



## AUTISM FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES

### **Logistics Guide for Attending TDF's Autism Friendly Performance of HADESTOWN**

Thank you for participating in the lottery for free tickets to TDF's autism-friendly performance of Hadestown on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This Relaxed [Autism-Friendly] Performance is sponsored by Thomas M. Neff. 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 *Hadestown*

**WHERE:** WALTER KERR THEATRE  
219 West 48TH Street, NY, NY, 10036

**WHEN:** PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1:00pm

DOORS OPEN at 12:15pm

RUNNING TIME: 2 hours and 30 minutes  
(including a 15-minute INTERMISSION)

#### **SUPPORTS:**

##### *RESOURCE MATERIAL*

TDF's Autism Friendly Performances resources are downloadable at [www.tdf.org/Hadestown](http://www.tdf.org/Hadestown)

\*Logistics Guide (fast facts)

\*Event Narrative (visual narrative of the theatre-going experience)

\*Character Guide (pictures of the characters and information on the story)

\*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](mailto:autism@tdf.org)

Please take consideration of any sensory sensitivities and plan accordingly.



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### *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*

#### *Hadestown Staff*

In order to provide a friendly, supportive environment, TDF has held sensitivity training sessions for the entire Walter Kerr Theatre house staff and cast of Hadestown.

#### *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/tdf.nyc](http://www.facebook.com/tdf.nyc)

**We look forward to seeing  
you on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>!**