## Pippi Longstocking



A guide to help families prepare for their performance

I am going to see a show called PIPPI LONGSTOCKING at Wheelock Family Theatre! In a show, the people tell a story onstage right in front of us! They are called actors.



Pippi Longstocking is a special kind of show, where the actors will tell a story by talking, singing, dancing and using puppets.



This is Sirena. She is the actor playing Pippi Longstocking!



When the show starts, I will hear music. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, hold my Mom or Dad's hand, or hug my Mom and Dad.



The other actors will come onstage and begin telling the story.



Pippi Longstocking will come onstage. She will wear very bright colors, and she will dance around a lot!



I will also see an actor wearing a big colorful horse costume! This is not a real horse. He is just an actor wearing a costume.



During the play, the people onstage may act scary or sad. This is okay.

They are just pretending to be scary or sad.

Even though I might be scared, I know that these are nice people and that they will not hurt me.





There will be bright lights and loud noises. If the sounds are too loud, I can cover my ears. If the lights are too bright, I can cover my eyes

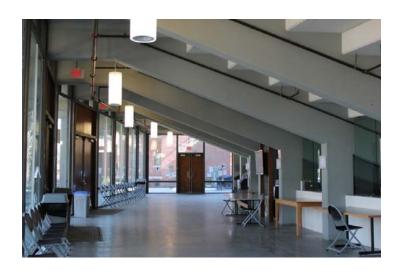




If I feel scared, I can, hold my Mom or Dad's hand, or hug my Mom or Dad.



I can also take a break in the lobby, or in a quiet, cozy space.





At the end of a scene or a song, some people will clap.

Clapping tells the actors that you liked their performance.

If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap if I don't want to.



If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears, hold my Mom or Dad's hand, or hug my Mom or Dad.



In the middle of the show, we will have a break. The break is called Intermission.

During the break, many people will stand up to go back to the lobby.

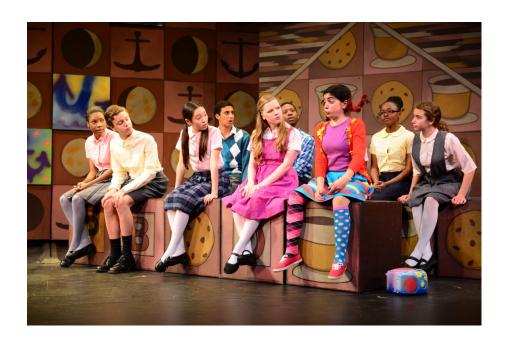


If I want to, I can ask for a snack or a drink. I can eat or drink in the lobby or outdoors. But there is no eating or drinking in the theatre. I can also ask to use the bathroom if I need to.





After the break, everyone will come back and sit down in their seats again. It will get darker and quieter again, just like at the beginning of the show. The actors will come back onstage and finish telling the story.



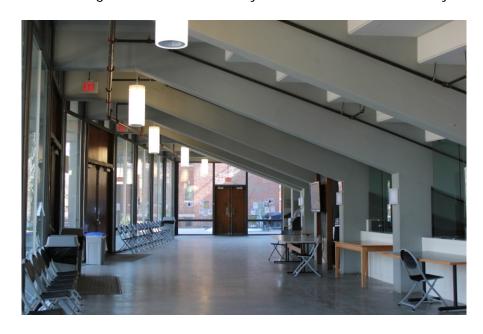
At the end of the show, all of the actors will come out on stage. This is called a curtain call.

Many people will clap a lot so the actors know how much they liked the show.

If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap if I don't want to.



When the show is over, we will go back out to the lobby and leave Wheelock Family Theatre.



Going to the theatre is very exciting! I hope that we will have a great time at Wheelock Family Theatre!

