

Dr. Seuss's

# The Cat in the Hat



## Aurora Children's Playhouse: Social Story

I am going to to see the play The Cat in the Hat at the Aurora Theatre!



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Our actors are going to perform at the Aurora Theatre  
on Saturday, February 8th at 10am!



The show will be a Sensory & Autism Friendly  
Performance. I am so excited to go and see a show!

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**The Cat  
in the  
Hat**



From the moment his tall, red-and-white striped hat appears around the door, Sally and her brother know that the Cat in the Hat is the funniest, most mischievous cat they have ever met. With the trickiest of tricks and craziest of ideas, he is certainly fun to play with. And he turns a rainy afternoon into an amazing adventure. But what will Mom find when she gets home...?

To see the show, I am going to travel to  
Lawrenceville to get to the Aurora Theatre.

128 E Pike St, Lawrenceville, GA 30046



I may ride in a  
car...



Or a bus.



This is what the Aurora Theatre looks like from the outside.



**This is the front entrance to the building.**



**And these are the front doors.**

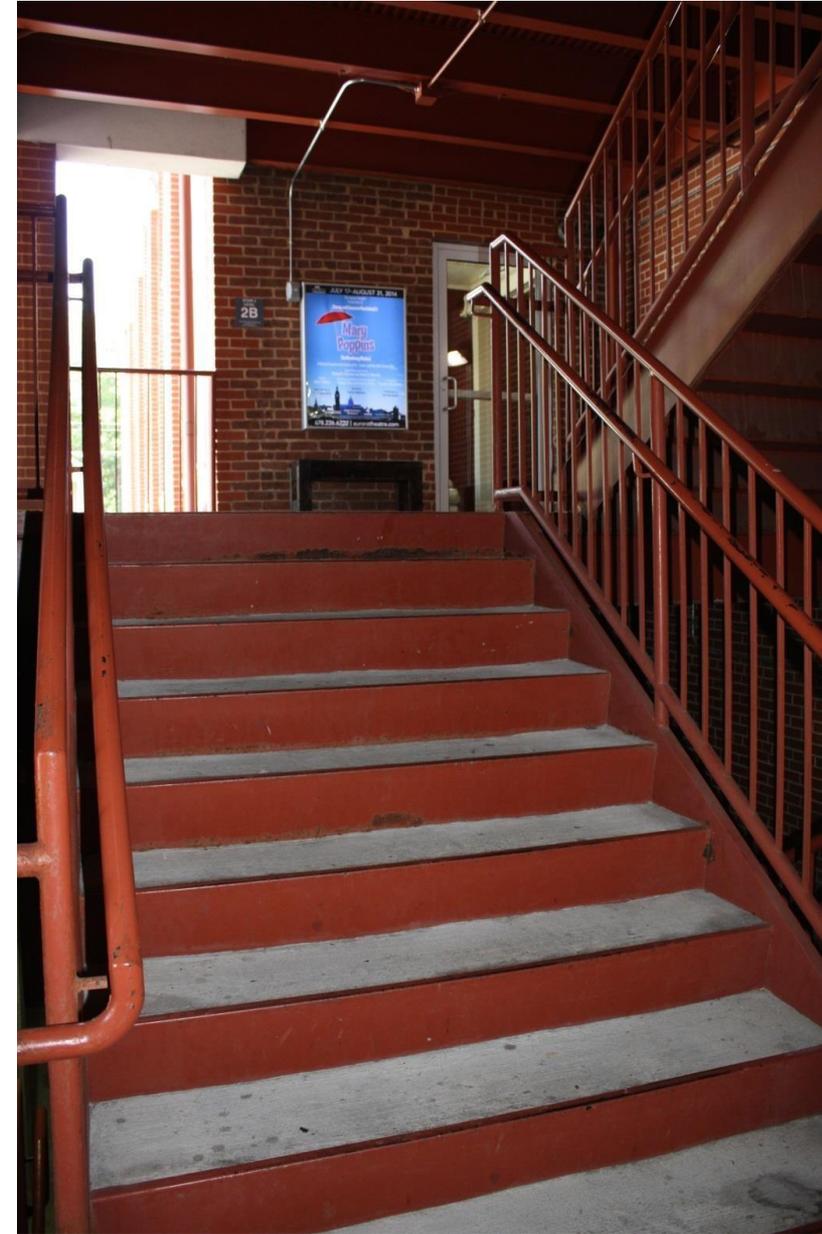
This is what it  
looks like  
when I'm  
walking in  
through the  
front doors.



