



Dr. Seuss'
How The
GRINCH
STOLE
CHRISTMAS!
THE MUSICAL

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Sensory Friendly Performance Social Narrative

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Going to See THE GRINCH

I am going with _____ to see **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical** at Bass Performance Hall!



The Grinch is a play. Seeing a play is a little like watching a movie or TV show. Instead of a screen, the actors in the play are on a stage.

The Grinch is a special kind of play called a “musical”. The actors will tell a story by talking, singing and dancing!



STORY

Find more information about the show at
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Getting to Bass Hall

The Grinch is at Bass Performance Hall, a theater in downtown Fort Worth. Bass Performance Hall is also sometimes called **Bass Hall**. We may travel to Bass Hall in our car, on a bus or in a ride-share like Uber or Lyft. My adults will know how we will get there.



If we travel by car, we may park in a garage. There are a lot of levels in garages. It might take us a few minutes to find the elevator and get to the street. I may have to wait patiently for an elevator to arrive.

Other people may be parking their cars. It is okay if I hear a loud horn. I know it is just someone locking their car.

We may also get dropped off on the sidewalk outside of Bass Hall. I will stay with my group until we are ready to go inside.

PARKING

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Getting to Bass Hall

When we get to Bass Hall, I will see big posters in green boxes that say **The Grinch**.



I will also see huge **angel statues** with long gold trumpets.

We might stop to take a picture in front of the building so we can remember our trip afterwards.



When we are ready to go inside, we will walk through the **front doors**. They are heavy, golden and very shiny.

We may have to stand in a line to get inside. I will stay with my group and wait patiently.



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Entering Bass Hall

Once inside, I will be greeted by a **Safety Helper**. Safety Helpers are there to keep us safe. They wear black vests with red logos.

The Safety Helper will ask me to see any items I brought with me like my tablet, phone or comfort item. I will show the Safety Helper my items. They may ask to take my items for a moment but they will give them back in a few seconds.



The Safety Helper will also use a **metal detector**. They are just making sure I am safe.



The metal detector may look like a wand. The Safety Helper will quickly wave the wand in front of and behind me.



The metal detector may look like two gray pillars. I will wait to walk through until the Safety Helper tells me.

SAFETY

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Entering Bass Hall

After the Safety Helper has made sure I am safe, I will be greeted by an **Usher**! Ushers are there to help us.

Some Ushers wear dark gray vests with a gold feather, white shirts and black ties.

Others wear dark gray suit jackets with maroon trim, black shirts and colorful scarves or ties.

The usher will scan our tickets.



Sometimes, our tickets will be on a phone that the Usher will scan.



Other times, we may have to get our tickets at a special spot called Will Call.



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Inside the Lobby

After the Usher scans our tickets, we will be in the Lobby. I will see a large set of stairs in front of me. The ceilings are tall and have beautiful paintings on them.

It may be loud and crowded, but that is okay. Everyone is excited to see the show just like me.



In the lobby, there will be big Christmas trees and lots of tables with items like nutcrackers and snowmen. It's important to keep your hands to yourself when you walk by.

We may walk through the lobby to get a snack, use the restroom, get our accessibility items or find our seats.

We may walk up or down stairs or use the elevator, depending on where we are sitting. I will stay with my group at all times.





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Restrooms

I can use the **restroom** before or after we go to our seats. If I need to use the restroom during the show, I will tell my adult. It is okay to get up during the show if I need to.

If we are sitting in the **Orchestra** or **Parterre**, we will need to go down some stairs or take an elevator to use the restroom.

If we are sitting in the **Box Tier**, **Mezzanine**, **Lower Gallery** or **Upper Gallery**, we can use the restroom on our floor.



The restrooms all look a little different. Some are big and some are small. Some have loud air dryers for after I've washed my hands.

Outside the restrooms are water fountains where I can get a drink of water if I am thirsty. I can also get a bottle of water from one of the concession stands in the lobby.



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Quiet Areas

If I ever need more space or if it gets too loud, I can go to a **Quiet Area** in the Lobby.

In the Quiet Area, I can play with comfort items, sit at a table or on the floor or talk with my adults.

There may be other people in the Quiet Area. They may want to play with me or they may want to play alone. I'll ask my adult before going up to someone else in the Quiet Area.



When I'm ready to watch the show again, I will let my adult know and they will guide me back to my seat. I can take any comfort items or toys with me back to the show.



