



AUTISM FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES

Logistics Guide for Attending TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of HOW TO DANCE IN OHIO

Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF's autism-friendly performance of *How to Dance in Ohio* on Sunday, January 28th, 2024. 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
How to Dance in Ohio

WHERE: BELASCO THEATRE
111 West 44th Street, NY, NY, 10036

WHEN: PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00pm

DOORS OPEN at 12:30pm

RUNNING TIME: 2 hours and 20 minutes
(including a 15-minute INTERMISSION)

SUPPORTS:

RESOURCE MATERIAL

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

*Logistics Guide (fast facts)

*Event Narrative (visual narrative of the theatre-going experience)

*Character Guide (pictures of the characters and information on the story)

*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) 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.



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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.

PEOPLE

How To Dance In Ohio Staff

In order to provide a friendly, supportive environment, TDF has held sensitivity training sessions for the entire Belasco house staff and cast of *How to Dance in Ohio*.

TDF Volunteers

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.

Break Areas will be staffed with our TDF volunteers who are autism specialists. They will be located in the theatre lobbies.

Additional trained volunteers will be accessible throughout the performance to assist you.

Parents and Caretakers

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.

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/tdf.nyc

**We look forward to seeing
you on Sunday, January 28th!**