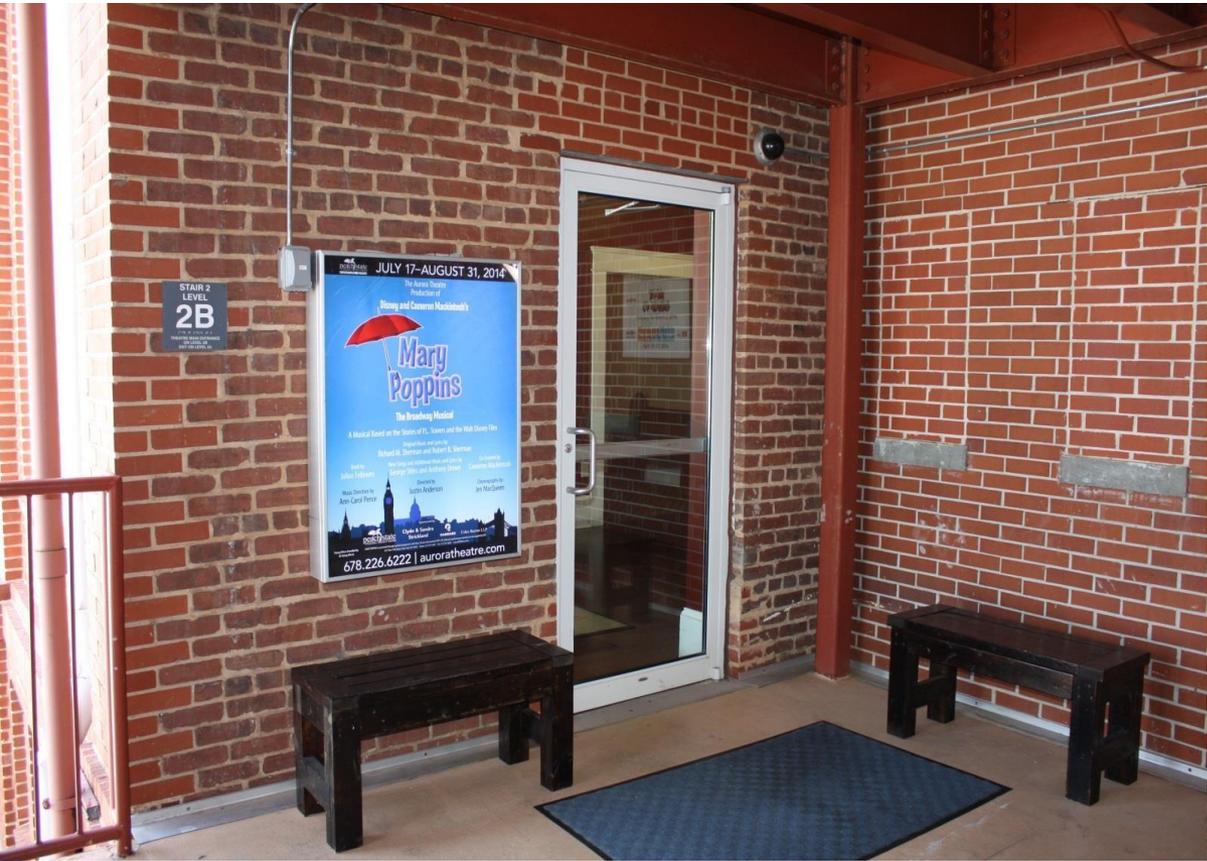
I may also enter from the Parking Deck down below.



These are what the stairs from the Parking Deck to the Theatre look like.



This is the door from the Parking Deck.