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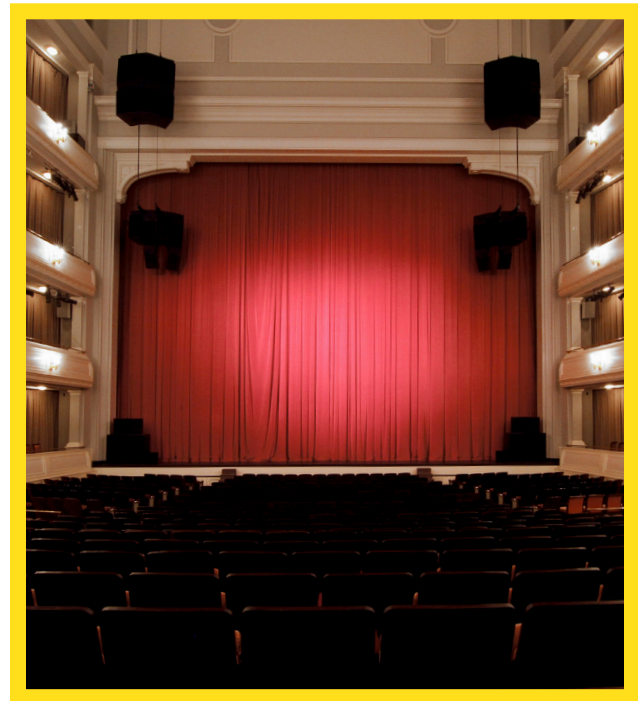
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Inside the Theater

When we are ready to go to our seat, we will walk into the theater. We'll need to look at our tickets to know where to go.

If our ticket says **Orchestra** or **Parterre**, we can get to our seat on the street level.

If our ticket says **Box Tier**, **Mezzanine**, **Lower Gallery** or **Upper Gallery**, we will need to use stairs or an elevator to get to our seat.



When we get inside the theater, there will be a lot to look at.

The ceiling is very tall but if I look up I'll see a big, beautiful painting with clouds and feathers! If I look closely I can find a moon and birds hidden in the clouds.

At the front of the theater is a stage. The stage is where the actors will be during the show.



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Inside the Theater

Once inside the theater, we'll need to find our seats. The seats in the theater are purple and soft. We can find our **row letter** and **seat number** on our ticket. If we need help finding our seats, we can ask an Usher.

Each **row** has a letter on the side of the seat by the aisle or stairs. We will find the row that matches the letter on our tickets.

Each **seat** has a number on the front, under the cushion. We will sit in the seats that match the numbers on our tickets.



I will need to push the seat down before sitting. I might need to go past someone to get to my seat. They will stand up straight to let me pass.

I will be sitting closely with other people who are also there to enjoy the show. I will keep my hands and feet to myself while in my seat.

Once I am in my seat, other people may need to squeeze past me to get to their seat. I will stand up straight as they pass by. I know they might bump into my legs as they pass.

SEATING

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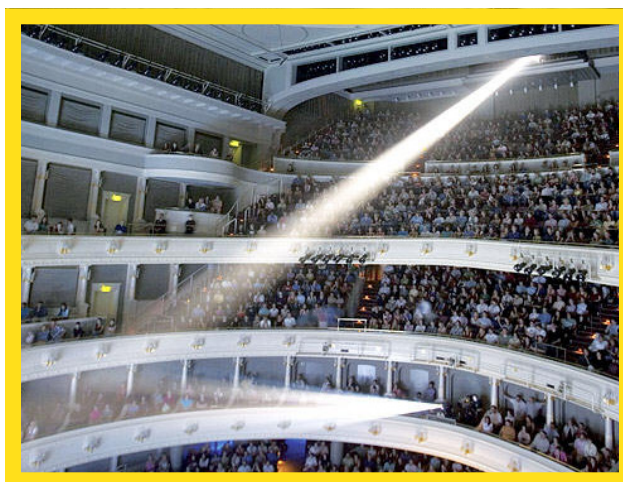
During the Show

When the show is about to start, the lights will dim and I will hear music. The curtain on stage is large and will rise just before the show begins.

People might clap to welcome the performers at the beginning of the show. I can clap too!

If the show gets too loud I can cover my ears with my hands or put on headphones or earplugs.

If it gets too bright I can close my eyes or cover my eyes with my hands.



Some parts of the show might make me laugh because they are funny or silly.

Other parts of the show might make me nervous. I know the actors are experts and just pretending so no one will get hurt.



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After the Show

At the end of the show, I will see all the performers on stage taking a bow! This is called the **Curtain Call**. Everyone claps their hands or cheers to show how much they liked the performance. If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap if I don't want to.



Once the actors leave the stage, the show is over and the lights turn back on. Everyone starts to stand from their seats and I know it's time to leave.

We will gather everything we brought and will leave the theater the same way we entered.

I will stay with my group as we leave so I don't get lost. We will go back to our car and will talk about all the things we loved about the show!