Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF’s autism-friendly performance of *Wicked* on Sunday, February 12, 2023. 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**

**WHAT:**  TDF’s Autism Friendly Performance of *Wicked*

**WHERE:**  THE GERSHWIN THEATRE
             222 W. 51\(^{st}\) Street, NY, NY

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

**RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours and 45 minutes
      (includes INTERMISSION: @15 minutes)

**SUPPORTS:**

**RESOURCE MATERIAL**
TDF’s Autism Friendly Performances resources are downloadable at www.tdf.org/wicked

*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)*

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 coping tools (e.g., fidgets) and headphones are allowed in the theatre.
*If you are planning on bringing 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.
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.

TDF will have a professional photographer on site taking flash photos to be used on social media sites. Please let the photographer know if you do not want your family or group's picture taken. After the event, you can find these photos at www.facebook.com/tfgnyc

PEOPLE

In order to provide a friendly, supportive environment, TDF has held sensitivity training sessions for the entire Gershwin house staff and cast of Wicked.

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 will also have trained volunteers, many of whom are professional autism specialists assisting ushers and house staff.

Quiet areas and an activity area, 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 difficult behavior and act accordingly. Our trained volunteers are ready and willing to help however they can!

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, February 12th!

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