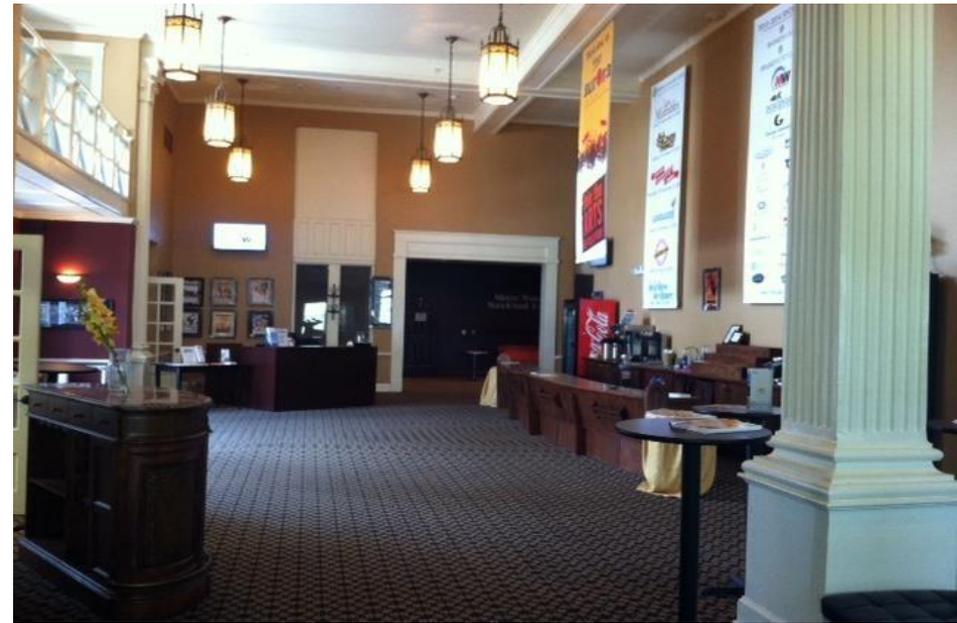
This is what I'll see coming through this door.



When I enter from the parking deck, this will be the first room that I see.



This is what the Theatre Lobby looks like. There will be lots of friendly people in the lobby who will help me if I need them.

