



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 THE NUTCRACKER

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

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

3. There will be a 1-hour Pre-Show Arts & Crafts activity provided by Museum of Discovery & Science
4. Performance will last approximately 1-hour
5. There will be a 20-minute Post-Show Meet & Greet in the lobby

PERFORMANCE TIMELINE

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

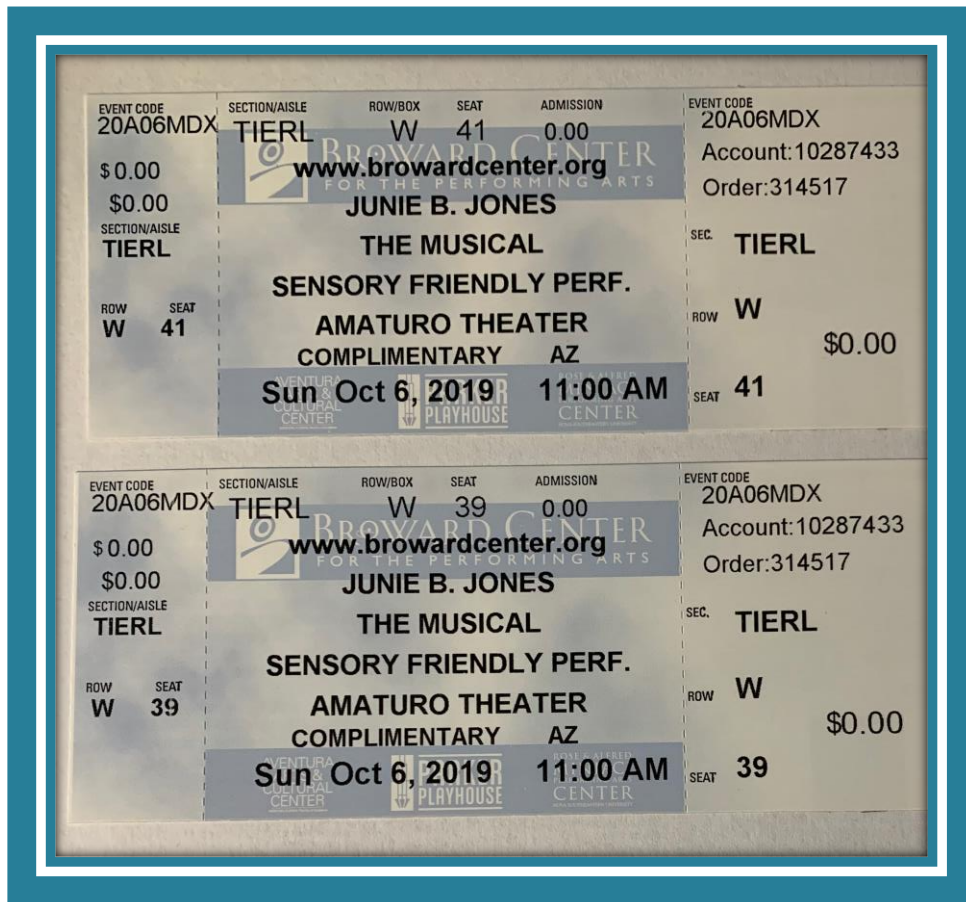


I may travel to the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center by car or bus. My family, caregiver or chaperone will help me get there. I may get dropped off or drive to the Aventura Center for the event. If I drive by car, I can park in the street lot right next to the Aventura Center.



I need a ticket to get inside the theater.

Waiting in line is something I will have to do sometimes. It can be difficult, but I will try my best to wait patiently.



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 a character, 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 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 upper 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.





BROWARD CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

“Building community through the arts”

The Broward Center's sensory-inclusive programming is made possible by the generous support of the following funders:

*The Batchelor Foundation
Nicklaus Children's Hospital
The Taft Foundation*