



AUTISM FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES

Guide for Attending the Autism Friendly Performance of THE LION KING.

Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF's autism-friendly performance of *The Lion King* on Sunday, October 2, 2022. 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 MINKSOFF THEATRE
200 W 45th St, New York, NY 10036
PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00 PM

DOORS OPEN at 12:00 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/lionking. The document is in Word format, affording you the opportunity to customize it. We encourage you to take advantage of this tool to help your child or adult become comfortable with this new experience.
- ❖ **Additional resources**, including a character guide and the cast video can be found at www.tdf.org/lionking. We encourage you to become familiar with the songs prior to attending the performance. At the performance, supplementary visual supports will be available.
- ❖ **Small coping tools** (ie: fidgets, weighted blankets, 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 please kindly 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 Minskoff house staff and cast of *The Lion King***. 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, October 2!**