



**AUTISM FRIENDLY
PERFORMANCES**

**Logistics Guide for Attending
TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of
HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD**

Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF's autism-friendly performance of Harry Potter on Sunday, April 30th, 2023. We are very excited about this event and want to make it the best possible experience for everyone. To that end, we'd like to offer some suggestions and provide you with additional information regarding the performance:

FAST FACTS

WHAT: TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of
Harry Potter and The Cursed Child

WHERE: THE LYRIC THEATRE
214 W. 43RD Street, NY, NY

WHEN: PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00pm

DOORS OPEN at 12:00pm

RUNNING TIME: 3 hours and 30 minutes
(includes INTERMISSION: @15 minutes)

SUPPORTS:

RESOURCE MATERIAL

TDF's Autism Friendly Performances resources are downloadable at
www.tdf.org/HarryPotter

*Logistics Guide (fast facts)

*Event Narrative (visual narrative of 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 on bring a service animal to the performance, we ask that you kindly notify us in advance at autism@tdf.org

Please take consideration of any sensory sensitivities and plan accordingly.

SPACES

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

FAMILY RESTROOMS will be designated and volunteers will be able to guide you to their location.

PEOPLE

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Staff

In order to provide a friendly, supportive environment, TDF has held sensitivity training sessions for the entire Lyric Theatre house staff and cast of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child.

TDF Volunteers

In addition, TDF has trained volunteers, many of whom are professional autism specialists, assisting the house staff (e.g., ushers, security team) and 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 Caretakers

We strongly encourage parents and caretakers to be aware of any early warning signs of difficult behavior and act accordingly. Our trained volunteers are ready and willing to 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.

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/tfgnyc

**We look forward to seeing
you on Sunday, April 30th!**