



BROWARD CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

SOCIAL STORY

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



Sensory-Friendly

My visit to the Broward Center

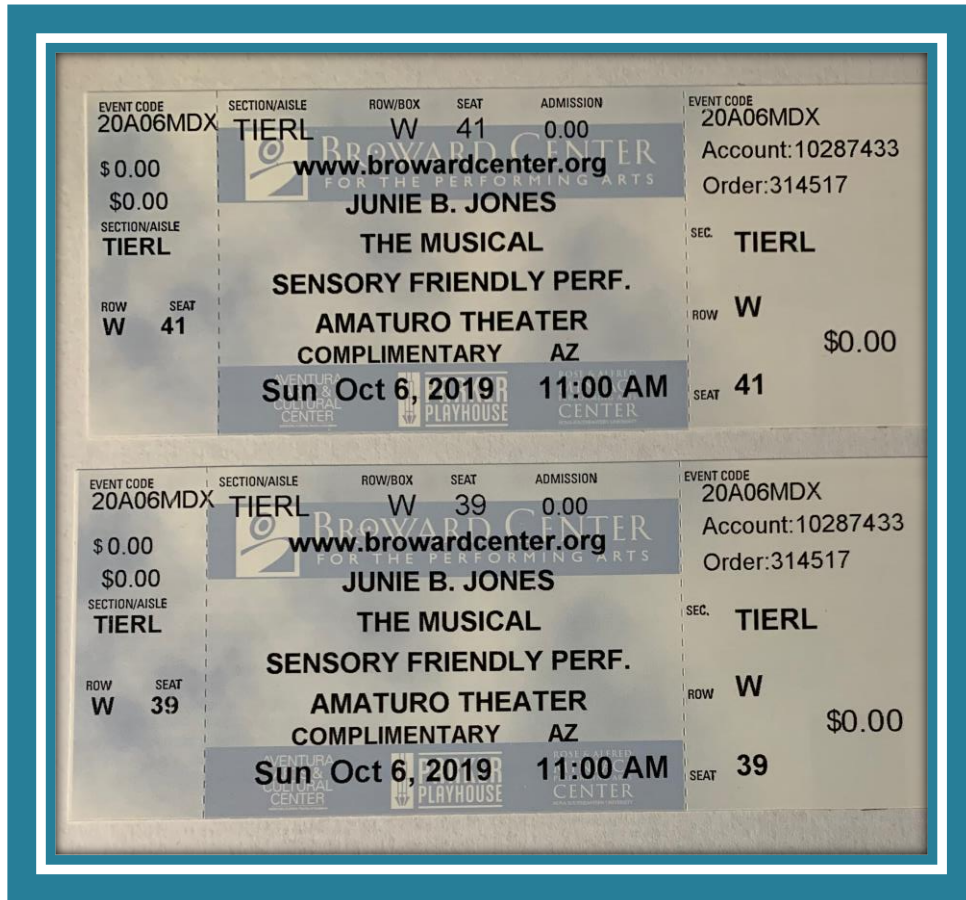


I may travel to the Broward Center by car or bus. My family or caregiver will help me get there.



We need a ticket to go 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 and my family.

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's ok! I will hold my parent's hand or stay close to my parent while I wait my turn.



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

I will follow instructions from my parents and the ushers, and it makes me happy that I'll be having fun.



Once I take my seat, the lights will become dim, but there will still be enough light to see around the theater. I have nothing to be scared about.

I will sit with my family, and there might be people I don't know sitting close to me who are also watching the show.



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 (called props). The actors are trained to make the story look real.



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

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



If I need a break, I can ask my parents or caregiver if we can go to the quiet room. We will follow the signs.

A behavioral therapist will be there to help me relax until I am ready to go back inside the theater.



After the show, the actors will come to the lobby to meet the people 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. I will thank them for making me feel happy.



My visit to the Broward Center has ended.

I hope we can come back for another show. Thank you for making me and my family feel welcome!





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