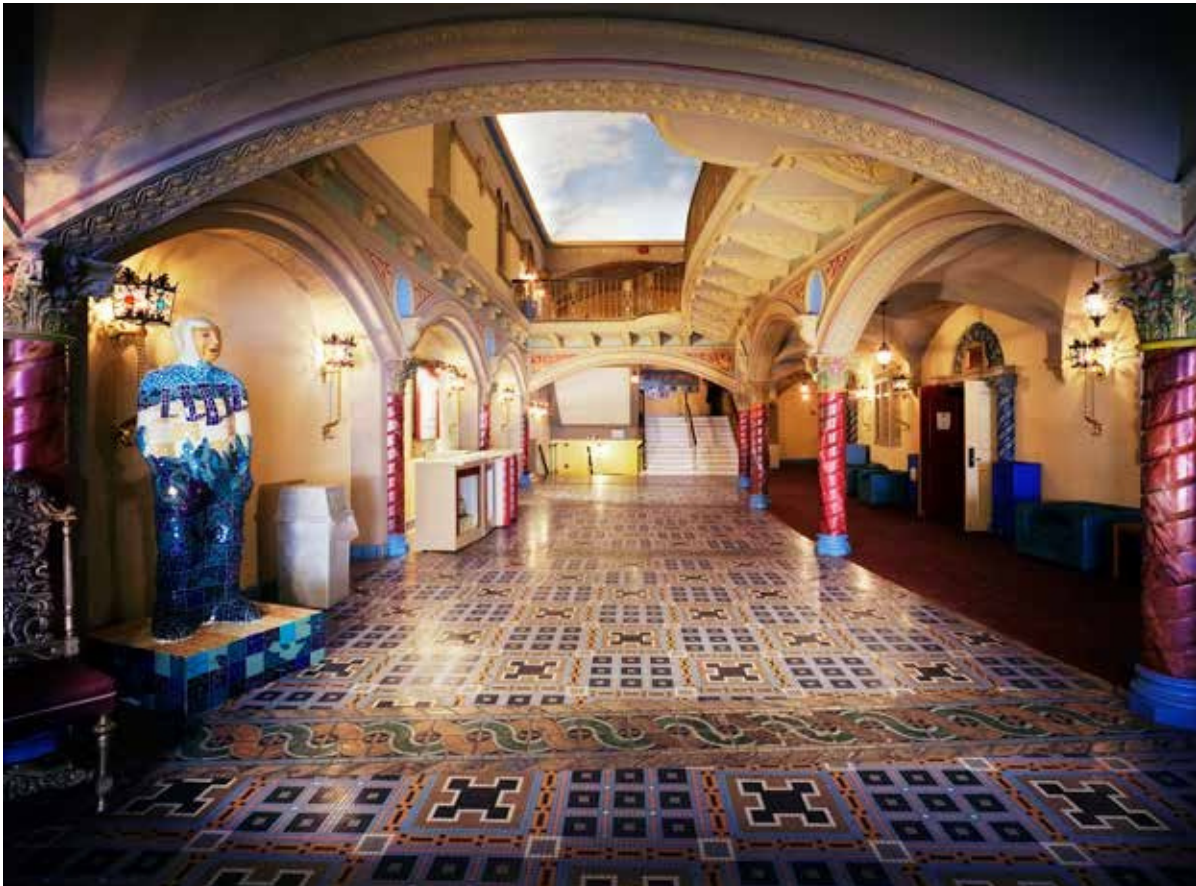
I will go to The Rose Theater.  
The outside of The Rose Theater looks like this.



I am going to see the Rose Theater's production of  
**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer!**



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.

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.

When I walk into the theater, the stage  
will look like this.



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 person making an announcement on a microphone. I can listen to what they are 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.

If I have seen the television special ( or dvd/ youtube) of Rudolph before. I will see some characters I recognize. I can sing along with the songs I know and dance in my seat.





Some of the characters in this play will be puppets.  
Puppets are objects (non-human things) operated by people.





One of those characters is the snow monster. The snow monster is a person in a costume led around by people called puppeteers.



The monster is not real.  
The monster cannot hurt me, I am safe .

The actors perform on a set with special scenery,  
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.



There are times in the play where the reindeer talk very loudly. I can cover my ears if it gets too loud.





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.



At the end of the show, the actors will sing the song  
“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”. I can sing along too!

The words will come up right here



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.  
This is called a curtain call.



I can show my appreciation by clapping or waving my hands in the air like this...

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.





...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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