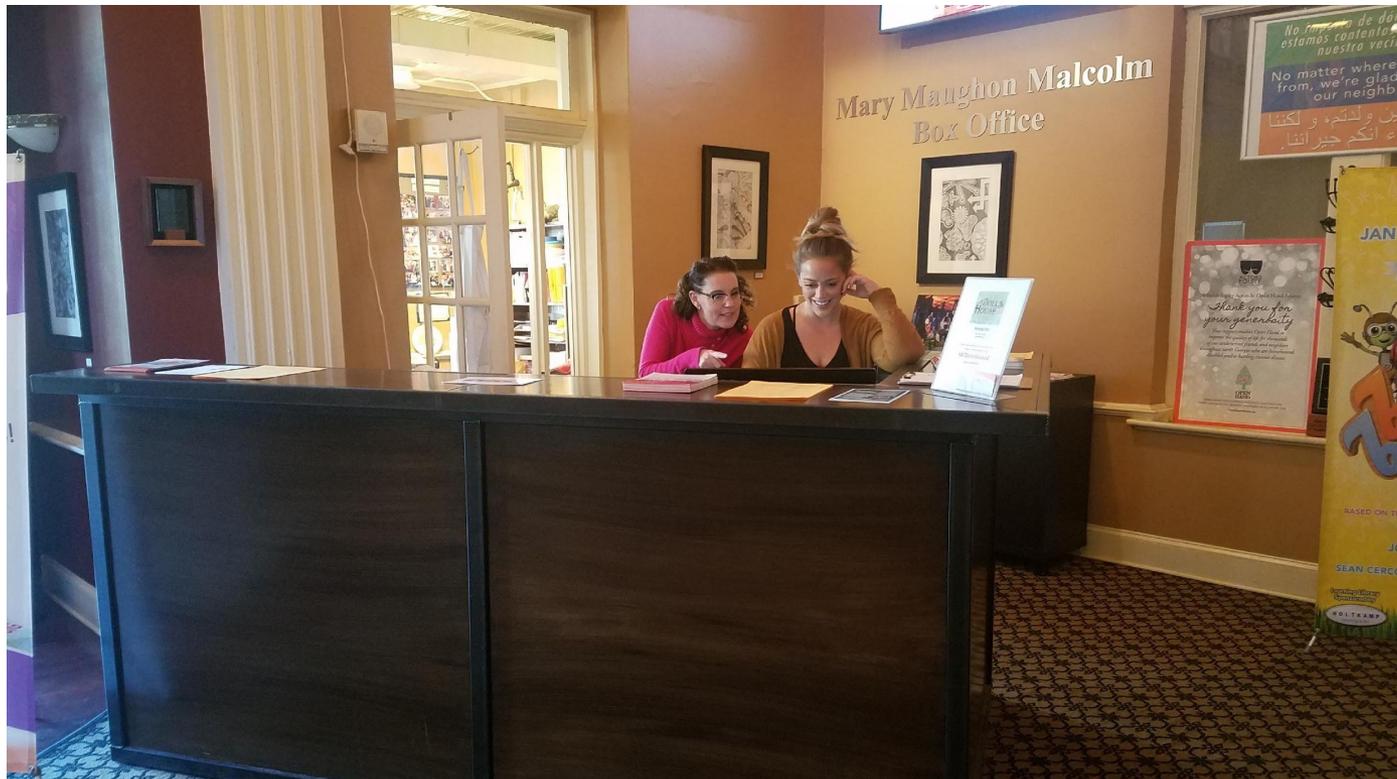


At the lobby bar, I can buy a snack or a drink.



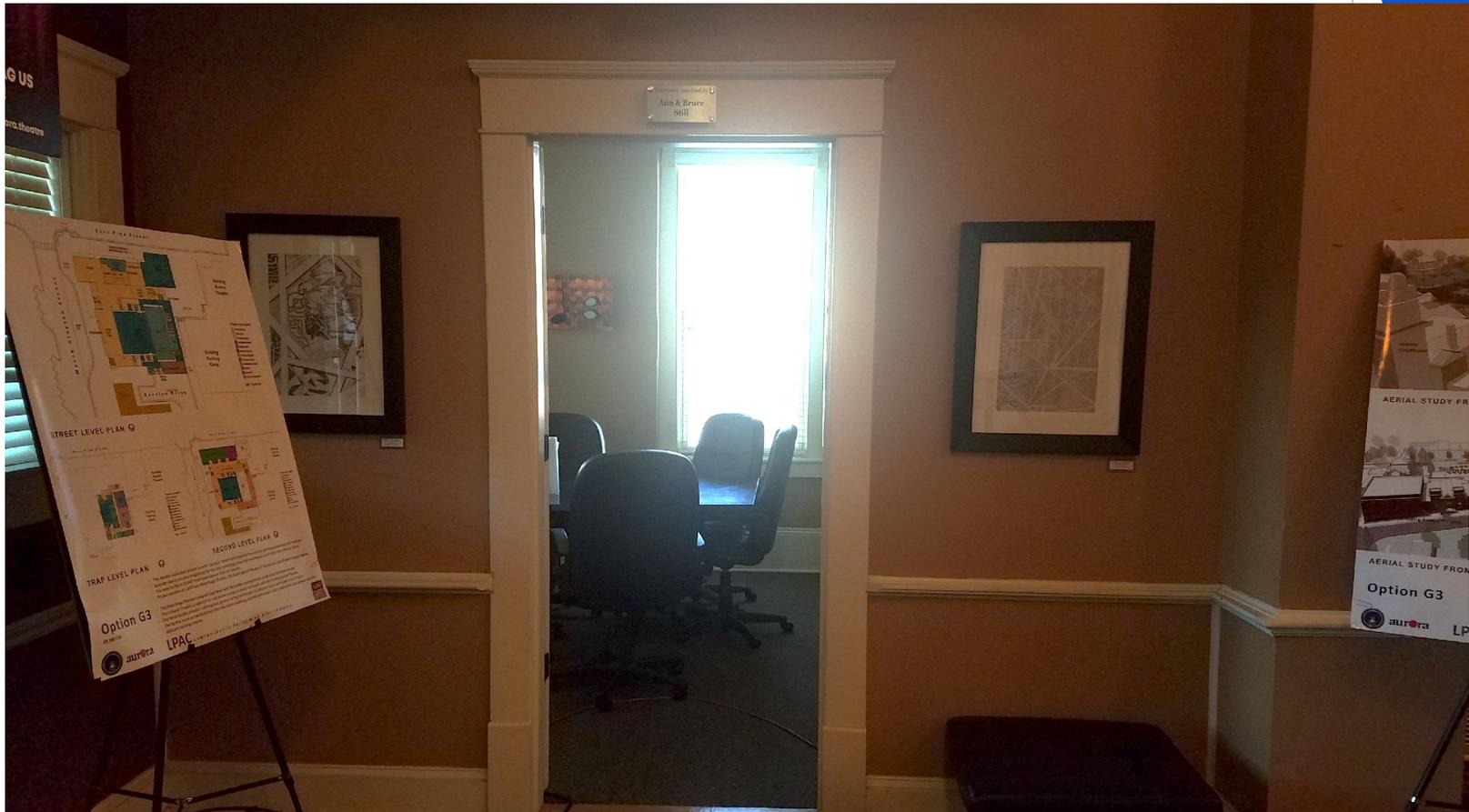
I can take these snacks or drinks into the theatre.

