



Get ready to see

Make Way for Ducklings

at Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University

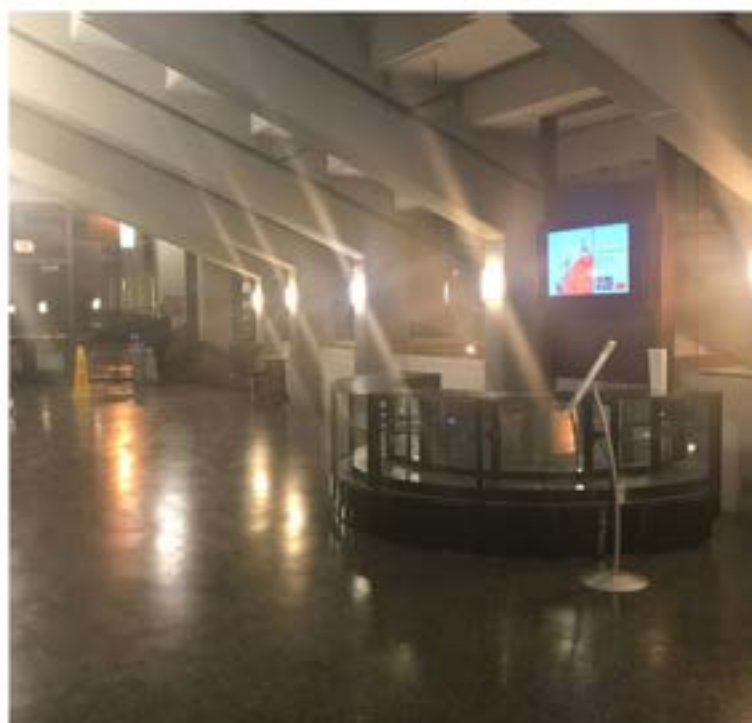
A social story to help families prepare for a visit to the theater



I am going to see a play called
MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS at
Wheelock Family Theatre at
Boston University.



When I get to the theater, we will walk
through the lobby.



It might be crowded.

I can take deep breaths and be patient
as we move through the crowd.



In a play, people on stage tell a story -
right in front of us!

These people are called actors.



When I sit down in the theater I will see
the set. A set is an imaginary place,
built on the stage, to show where the
story happens.



The set for this play is a giant map of
the city of Boston!

This set can be many different places!
Sometimes it's the Boston Public
Garden, the Charles River and even up
in the air!



This play starts by meeting Officer Michael who acts as a narrator for the story. We will follow the journey of Mr. & Mrs. Mallard as they search for a new home for their soon to be hatched ducklings!.



The story of this play is told through songs and dancing, not just speaking.



The music in this play is prerecorded and contains lots of fun sound effects that help tell the story



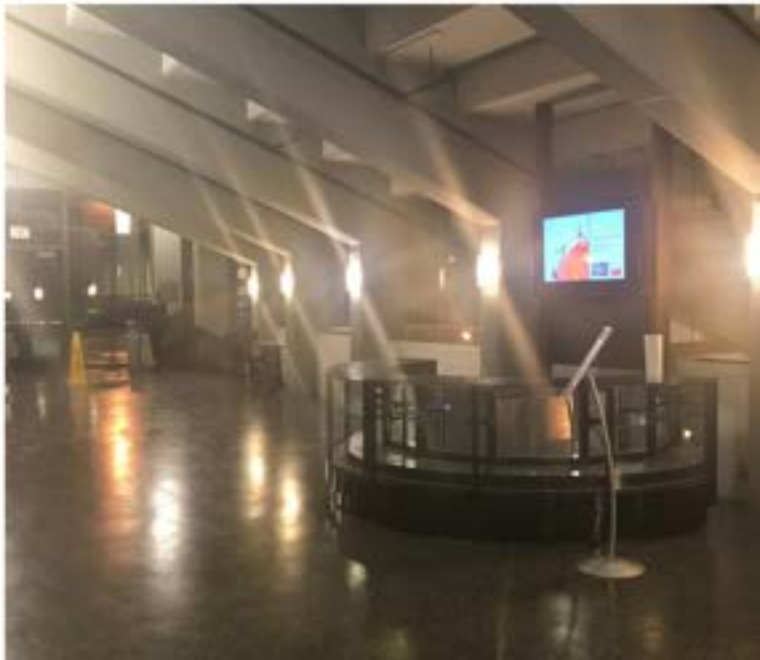
Sometimes the sounds and music can
get loud. If it is too loud for me I can
always cover my ears...



...I can hug or hold hands with my mom
or dad, or with someone else who came
with me to the theater.



If I need a break I can go into the lobby...



...or to a quiet, cozy space nearby.



If I need something to hold onto I can ask an usher for a squishy toy.



I will know that the play is about to start when the lights in the room get darker and the lights on the stage get brighter.

The audience will get very quiet. It is important that I try to be quiet during the show so the play can be heard.



Now, let's meet some of the characters in this play!

This is Officer Michael, Mick the Street Sweeper & Captain Mike. These three characters are all played by the same actor and help the story move along, like a narrator.



This is Mr. & Mrs. Mallard. They are going to be new parents, and can't agree on where is the best place to lay their eggs and raise their ducklings.



These are the 8 Ducklings: Jack, Kack, Lack, Mack, Nack, Oack, Pack, & Quack.



There are other characters we will meet along the way, too! Like Politicians, a kid on a skateboard, a lady with a baby, and a dog!



In this play, the actors will play more than one character...



...in one song some of the actors even use giant Inflatable ducks as part of their costumes.



Sometimes in the play, I will see things that might look scary.

Like flashing lights on the two letter "Os" on the set. Which represent the headlights of a car. I will also hear loud honking noises when these go on, at the very beginning and very end of the show.

Or, when some of the actors are using the large duck Inflatables, pretending to be "perfect ducklings." The lights will get dark, which tells me this Isn't true. The Mallard's dream Is becoming a nightmare.

Mr. & Mrs. Mallard argue A LOT. And can get pretty loud when they argue.



Finally, when we meet Captain Mike, he sings a song about the danger of traveling in the river. The lights will change and the actors will pretend to be in danger.



Sometimes props (tickets or white beach balls) from the show may come close to or go into the audience. These are very safe props and they won't harm anyone sitting near them.



Towards the end of the show even the actors will come out into the audience!

In this play, the lights on stage will change very quickly in some scenes. It will even go completely dark in the theatre sometimes.



There is a person controlling the lights and everything is safe. If I don't like the lights changing or it hurts my eyes, I can close them.

If I feel scared, know that this is just a story and everyone is safe and only pretending.



At the end of a scene or song some people will clap. Clapping tells the actors that I liked their performance.



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

This play is performed **without an intermission**. So there will not be a break in the middle of the show.



Even without an intermission I can leave the theater during the performance if I need to use the bathroom...

...get a drink of water, or have a snack.



At the very end of the play all of the actors will come out on stage and bow. This is called a curtain call.



I can clap. Clapping tells the actors I liked the show.

If I really like the show I can stand up and clap. This is called a standing ovation.



After I move through the lobby I will leave Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University.



Going to the theater is very exciting!

I hope I will have a great time when I go to see *Make Way for Ducklings*.



For more information about access and inclusion during a performance at Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University please contact Jamie Aznive, Audience Services Manager at Jaznive@bu.edu or 617-353-1451.

