

SYRACUSE STAGE

A Christmas Carol
Social Narrative



I am going to the theatre to see the show *A Christmas Carol*.

Seeing a show is a little like seeing something on TV or a movie. The difference is that the people in the show are on the stage. They are called actors.

A Christmas Carol is a show with music and circus performers. The actors tell a story by talking, singing, and dancing.



When it is time for the show to start, someone will ask everyone to turn off their cell phones.

When the show starts, I will hear the orchestra start to play music. If it is too loud I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or hold my family's hand.



Throughout the show, there will be overlapping lyrics meaning that some actors are singing different words than other actors at the same time. Songs will often get louder towards the end.

There will be a lot of singing and dancing. Sometimes it might be loud. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or hold my family's hand.

Some of the actors will be wearing a lot of make-up and dressed in different costumes, like on Halloween. If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears, hold my family's hand, or hug my family.



After each song, some people will clap.

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 or hold my family's hand.

People often clap after songs, they clap only for a short time then the clapping is over.



Some of the actors in the show will do circus tricks, hanging in the air on ropes and in hoops. They are very safe while doing tricks.

When the audience sees people do circus tricks, sometimes they clap because they are excited. The clapping can be loud.

Some of the actors will walk down the aisles of the theatre. While they might be near me, they will not reach out their hands and touch me. Their clothes may brush my arm.



In the show when we are in Mr. Scrooge's office, there is a coal bucket that Mr. Cratchet knocks into and makes a loud clanging noise. The coal bucket will roll around and then stop. This only happens once.

If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears, hold my family's hand, or hug my family.



The Ghost of Marley appears out of a trap door in the stage. When he appears, he is loud and it is dark with some bright lights. He has many chains that make loud noises. Other actors playing ghosts will be in the aisles and on stage.

There is also a lot of fog and smoke that goes across the stage. Some of the smoke may go into the first few rows of the audience, the but smoke cannot hurt me. The smoke will be there until Marley goes away and then it will stop.

If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears, hold my family's hand, or hug my family.



At the Fezziwig party, everyone will be dancing and excited. Sometimes the actors may yell with excitement.

If it is too loud or high-pitched, I can cover my ears, use headphones, or hold my family's hand.



In the middle of the show, there will be a break. This break is called intermission.

During the break, many people will stand up to go get a drink or to use the bathroom.

If I want to, I can ask for a snack or a drink.

I can also ask to use the bathroom if I need to. There may be a line to the bathroom. I will wait in the line until it is my turn.

After the break, everyone will come back and sit down in their seats again. There might be a line and I might have to wait.



In the song by the Ghost of Christmas Present, there are some loud voices and circus moves.

The dancing and singing can be loud. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or hold my family's hand.



When the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come appears, he will appear out of the darkness in a circle of light suddenly. Lights will flash and it may be scary.

The light flashing will be quick and then it will stop. There will be some fog and it may touch me, but it cannot hurt me. After the Ghost, the fog will go away.

If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears, hold my family's hand, or hug my family.



At the end of the show, the actors will come to the front of the stage and bow while singing and dancing. This is called a curtain call.

After curtain call, many people will clap. Clapping is nice because it tells the actors you liked their show. If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap.

Some people will also stand up while clapping. This is called a standing ovation. If I want to stand and clap, I can. I don't have to stand up.

If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears or hold my family's hand.



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