Inside the theatre, someone at the Box Office desk or an Usher will tell us where to go. They will scan our ticket so that I can get into the theatre. They will give the ticket back to me after I scan it.



They will also give me a book that me and my caregiver can read called a program.

This is where the chill room will be. Whenever I feel overwhelmed or need to take a break from the show, I can go in here to re-energize myself. There will be seats to sit in and a TV that will show what's happening so far in the show.



Right past the lobby bar are the bathrooms. This is the door to the men's restroom and the women's restroom. There are also two water fountains I can drink from.



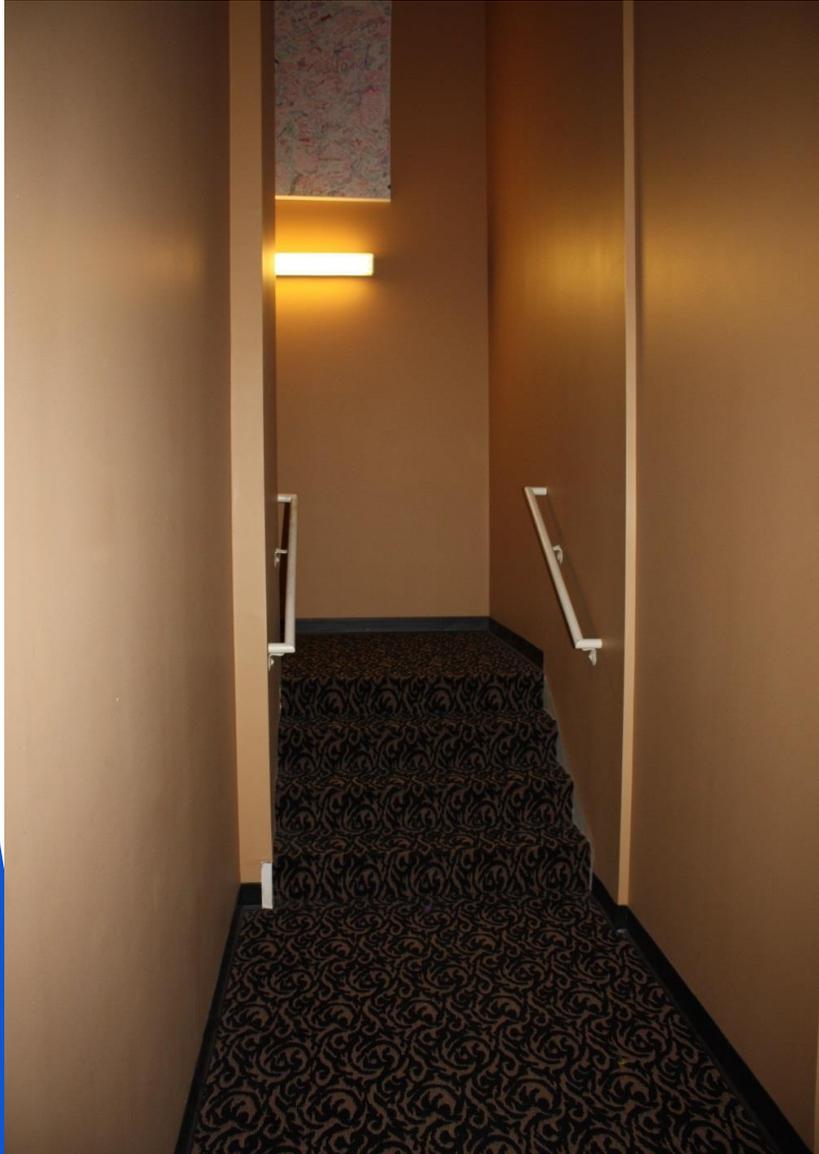
This is the  
hallway to the  
Theatre.



