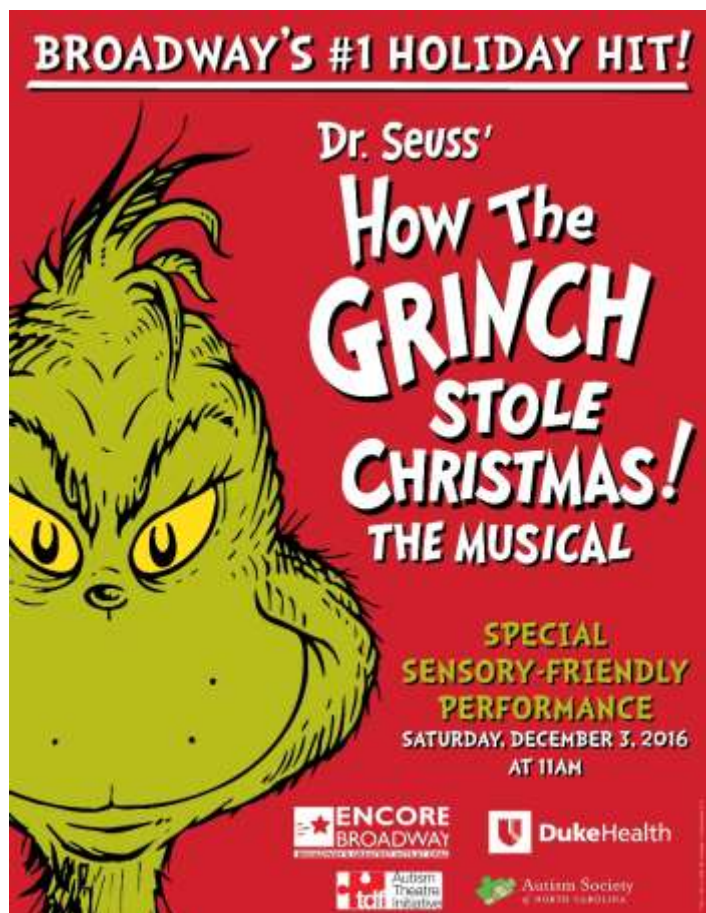


I'm Going to See
*How The Grinch Stole
Christmas! The Musical*
at DPAC



I am going with _____ to see a Broadway musical at **Durham Performing Arts Center**. A musical is a live play with singing, dancing and music played live by musicians. Seeing a show is a little like seeing something on TV, or seeing a movie. But the people in a show are right there on the stage. They are called actors.



How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical is a special kind of show. The actors will tell a story by talking, singing, dancing and using puppets.



How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical is at the DPAC in downtown Durham. We may travel to DPAC by car, bus, or taxi. My family knows how we will get there. If we travel by car, we may park in a big parking deck.



If we travel by bus, we may get dropped off a couple of blocks away. If we travel by taxi, we may be dropped off near the front of DPAC.

When I get to DPAC, I will see big signs that say ***How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical***. They will look like this:





We may have to stand in line to get into the theatre. I will see lots of people of all ages. I will stand nicely and quietly while we wait. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, put on my headphones, or ask an adult for help.



We will go inside the building and show our tickets to a person who will scan them with a small machine that looks kind of like a phone but it is not. This person will tell us where to go.



Our seats will be in a place called the **Orchestra**, a place called the **Grand Tier** or a place called the **Balcony**. We need to stay with our family. When we get inside the lobby, we will go up the stairs to the right or walk straight ahead. There is also an elevator. There will be signs to show us where the Orchestra, Grand Tier, and Balcony sections are. We can ask the friendly DPAC people to show us where to go.



Before we go find our seats, we can go past the restrooms and water fountains if I want to. If I need to use the restroom, I can ask. If I need a drink of water, I can ask for one too.



I can sit and rest with my family outside the restrooms if we want to. Other families will do this too.



Next we will go inside the theatre. The theatre is very big. There are a lot of seats in the theatre!



A person called an usher will look at our tickets and tell us which seats to go to. The numbers on the tickets tell us where we have to sit. It is not a choice. The usher will also give us a Playbill. Playbills are books that tell you about the people who helped make the show. Playbills tell you the names of the songs you will hear in the show.



When we get to our seats, I will sit down nicely. I can sit in a booster seat if I need one to see the show better.



When it is time for the show to start, someone will ask everyone to turn off their phones. The theatre will get darker and everyone will get quiet. I will try to be as quiet as I can during the show so that I can hear everything.



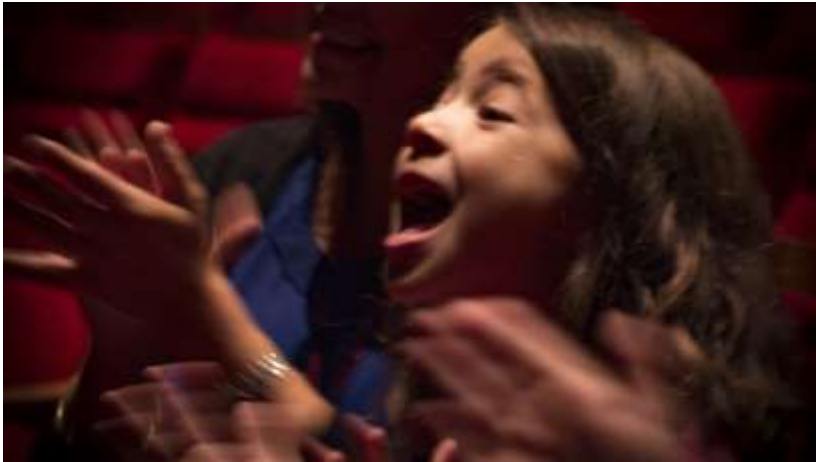
When the show starts, I will hear an actor start to sing/speak. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, put on my headphones, or ask an adult for help.



It is important that I stay in my seat during the show. If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears or ask an adult for help. I know that even though the singing can be loud and can feel scary, none of the noise can hurt me.

**QUIET
SPACE**

If it is still too loud, I can let my family know that I need a break and go to a quiet area.



I may come back to my seat to see the show when I'm ready. After each song, some people will clap. Clapping is nice because it tells the actors you liked their song. If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap if I don't want to. If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears, put on my headphones, or ask an adult for help. I know that even though the clapping can be loud and feel scary, none of the noise can hurt me.



At the end of the show, all of the actors will come out on stage. This is called a curtain call. Many people will clap a lot so the actors know how much they liked the show.

If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap if I don't want to. If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears, put on my headphones, or ask an adult for help.



When the show is over, we'll go down the stairs and go out of DPAC. I am very excited to go see ***How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical!***

Here are some things I will see when I go to see the show:



Crossing the street to the theatre.



The entrance to DPAC.



The theatre lobby.



The stage. The curtain is bright red.



The lights change color and get brighter or darker during different parts of the show



This is the **Grinch** with noisy Whos. The Whos are characters in the play. The Grinch doesn't like noise.



The Grinch gets tied up by Whos.



The Whos sing a song while shopping for presents.



The Who children are sleeping while their family gets ready for Christmas morning.



These are pretend houses with puppets. The puppets sing Christmas songs.



The Grinch surprises the audience.



The Whos love to sing about Christmas.

In the end, even **The Grinch** loves Christmas.

