



AUTISM FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES

Logistics Guide for Attending TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of *THE LION KING*

Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF's autism-friendly performance of *The Lion King* on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 1:00pm. We are very excited about this event and want to make it the best possible experience for everyone. To that end, we would like to offer some suggestions and provide you with additional information regarding the performance:

FAST FACTS

- WHAT:** TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of *The Lion King*
- WHERE:** MINKSOFF THEATRE
200 W 45th St, New York, NY 10036
- WHEN:** PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00pm
DOORS OPEN at 12:00pm
RUNNING TIME is 2 hours and 30 minutes including one 15-minute intermission

SUPPORTS

RESOURCE MATERIAL: TDF's Autism Friendly Performances resources are downloadable at www.tdf.org/lionking

- ❖ **Logistics** (fast facts)
- ❖ **Event Narrative** (visual guide to the theatre-going experience)
- ❖ **Character Guide** (pictures and descriptions of the characters)
- ❖ **Visual Checklist** (to-do items for the event)

We encourage you to take advantage of these tools in advance to become familiar with the performance experience. Supplementary Character Guides will be available at the performance.

TOOLS

Some fidgets, earplugs, and a limited number of headphones will also be available at the performance.

- ❖ **Small coping tools** (e.g., fidgets) and headphones are allowed in the theatre.
- ❖ If you are planning to bring a **service animal** to the performance, we ask that you please notify us in advance at autism@tdf.org. Please take into consideration any sensory sensitivities and plan accordingly.

SPACES

Break Areas will be positioned through the theatre. They are staffed with trained professionals and are accessible throughout the performance.

FAMILY RESTROOMS

Family Restrooms will be designated and volunteers will be able to guide you to their locations.

PEOPLE

***The Lion King* Staff**

- ❖ In order to provide a friendly, supportive environment, TDF has held sensitivity training sessions for the entire Minksoff Theatre staff and cast of ***The Lion King***.

TDF Volunteers

- ❖ TDF has trained volunteers, many of whom are professional autism specialists, assisting the house staff (e.g., ushers, security team) and are available throughout the performance to assist you.
- ❖ Break Areas will be staffed with our TDF volunteers who are autism specialists. They will be located in the theatre lobbies.
- ❖ Additional trained volunteers will be accessible throughout the performance to assist you.

Parents and Caregivers

- ❖ We strongly encourage parents and caregivers to be aware of any early warning signs of difficult behavior and act accordingly. Our trained volunteers are ready and willing help however they can!

NOT ALLOWED IN THE THEATRE

Flash Photography and Videography are NOT PERMITTED inside the theatre. We want to enjoy the show while still respecting the theatre's policies.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

TDF will have a professional photographer on site taking flash photos to be used on social media sites. *Please let the photographer know if you do not want your family or group's picture taken.* After the event, you can find these photos at **www.facebook.com/tdfnyc**

**We look forward to seeing you on
Sunday, October 1 for what will be our 12th Autism Friendly Performance of
*The Lion King!***