



# Going to The Rose Guide



## Welcome to The Rose!

It's almost time for our next production, **CORALINE**, the creepy musical based on the book by Neil Gaiman! We've assembled some special information to help you get ready for the upcoming performance. Before you go to the show, you might want to take a few moments to review this "Know Before You Go" Guide so everyone will know what to expect from the performance!



## The Story You Will See

# Coraline

Adapted from the novella by Neil Gaiman.

Book by David Greenspan.  
Music and Lyrics by Stephin Merritt.

*Coraline is produced by arrangement with Creative Artists Agency, New York, NY.*

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# Know Before You Go

Here are some things your family might like to “Know Before You Go”:

- There are moments in this story where the main character, Coraline, is very scared for the world around her. This is expressed through large emotions, fighting, and reasoning through challenging situations.
- There are moments in this story where Coraline feels ignored by her friends and parents – if this is something your young person feels connection to, let them know about it!
- There are moments in the story where Coraline is often called by the wrong name (Caroline). It would benefit young people to let them know this happens – if this is something that happens in their life and upsets them.
- There are moments in this story with lights briefly flash and theatrical haze is used.
- There are moments in this story where it seems like characters are physically fighting (or using “Stage Combat”) – it would benefit young people to let them know that the fighting is pretend, and part of playing a character onstage.





## Some of The Characters You'll Meet

- **Coraline Jones** – a young girl with a love for adventure and exploring.
- **Other Mother** – a mysterious creature from another world – that seems like Coraline's mother. Wants to sew buttons onto Coraline's eyes and make her stay in an alternate dimension.
- **The Cat** – a talking cat that jumps between the real & the other world, and Coraline's companion.
- **Mom** – Coraline's overworked Mother, who struggles to find time to spend with her daughter.
- **Dad** – Coraline's overworked father, who struggles to find time to spend with his daughter.
- **Miss. Spink** – an eccentric neighbor of Coraline's – an old woman who relives her glory-days of being a theatre performer with her partner, Miss Forcible.
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- **Mr. Bobo** – an eccentric neighbor of Coraline's – an Eastern European man who is raising a circus of mice.

## From Story to Stage

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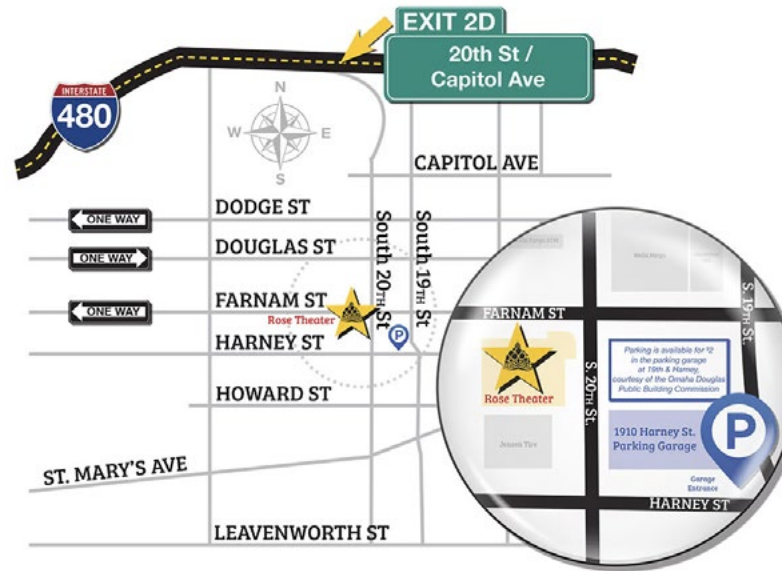
# Location

## Theater Location

The Rose is located in downtown Omaha at 2001 Farnam Street on the southwest corner of 20th & Farnam Streets.

## Directions

From west Omaha, take I-80 East to I-480 North and exit onto 20th Street. The Rose is located on Farnam Street, approximately three blocks south of the 20th Street exit



# Parking

Parking is available for \$2 in the garage at 19th & Harney, courtesy of the Omaha Douglas Public Building Commission (1910 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68102).

**CHANGES TO OMAHA PARKING METERS!** [Please check the Park Omaha website for the latest information.](#) Currently, parking meters surrounding the theater are active from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with free parking available on Sundays and holidays.

A variety of parking lots are available around the theater, as well, ranging in cost from \$2-\$5.



## While at The Rose

### Join Our Post-Performance Q&A Session!

A few minutes after the performance, our actors will conduct a Question & Answer session from the stage. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the scenery, costumes, special effects, and other aspects of the production.

### Meet the Cast & Get an Autograph!

Some actors will be available after the show to say hello, pose in pictures, and sign their autographs for you. You can meet them on the mezzanine level right outside the entrance to our balcony level seats.

### Take Home a Souvenir!

The Rose Guild presents a souvenir stand before and after each performance offering a variety of fun and inexpensive show-related mementos. The proceeds help to support the great education programs at The Rose Theater!

### Check out our Classes!

If you like what you saw on the stage and think you'd like to be a part of it, try taking a theater class here at The Rose Theater. We offer a wide range of arts classes for every interest and experience level. Check out the Rose Website or scan a QR code at the box office for more information.

## Awesome Aftershow Activities!

### Draw Your Own Other World

**Activity:** Using a blank page, draw what your own "other world" would look like. What would be different from your real world? Include special creatures or characters you would want to meet there!

### Coraline's Courage Journal

**Activity:** Write a short entry in Coraline's journal. Describe a time when you faced a fear or made a brave choice, just like Coraline did. How did it feel, and what did you learn from the experience?

### Button Design Challenge

**Activity:** Create a unique button design for your very own character! Draw a button and write a short description of the character who would wear it. What special powers or traits does this character have?

### Home vs. Other World Reflection

**Activity:** On one side of the page, list three things you love about your real home. On the other side, list three things you might find in an imaginary world. Discuss with a friend which world you'd prefer to live in and why.



## Dinner Time Discussion

One of the best ways to enjoy a play is to talk about the story and the characters with family and friends who saw the show. Here are some topics you can discuss before and after you see visit The Rose Theater to see the production.

### Before the Show

- What do you know about Coraline? Have you read the book or seen the movie? What do you expect from the musical?
- Coraline faces some scary situations. How do you handle things that scare you?
- What do you think makes a world “real” or “imaginary”? How do you feel about the idea of an alternate reality?
- Why do you think Coraline is drawn to exploring the other world?

### After the Show

- What did you think about Coraline’s decisions throughout the story? Were they brave, smart, or maybe risky?
- What lessons do you think Coraline learned by the end of the musical? How can we apply those lessons in real life?
- How did Coraline’s relationship with her parents change throughout the story?
- If you could create a sequel to Coraline’s story, what would happen next? What new adventures might she face?





# Thank You and Enjoy the Show!



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*With your help, we can continue this work for another 75 years. Your donation amplifies the impact of theater education on youth, giving young people the opportunity to reach for the stars and discover the possibilities that lie within.*

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