



A
CHRISTMAS
STORY
The Musical

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I'm going to The Rose Theater, located in downtown Omaha!
I'm going to see **A Christmas Story: The Musical!**

Once we get there, the outside of the theater will look like this:



As soon as we're ready, we'll go inside the building.
Once we go through the doors we'll be in the lobby.
Which looks like this:



The lobby is a large room where we get our tickets, use the restrooms, and wait for the auditorium doors to open.

I will wait patiently with my adult while we get our tickets.

Once we get our tickets, we'll either go through the auditorium doors from the lobby and find our seats



OR we might go upstairs and find our seats in the balcony. For this show, we have assigned seats. A Rose usher or volunteer will help me find my chair.



The theater is very large and has a lot of chairs. There might be a lot of people waiting for the show to get started. I'll make sure to stay with my adult.



We can either wait in our seats for the show to start or we can also visit the “wiggle room” which is a classroom right off of the lobby. This room isn’t as crowded or noisy as the auditorium or lobby might be.



Once I'm in the theater, I might hear different instruments playing or music playing. This show has live musicians called an orchestra. The play music that the actors will sing along with.



Before the show starts, the musicians might be practicing. If I don't like how loud it is: I can cover my ears with my hands or ask my adult to get me some headphones. We can also wait in the lobby until the show starts.

If I need to go to the bathroom before, after, or during the show, I will let my adult know.

If we are sitting in the balcony, we'll go down the stairs and the bathrooms will be right there!



If we are sitting on the main floor, we'll go downstairs to the basement bathrooms.

This show will also have a break in the middle. This is called an intermission. I can use the bathroom during this time, or stand up and stretch.

Before the show starts and once I've found my seat I can talk to the members in my group. But I must stay sitting and keep my hands and feet to myself.



I'll know the show is about to begin when I see someone go up on stage. The audience might applaud to show their excitement. The person on stage is going to give us some instructions and information about what we are going to see.



Once the lights begin to dim and music starts playing I will know that the show is about to start.

It's important to remember that even though the lights are getting darker and the music might be loud that I don't have to be scared; I am safe.

If at any point during the performance things get too loud or I need to take a break, I'll let my adult know and we can go to the restless room.



The performance will also be on a TV screen in the restless room.

We can stay in this room until I feel better.

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 to tell us a story. It's important to remember that while a character might be scary or mean, the actor playing them is really nice and it is just pretend.



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This show is a musical. There is singing and dancing. Sometimes it can be loud. I can use headphones or take a break.



When you go to see A Christmas Story, there is a special place called the orchestra pit at the front of the stage. This is where musicians sit and play their instruments. The musicians help tell the story with their music. When the actors sing and dance on stage, the sounds from the orchestra pit make everything more exciting! If it is too loud, I can wear headphones or take a break.



At the beginning of the show, you will see an actor walking through the audience. This person is on their way to the stage, and they are part of the performance! As they walk, they might smile at people or wave. This helps everyone feel excited and ready for the show to begin.



In A Christmas Story: The Musical, you will meet a boy named Ralphie who really wants a special gift for Christmas: a Red Ryder BB gun. Throughout the show, Ralphie tries to convince everyone, including Santa, that he should get the gun, but they all tell him, “You’ll shoot your eye out!”



You'll enjoy watching Ralphie's adventures as he learns about family, friendship, and the magic of Christmas!



In the musical, when the furnace breaks, it creates a fog that is visible on stage, adding a sense of mystery and excitement to the scene. Everyone is safe and the fog is pretend.



Sound effects in a show can make the experience more exciting, but if they are too loud or bothersome, you can use headphones to help soften the sounds and enjoy the performance comfortably.





There are bright lights in the show. If the lights are bothering me, I can look away or close my eyes. There are sunglasses in The Rose's Sensory Kits, found at the box office, I can wear them.

Ralphie and his friends play a silly prank by pretending to tie up their teacher with a jump rope during a playful moment in class. This funny scene shows how kids sometimes get carried away with their imaginations, but it also reminds us that it's important to be respectful and kind to our teachers.





In the show, Ralphie and his friends sometimes face bullying from other kids at school, like the mean bully Scut Farkus. Sometimes bullies might try to make other children feel bad or scared, but Ralphie learns that he can be brave and stand up for himself. It's important to remember that if someone is bullying you, you should tell a trusted adult who can help you.

In *A Christmas Story: The Musical*, characters use funny made-up curse words. These playful expressions help show their emotions while keeping the mood light and humorous.



Ralphie's friend gets his tongue stuck to a cold metal pole when he accepts a dare. This can happen if you touch metal when it's very cold outside, and it might look funny, but it can also be dangerous. If something like this happens, it's important to ask a grown-up for help right away.



When Ralphie starts fighting with the bully, he becomes so angry that he ends up yelling and punching the bully in a way that surprises everyone around him.



Ralphie's parents have disagreements, which can make the house feel tense. It's important to remember that sometimes grown-ups argue, but they still love each other and their family, and they will work things out together.



A group of aggressive dogs, played by puppets and actors, causes chaos at the end of their Christmas celebration, adding a funny but chaotic moment as Ralphie and his family try to manage the situation. Everyone is safe and the dogs are not real.



At the very end of the show, all of the actors will come out on stage and the orchestra will play more music.

This is called curtain call.



The actors will take a bow and I can clap to let them know I enjoyed the show.

Once curtain call is over, the lights will come up. I can leave with my adult, or I can stay for a question & answer session with a couple actors. We can also go up to the balcony lobby where I can meet a couple of the actors and get their autographs.



The question & answer session will take place in the theater. I can move and find a seat with my adult in the first couple of rows so I can be closer to the stage and ask the actors questions.

After the show is over I will leave The Rose. I can talk to my friends and family about all the fun things I saw in the show.



Everyone at The Rose Theater hopes I have a great time at the show and is looking forward to seeing me soon!





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