

Get ready to see

Annie



at Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University

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

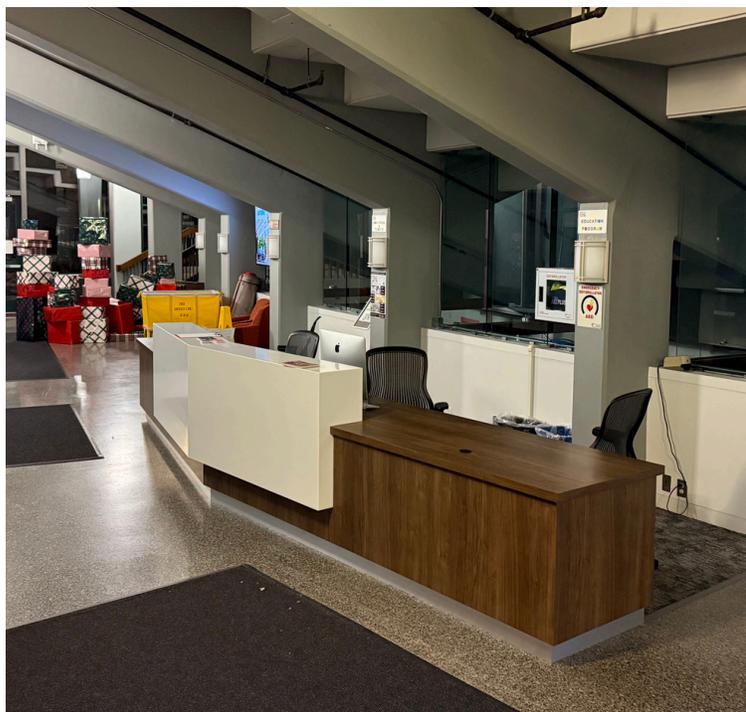


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I am going to see a play called ANNIE at Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University.



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 can be many locations.

It can be an orphanage or a great big mansion!



This play is also special because it uses singing and dancing to help tell the story!



This is called a musical.



Maybe people know this musical. If I do not, I can ask the people who came with me if they do!



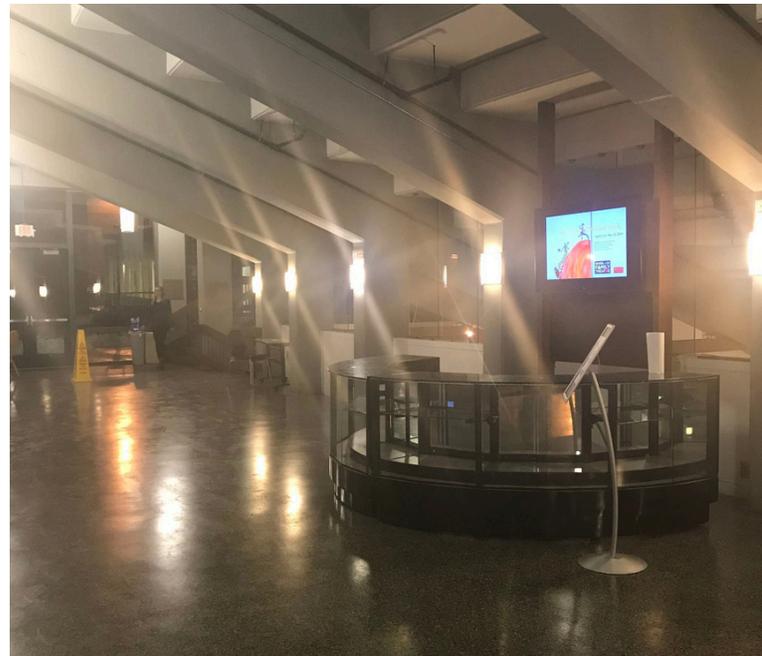
If it is too loud for me I can always cover my ears...



...I can hug or hold hands with the people 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.



This play is about a little girl named Annie.

Annie is an orphan.



An orphan means that someone does not have parents.



Annie lives in an orphanage.

This is a place where orphans live together with adults who take care of them.



Annie lives with many other orphan girls:

Their names are Duffy, Pepper, Tessie, Kate, Molly, and July.

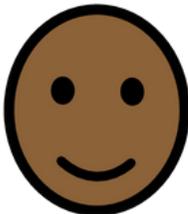


The owner of the orphanage is a woman named Miss Hannigan.

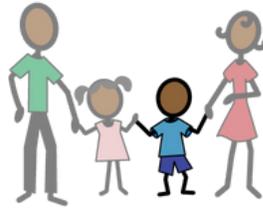
She is not very nice. She does not like Annie or the other girls.



In real life, the actor who plays Miss Hannigan is very nice.



Miss Hannigan also has a brother named Rooster.



Rooster has a friend named Lily.



Rooster and Lily are also not very nice people.

In real life, these actors are very nice.



Annie misses her mom and dad.
She hopes they will come back for her.



While Annie waits, a woman comes to
the orphanage.

Her name is Grace.

She invites Annie to spend Christmas
with her boss.



Grace's boss is named Mr. Warbucks.

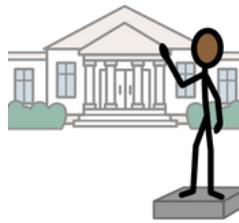
He is an important business man.
He is rich.



Mr. Warbucks has many people who work in his house.



There are also many important people he works with, like the President.



I can try and see how many people Annie will meet!



Annie has an important friend in this play.

His name is Sandy.



Sandy is a real dog!

Sandy is trained to know what to do on stage.



I cannot go pet Sandy and I should not try and yell for him.

He is working as an actor!



If anything else in the story makes me feel sad or mad or scared, I can ask people who came with me for support.

I can also take a deep breath or take a break.



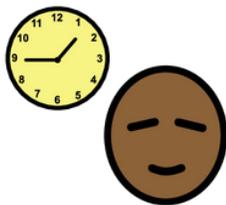
At the end of a scene or song some people will clap. Clapping tells the actors that I liked their performance.

If I want to clap I can.

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



This play has an intermission.



During this break, I can go use the bathroom.



I can also get a drink of water or have a snack.



At the 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 *ANNIE*!



For more information about access and inclusion at Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University please contact Jeri Hammond, Director of Education, Outreach, and Community Engagement, at JeriH@bu.edu or 617-353-1459.

