

**Logistics Guide for Attending
TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of
George Balanchine's The Nutcracker[®]
with the New York City Ballet**

Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*[®] on Sunday, November 27th, 2022, at 1:00pm!

We are very excited to share this experience with you and want to make it the best possible experience for everyone. To that end, here are some suggestions and information regarding the performance:

FAST FACTS

WHAT: TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of
George Balanchine's The Nutcracker[®] with the New York City Ballet

WHERE: DAVID H. KOCH THEATER
20 Lincoln Center Plaza
New York, NY 10023

WHEN: PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00pm
DOORS OPEN at 12:30pm

RUNNING TIME: Approximately 2 hours
ACT ONE: 49 minutes
INTERMISSION: @20 minutes
ACT TWO: 41 minutes

SUPPORTS:

RESOURCE MATERIAL

TDF's Autism Friendly Performances resources are downloadable at www.tdf.org/thenutcracker

- *Logistics Guide (fast facts)
- *Event Narrative (visual narrative of the theatre-going experience)
- *Character Guide (pictures and descriptions of the characters)
- *Visual Checklist (to do items for the event)
- *Instrument Guide (play Tchaikovsky's music to hear featured instruments)
- *Dance Guide (video clips of previous Nutcracker performances)
- * Ballet Steps (pictures of ballet steps featured in *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*[®])

We encourage you to take advantage of these tools in advance to become familiar with the performance experience.

Supplementary character guides will be available at the performance.

TOOLS

Some fidgets, ear plugs, and a limited number of headphones will also be available at the performance.

*Small comfort items (e.g., fidgets) and headphones are allowed in the theatre.

*If you are planning on bring a service animal to the performance, we ask that you kindly notify us in advance at autism@tdf.org

Please take consideration of any sensory sensitivities and plan accordingly.

SPACES

Break areas will be positioned throughout the theatre. They are staffed with trained professionals and are accessible throughout the performance

FAMILY RESTROOMS will be designated and volunteers will be able to guide you to their location.

NOT ALLOWED in the theatre:

Flash photography and videography are NOT PERMITTED inside the theatre. We want to enjoy the show while still respecting the theatre's policies.

PEOPLE

In order to provide a friendly, supportive environment, TDF has held sensitivity training sessions for the David H. Koch Theater staff and *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*® cast.

In addition, TDF has trained volunteers, many of whom are professional autism specialists, assisting the house staff (e.g., ushers, security team) and available throughout the performance to assist you.

We strongly encourage family and caretakers to be aware of any early warning signs of interfering behavior and act accordingly. Our trained volunteers are ready and willing to help however they can!

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 27th!