



**AUTISM FRIENDLY
PERFORMANCES**



LOGISTICS GUIDE

Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF's autism-friendly performance of *The Lion King* on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 1:00pm. We are very excited about this event and want to make it the best possible experience for everyone. To that end, we would like to offer some suggestions and provide you with additional information regarding the performance:

FAST FACTS

WHERE: MINSKOFF THEATRE

200 West 45th Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, New York City

WHEN: PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00pm

DOORS OPEN at 12:00pm

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

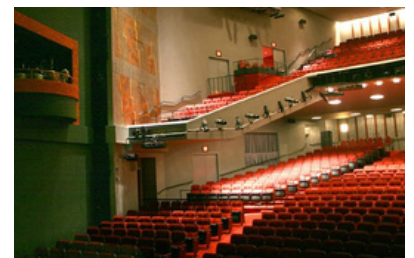
GETTING INTO THE THEATRE

- You can come into the main entrance through **44th or 45th Street**.
- You will be asked to wait in line in the main entrance breezeway until the doors open at **12:00pm**.
- You will be taken through security and will be asked to present your ticket to be scanned.



- An escalator or a set of stairs will take you into the main lobby. From there, another escalator or set of stairs will take you to the orchestra and mezzanine levels.
- **If you need to use the elevator, please inform a member of the house staff or a TDF volunteer upon entering, and they can help point you in the right direction.**

- **All seats, with the exception of wheelchair and companion seats, require steps to access.** An usher will help show you to your seat(s).



NOT ALLOWED IN THE THEATRE

- **Children under the age of 2 will not be admitted into 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/tdfnyc

SUPPORTS

RESOURCE MATERIAL:

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

- **Logistics Guide** (fast facts)
- **Event Narrative** (visual guide to 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.

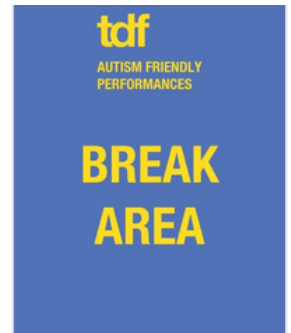
TOOLS:

- **Some fidgets, earplugs, and a limited number of headphones will also be available at the performance.**
- Small coping tools (e.g., fidgets, sunglasses, and headphones) are allowed in the theatre.
- If you are planning to bring a service animal to the performance, we ask that you please notify us in advance at autism@tdf.org. Please take into consideration any sensory sensitivities and plan accordingly.
- **Assistive listening devices, audio description and closed captioning are available.** Visit www.lionking.com/accessibility to reserve.



SPACES:

- **Break Areas** will be positioned in the lobby areas on each level of the theatre. They will be 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 locations.



PEOPLE:

The Lion King Staff

- In order to provide a friendly, supportive environment, TDF has held sensitivity training sessions for the entire Minskoff Theatre staff and cast of *The Lion King*.

TDF Volunteers

- TDF has trained volunteers, many of whom are professional autism specialists, assisting the house staff (e.g., ushers, security team), and are available throughout the performance to assist you.
- Break Areas will be staffed with our TDF volunteers who are autism specialists.
- Additional trained volunteers will be accessible throughout the performance to assist you.

Parents and Caregivers

- We strongly encourage parents and caregivers 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, September 29 for what will be our 13th Autism Friendly Performance of *The Lion King*!