



Sensory Friendly Performance of Mary Poppins

General Information

Date: January 7, 2017

Performance time: 3 p.m.

Seating access begins at 2 p.m.

Run time

Act 1: 1 hour and 20 minutes

Intermission: 15 minutes

Act 2: 1 hour 10 minutes

Total: 2 hours 45 minutes

Ticketing

Print your tickets and bring them to the theatre or pick up your tickets at the box office on the day of the performance.

Performance Contains

- Some loud noises, including clapping, singing, and tap dancing.
- Characters fly.

During the Performance

- Sound will be softened
- House lights will remain on at a low level for the duration of the show
- Fidget and tactile toys will be provided or may be brought from home into the theatre
- Gluten-free and casein free snacks will be available for purchase
- Audience members may leave and return as needed or move around the theatre during the performance
- Two 'cool down' areas will be available. The upstairs location will have an audio feed to the performance; the downstairs location will have a live video feed. Both are located just outside the theatre.
- A calm room with no video or audio feed will also be available and will be equipped with gym mats and ramps.

Useful Resource

A downloadable social story, written specifically for this event, is now available at <http://syracusestage.org/sensory-friendly.php>. We encourage you to take advantage of this tool to help your child become comfortable with this new experience. We also suggest involving your child's teacher and/or therapist in this process.

Arrival and Parking

- **Important:** There is a Syracuse University basketball game at noon that may be letting out around the time our performance begins. This can cause significant congestion near the theatre. We recommend planning some extra time to park.
- For those who need assistance in dropping off family members or entering the theatre, volunteers in blue hats will be standing on the street ready to help.
- There is an **open lot across from the theatre** next to Phoebe's Garden Café: \$5 for Syracuse Stage patrons. Handicapped spaces available.
- **An enclosed parking garage on Irving Avenue** at the corner of Madison Street in the Madison-Irving Medical Building is available to patrons for \$4 (with a parking voucher purchased at the Box Office). The garage entrance is on Madison. **Three handicapped spots** are available in the parking garage on the basement level and **eight** on the next level up. There is an elevator in the garage. It is recommended that patrons using wheelchairs park on the basement level, as it is easier to exit onto Irving Avenue across the street from the theatre.
- **On-street parking** in the neighborhood is available but limited.

Accessibility

- There is one elevator to the 2nd floor of the theatre. If you plan to use the elevator to access the theatre, please allow ample time to arrive and be seated.
- If you need any assistance, look for a volunteer in a blue T-shirt. It will be our pleasure to assist you!

Please Note

While this production of *Mary Poppins* generally follows the plot of the 1964 movie of the same name, there are some fairly substantial changes. Elements that differ from the film are faithful to the *Mary Poppins* book series written by P.L. Travers.

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