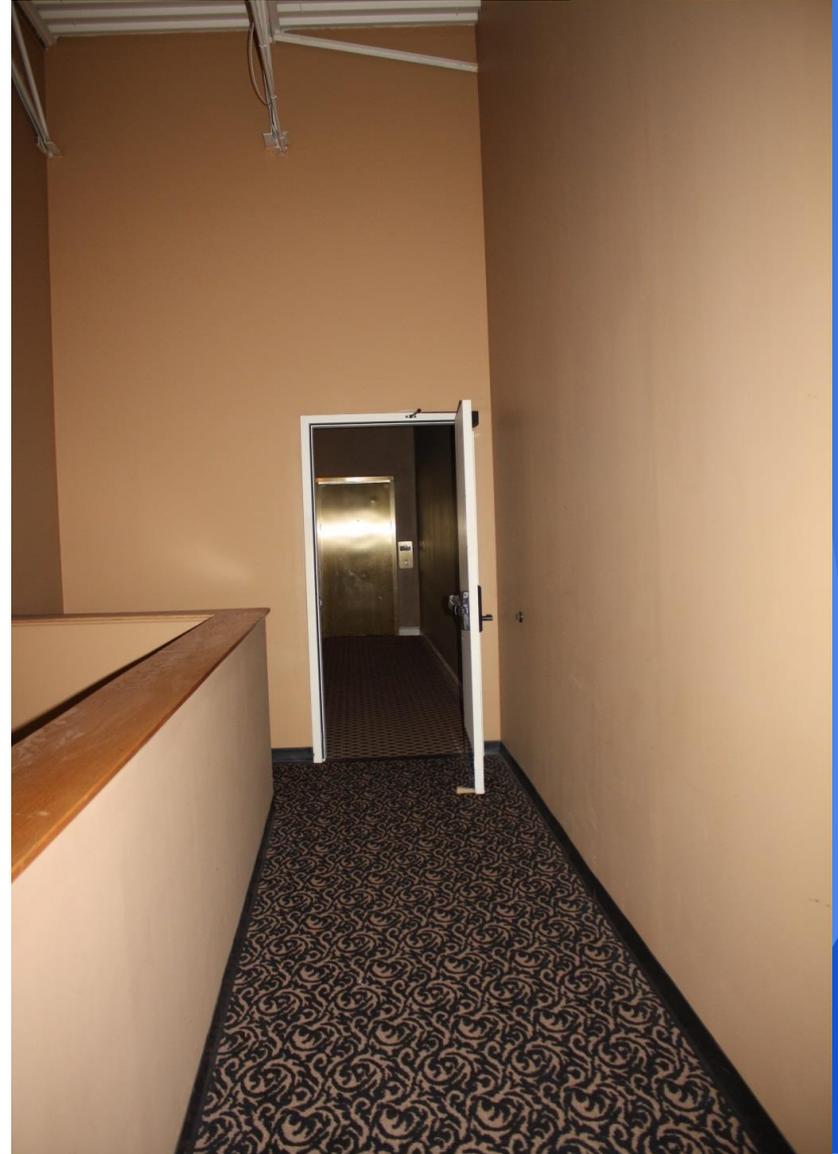
And these are the  
audience seats. This  
is where I will sit  
during the show.



