



**AUTISM FRIENDLY
PERFORMANCES**

LOGISTICS GUIDE



Thank you for purchasing tickets to TDF's autism-friendly performance of The Lion King on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 1:00pm. We are very excited to welcome you!

Please find important information to support your experience at the show.

FAST FACTS

WHERE: MINSKOFF THEATRE

200 West 45th Street, New York City (between 7th and 8th Avenues)

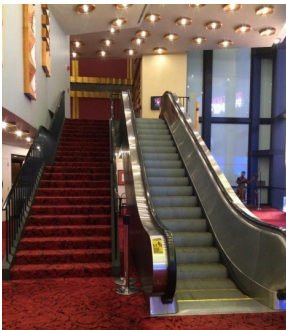
WHEN: PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00pm

DOORS OPEN at 12:00pm

RUNNING TIME is 2 hours and 30 minutes, including one 15-minute intermission

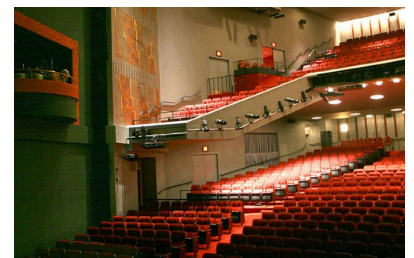
GETTING INTO THE THEATRE

- You can come into the main entrance through **44th or 45th Street**.
- Theatre doors will open at **12:00pm**, so you will have to wait in line by the main entrance breezeway until then.
- You will pass through security and will be asked to present your ticket to be scanned.



- There is an escalator or a set of stairs to access the main lobby. Then, there will be another escalator or set of stairs to get to the orchestra and mezzanine levels.
- **If you need to use the elevator, please inform a member of the house staff or a TDF volunteer upon entering, and they can help point you in the right direction.**

- **All seats, with the exception of wheelchair and companion seats, require steps to access.** An usher will help show you to your seat(s).



PHOTOGRAPHY

- **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, these photos are posted at www.facebook.com/tdfnyc**
 - **There is NO CHARGE for having your picture taken at the show and these photos are FREE for you to download from TDF's Facebook page.**

RESOURCE MATERIAL

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

- **Logistics Guide** (fast facts)
- **Visual Narrative** (illustrative guide to the theatre-going experience)
- **Character Guide** (pictures and descriptions of the characters)
- **Picture Checklist** (overview of the experience in list form)

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.

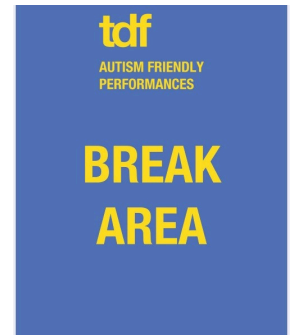
TOOLS

- **Some fidgets, earplugs, and a limited number of headphones will be available at the performance.**
- Personal small supports (e.g., fidgets, sunglasses, 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.
- **Assistive listening devices are available for use. Please see a guest experience representative upon arrival to arrange.**



SPACES

- **Break Areas** will be positioned in the lobby areas on each level of the theatre. They will be staffed with trained professionals and are accessible throughout the performance.
- All restrooms at this performances are **Family Restrooms**. 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 training sessions for the entire Minskoff 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.
- 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 to help however they can!

We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday, September 28!