



AUTISM FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES

Guide for Attending the Autism Friendly Performance of *ALADDIN*

Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of Aladdin on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 1:00 PM. We are very excited about this event and want to make it the best possible experience for everyone. To that end, we'd like to offer some suggestions and provide you with additional information regarding the performance:

FAST FACTS

THE NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE ADDRESS
214 W 42nd St, New York, NY 10036
PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00 PM

DOORS OPEN at 12 PM

RUNNING TIME is 2 hours and 30 minutes including one 15 minute intermission

- ❖ A **downloadable event narrative**, written specifically for this event, is available at www.tdf.org/aladdin. The document is in PDF format. We encourage you to take advantage of this tool to help your child or adult become comfortable with this experience.
- ❖ **Resources**, including a Character Guide, Guide to the Performance, Visual Checklist, Event Narrative, New Amsterdam Seating Chart and Production Video Clips can be found at www.tdf.org/aladdin. We encourage you to become familiar with the songs prior to attending the performance. At the performance, supplementary Character Guides will be available.
- ❖ **Small coping tools** (e.g., fidgets, other sensory supports etc.) are allowed in the theatre. Headphones are also allowed. Some fidgets, ear plugs, and a limited number of headphones will be provided.
- ❖ **Flash Photography and Videography are NOT PERMITTED** inside the theatre. We want to enjoy the show while still respecting the theatre's policies.
- ❖ If you are planning on bringing a service animal to the performance we ask that you please notify us in advance at autism@tdf.org
- ❖ Slight adjustments have been made to the lighting and sound of the show. Please consider your child's or adult's sensory sensitivities and plan accordingly.
- ❖ In order to provide a friendly, supportive environment, and to make this performance enjoyable for everyone, **TDF has held sensitivity training sessions for the entire New Amsterdam house staff and cast of *Aladdin***. We will also have trained volunteers, many of whom are professional autism specialists assisting ushers and house staff.
- ❖ Break areas staffed with autism specialists will be available in the theatre lobbies, and additional trained volunteers will be accessible throughout the performance to assist you. Family Restrooms will be designated and Volunteers will be able to guide you to their location. We strongly encourage parents 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, May 1st!**