going to see

Cinderella
A MUSICAL PANTO

RELAXED PERFORMANCE PRE-VISIT STORIES
Today I am going to see a play called *Cinderella: A Musical Panto* at People’s Light.
A play tells a story that is told by actors on a stage. Actors pretend to be characters during a play. During the play actors will greet me by saying “hello”. I can say hello back to them if I want to. During the play, actors will invite me to cheer for the heroes or boo at the villains. I can cheer or boo if I want to.
When I get inside the building where I will see the play, I will wait in the theater lobby.

The lobby area may be crowded with people.

The usher will announce when I can go into the theater to sit down.

I will give my ticket to the usher.

I will walk through the entrance doors to get into the theater.
I will sit in the theater and watch the play.
I will sit in a chair in the theater. I will pull the seat down when I have to sit down.
The play occurs on a stage.

The actors will talk, sing, and dance on the stage.

The actors will come on and off the stage.
Interpreters will be on the left side of the stage during the play.

Interpreters speak with their hands. This is called American Sign Language.

Interpreters help deaf and hard of hearing people understand the play.
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The play will have music, singing, and dancing.
Actors may also be walking in the aisles or coming from the back of the auditorium.

The actors may ask me if I want to come on stage and help with the play.

I can say yes if I want to come on stage or I can say no if I do not want to come on stage.
During the play, audience members are invited on the stage to help with the play. I can go on stage if I want to.

If I go on the stage, I may be behind the curtain for a short time. The actors will be on the stage with me. I will return to my seat when the actor tells me to.
People will clap when they like something during the play.

I can clap if I like what I see or hear.

People clap for a short time.

I can cover my ears if the clapping noise is too loud.
The play can be funny.
I can laugh out loud if I want to.
If the show is too loud, I can go out to the lobby and find a quiet place.

If I get nervous or anxious, I can go out to the lobby and find a quiet place.
I can go to the bathroom anytime I need to go. I will walk back the the lobby and find the bathroom. When I flush the toilet, the sound may be loud. The sound of the flushing toilet is for a short time. I can cover my ears if the sound is too loud for me.
During one part of the play, the actors will come off the stage and pass out candy.

I may eat the candy if I want to.

If I do not want to eat the candy, I may say no.
When the musical is over, the actors will take a bow. People will clap to thank the actors. I can clap if I want to. If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears.
When the actors leave the stage and people stop clapping, I will leave the theater.
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