



BROWARD CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

SOCIAL NARRATIVE

A guide to preparing new audiences for a memorable sensory-inclusive live theater experience



**SENSORY
INCLUSIVE**

My visit to the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center



SENSORY-INCLUSIVE IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

1. Face coverings are welcome but not required
2. Tickets are available at the Broward Center website for only \$20.00

[Arts Ballet Theatre: The Nutcracker - A Sensory-Inclusive Performance | Broward Center for the Performing Arts](#)

1. There will be a 1-hour Pre-Show Arts & Crafts activity provided by Young at Art Museum
2. Performance will last approximately 1-hour
3. There will be a 20-minute Post-Show Meet & Greet in the upper lobby

PERFORMANCE TIMELINE	
Pre-Show Arts & Crafts	10:00AM – 11:00AM
Performance	11:00AM – 12:00PM
Post-Show Meet & Greet	12:00PM – 12:20PM



I may travel to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center by car or bus. My family, caregiver or chaperone will help me get there. I may get dropped off or drive to the Aventura Center for the event. If I drive by car, I can park in the street lot right next to the Aventura Center





As I enter the theater, I will find the **ushers** who are very happy to help me.

I feel secure because the **ushers** will help me find the bathroom and my seat.



There are fun activities to do before the show begins! Sometimes the lobby is crowded and loud. But that is ok! I can stay close to my family, caregiver or chaperon. I will wait patiently until it is my turn for the activity.



Depending on the show, I may get to do arts and crafts, meet the princess, and touch the costumes I will see in the performance.

I will follow instructions from my family, caregiver, chaperone and the ushers, and it makes me happy that I'm having fun.



Once I take my seat, the lights will become dim, there will still be enough light to see around the theater. I have nothing to be scared about. I will sit with my family, caregiver, or chaperone.



Before the show starts, someone will come on stage and make an announcement.

I may meet some of the actors, who are pretending to be different characters in the show. What I will see on stage is not real; they are actors playing a part in a show. They may have masks, costumes, and toys, and they are trained to make the story look real.



If the sound is too loud, I can ask my family member, caregiver or chaperone for a pair of headphones that will make me feel more comfortable.

If I feel nervous, I can ask my family, caregiver or chaperone for a fidget to help me feel calm.





If I need a break, I can ask my family, caregiver or chaperone if I can go to the ABA Centers of Florida Sensory Quiet Room. We will follow the signs. A behavioral therapist will be there to help me calm down until I am ready to go back inside the theater.



After the show, the actors will come to the lobby to meet the guests who have come to the show.

I will follow instructions, and I may have to wait in line before I can take a picture with my family or group. I will thank them for making me feel happy.



My visit at the Aventura Arts and Cultural Center has ended.

I hope we can come back for another show. Thank you for making me, my family or group feel welcome.





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