I may also sit in the balcony. These are the stairs to the balcony.



This is the door to the balcony...



This is the elevator to and from the balcony...



...and these are what the seats in the balcony look like.

This is what the stage will look like. The show takes place in a house.



In this theatre, I am allowed to sit in any chair that isn't already taken by someone else. When the show starts, I will try to be quiet so that I can hear everything.



In this show I will see actors on the stage wearing costumes. They may come close to me. I will try to stay in my seat. If I feel scared, I can cover my ears, squeeze my fidget or hold my caregiver's hand.



At the end of the show, people will clap to tell the actors that you liked their performance. I can also clap if I want to. If the clapping is too loud, I can ask for ear plugs or headphones to help make it quieter.



Before the show begins, Ms. Renita will give a curtain speech that talks about how we should watch this show. She will talk about what a Sensory & Autism Friendly Performance is. She may also say-

- "If you feel the need to sing along, or dance, or whatever you need to do, know that you are fully supported in this space."

- "We have some '**chill zones**' across the lobby if anyone needs a quiet place for a break."

- "If you find that you need a stressball just let us know and we will get you one."

- "Please email **feedback** to me!"

- "Please make sure **Cell Phones** are OFF, **No photography** or Recording of Any Kind!!! (Though we may have a photographer)."

The actors of the show will also introduce themselves and the character's they're playing.



Ms. Renita James

The show will begin with Sally and Nick trying to entertain themselves on a rainy day. Their pet fish watches them.



They play ball, hide-and-go-seek, and rock paper scissors.



They quickly get bored of these games as the rain continues to pour, and they run out of ideas.

Suddenly, the Cat in the Hat bursts through the door! He has lots of games and activities to share with Sally and Nick.





The Cat even rides around the house on his hoverboard! Sally and Nick try to stop him, but he crashes offstage. The fish interrupts to tell the kids she thinks the Cat being here is a bad idea.



The cat ignores the fish, and continues his games.  
He tells the kids he will hold up the fish while  
balancing on a big red ball.





Two kittens run in to help stack different household items onto the Cat's hat, paws, and tail. Soon, he is balancing the fish, a rake, a toy ship, a cup, and cake, three books, and a rake, all while standing on a ball!

But then, the Cat loses his balance! He and all the things fall to the ground in slow motion, and the fish falls into a teapot!





Next, the Cat brings in three red boxes, starting small and getting bigger until a big red box sits in the middle of the stage. He uses a stethoscope to listen to the box like a radio, and hears some fun songs, like “Old Town Road” and “Baby Shark”.

Out of the box come Thing 1 and Thing 2! They are very silly, and they like to speak in an unfamiliar language called gibberish.



They have fun playing with the items around the house, but they also make a big mess. They fly kites all over and crash into things.

The fish tells Sally and Nick that they must do something to get rid of Thing 1 and Thing 2, before their mother comes home and finds the big mess. They decide to catch the Things in nets!





There is a long, silly chase sequence as Sally and Nick try to catch Thing 1 and Thing 2. This includes cowboys, star wars lightsabers, and kung fu. Eventually, Nick catches the Things in his net! He and Sally make the Cat take the Things away.

They kick the Cat out of the house as well. But soon, he returns with his Clean-Up Machine to help them pick up all the playthings that have been left on the floor.



Next, the kittens come back in to teach the audience the cleanup dance! They will explain each step slowly, and I will dance along with them in my seat if I want to. Then we will put the steps together and have a little dance party in our seats!



After the dance, the Cat says goodbye and leaves the house. When they hear their mother's car outside, Sally, Nick, and the Fish scramble to return the space to how it was at the start.



At the very end, Sally, Nick and the Fish wonder aloud if they should tell their mother what happened that day. They then ask the audience, "Well, what would you do if your mother asked you?"

After the show is over and the actors have finished their bows, they will do a mini demonstration of some of the props, set pieces, and special effects that they used in the show. That way, I can understand how the theatre magic worked to help them tell the story of The Cat in the Hat.



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If I have any questions about the show that weren't answered, my caregiver or I can email

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