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I'm going to The Rose Theater, located in downtown Omaha!
I'm going to see **The Pigeon Gets a Big Time Holiday Extravaganza!**

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.



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.



Once the lights begin to dim - a few actors from the show will come out to make a few announcements. I will know that the show is about to start. It's important to remember that even though the lights are getting darker and there may be a loud voice that I don't have to be scared; I am safe.



Once the show starts I will be a good audience member. This means I will be quiet and watch the stage.

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.

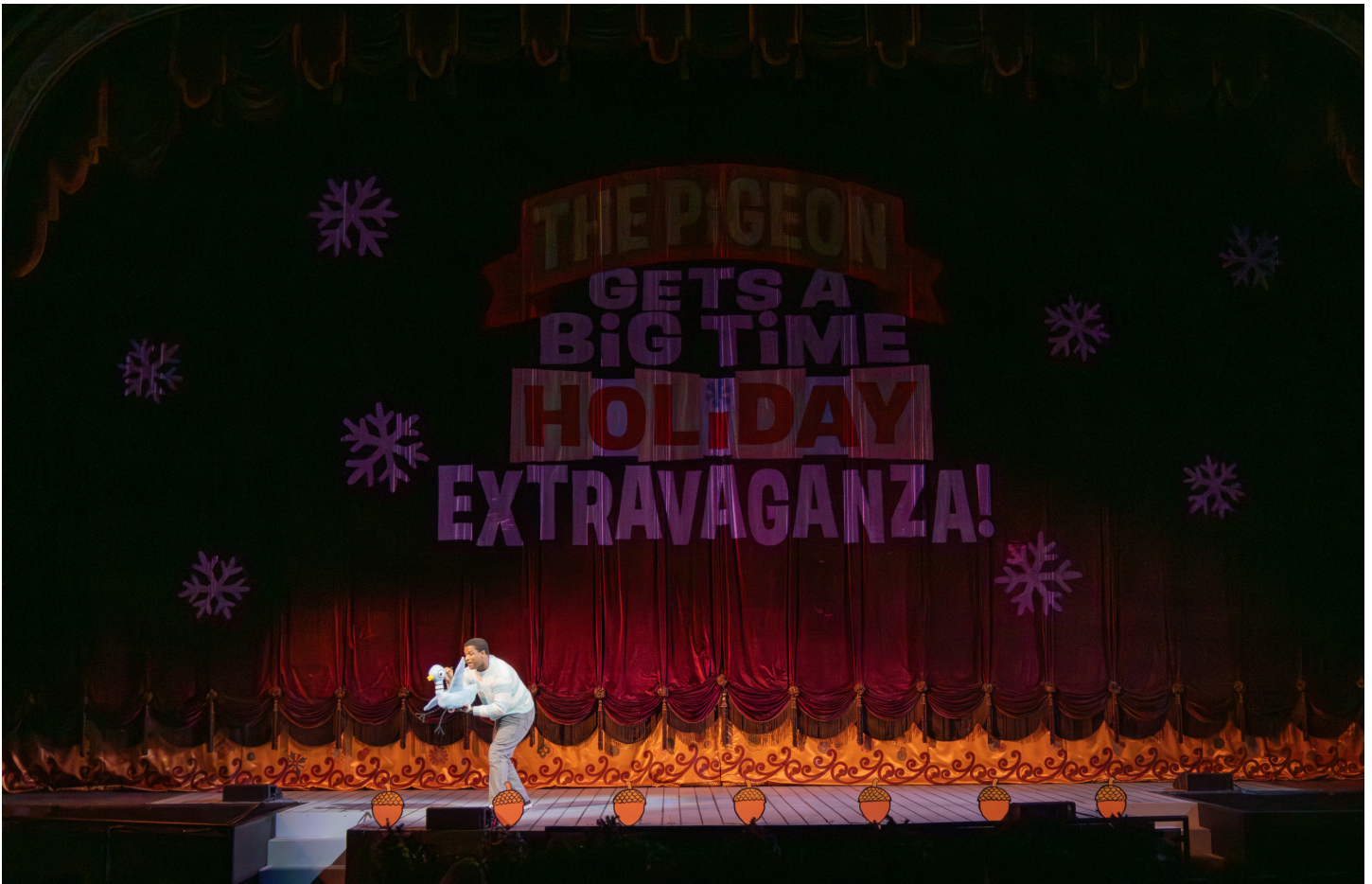


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Today, I will go to the theater to see a show called
The Pigeon Gets a Big Time Holiday Extravaganza!
This show is based on stories by Mo Willems.



In The Pigeon Gets a Big Time Holiday Extravaganza!
Pigeon and friends get ready for the holidays. Pigeon wants to be the star of the show, but he learns that the holidays are about kindness, sharing, and having fun together. The show has music, lights, and lots of laughs!



Squirrels will be standing in the aisles before the show starts, playing kazoos and performing cheerful holiday songs. They are part of the fun and will be close to the audience, but they will not touch or bother anyone. It's okay to listen, watch, and enjoy their music as the show is about to begin.



This show is a musical. There is singing and dancing. Sometimes it can be loud. I can use headphones from my Rose Theater Sensory Bag located in the box office or take a break in the sensory/wiggle room.



Sometimes, the actors might come very close to the edge of the stage or walk into the audience, and down the aisles. They are being playful and friendly as part of the story. They will not touch me or jump from the stage. I am safe.



There are flashing lights. They move around the stage, audience, and ceiling at different parts during the show. If the lights bother me I can use sunglasses from my Rose Theater Sensory Kit.



During the show, haze is used on stage to make the lights look festive, but they are safe theater effects and not real smoke. I am safe.



During the entire show, you will see colorful pictures and animations projected onto the stage or backdrop. These projections help tell the story and make it more exciting, and sometimes they change quickly. If the lights or images feel too bright or fast, you can look away for a moment or close your eyes until you feel comfortable again.



The squirrels in the show use musical shakers to make fun sounds. The shaking noises are part of the music.



Sometimes, actors will come in front of the stage to sing, dance, or talk. They are still part of the show, and it is okay if they are close to me.



The actors throw pretend snow at Pigeon on stage. This is just part of the show, and it is safe and okay.



During the song *Too Much Stuff*, the squirrels plan a very big party. There are fun sounds and flashing red lights on the stage. It might feel loud or bright, but it is part of the show and will only last a short time.



The squirrels feel sad and cry when their party gets too big.
They learn that having a smaller, “in-between” party can still
be fun and make everyone feel better.



Seeing *The Pigeon Gets a Big Time Holiday Extravaganza!* is a fun way to celebrate the holidays. Each time I go to the theater, I'll know more about what to expect, and it will feel even more comfortable.



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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