

LOGISTICS GUIDE

Thank you for purchasing tickets to the TDF Autism Friendly Performance of *The Lion King* on Sunday, January 31, 2027 at 1 p.m.
We are very excited to welcome you!

This guide contains important information to support your experience at the show.

FAST FACTS

WHERE: MINSKOFF THEATRE
200 West 45th Street in Manhattan between Seventh and Eighth Avenues

WHEN: Sunday, January 31, 2027
PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 1 p.m.
DOORS OPEN at Noon

RUNNING TIME is 2 hours and 30 minutes including intermission

CONTENT AND VENUE ADVISORY

- **Violence:**
  - There are moments in Act I that some audience members may find frightening, including an onstage stampede and Simba's father, Mufasa, falling from a cliff.

- **Mature Themes:**
  - The impact of a drought and food insecurity are seen and discussed.

- **Venue:**
  - Each Act starts with a parade of actors and large animal puppets through the orchestra aisles. Please note this when choosing seat locations.
  - There are ramps at the edge of the stage exclusively for the actors. Please note this when choosing seat locations. If anyone in your party may be tempted to use or explore the ramps, please pick seats farther from the stage.



GETTING INTO THE THEATRE

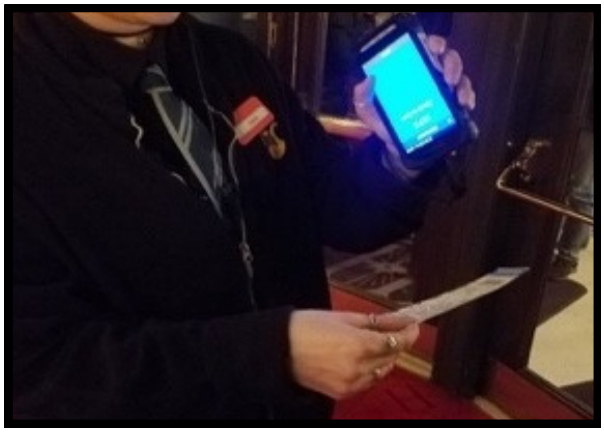
The entrance of the Minskoff Theatre is accessible without steps from the main entrance at 200 West 45th Street.



You may be asked to wait in line outside until the doors open at noon. The house staff will let patrons in as soon as they are ready to seat the audience.

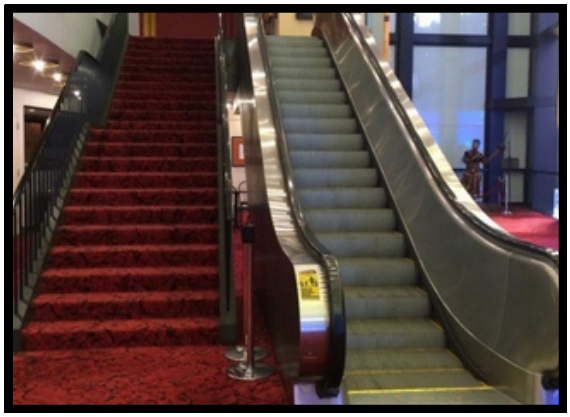


You will be taken through security and asked to present your tickets for scanning.



Stairs or an escalator are required to access the main lobby, orchestra, and mezzanine.

There is an elevator at this theatre. Please ask a theatre representative to escort you to the elevator.



All seats, with the exception of wheelchair and companion seats, require steps to access.



Wheelchair accessible restrooms are located on the theatre's orchestra and mezzanine levels.



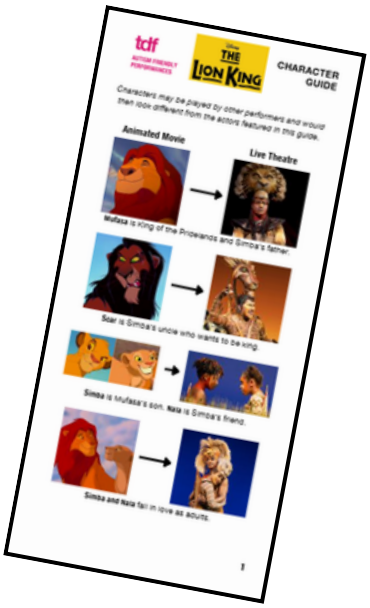
PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos and videos are NOT PERMITTED inside the theatre. We want you 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.
  - Please let the photographer know if you do not want to be photographed.
  - There is no charge for having your picture taken. These photos will be available to download for free from TDF's Facebook page at facebook.com/tdfnyc a few days after the performance.

- While you are not allowed to take photos or videos during the performance, ***communication devices are welcome***. Theatre staff are trained to recognize the difference between filming and using communication devices.

RESOURCE MATERIALS



Resources for this TDF Autism Friendly Performance of the *The Lion King* can be downloaded at tdf.org/lionking.

- **Logistics Guide** (fast facts)
- **Visual Narrative** (visual guide to the theatregoing 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. Printed Character Guides will also be available at the performance.

TOOLS



- Some fidgets, earplugs, and a limited number of headphones will be available at the performance.
- Small personal supports (e.g., fidgets, sunglasses, and headphones) are allowed in the theatre.
- Assistive listening, audio description, and closed captioning devices are available. Please see a guest experience representative at the theatre to arrange.
- If you are planning to bring a service animal to the performance, please notify us in advance at autism@tdf.org.

SPACES



- **Break Areas** will be located on all levels of the theatre. They will be staffed with trained professionals and are accessible throughout the performance.
- All restrooms at this performance are **Family Restrooms**. Caretakers may provide personal assistance as required. Individuals of all genders may enter and use any restroom. At this theatre, the Family Restrooms are located on the orchestra and mezzanine levels. Volunteers can guide patrons to the restrooms but cannot enter or assist.
- **Wheelchair accessible restrooms** are available on the orchestra and mezzanine levels. These are also Family Restrooms.

PEOPLE

The Lion King Staff

- In order to create a supportive, autism-friendly environment, TDF has provided training sessions for the entire cast and Minskoff Theatre staff.



TDF Volunteers

- TDF has trained volunteers, many of whom are professional service providers experienced in working with individuals on the autism spectrum. These volunteers assist house staff (e.g., the ushers and the security team) and are available throughout the performance to offer support and assistance.
- Break Areas will be staffed with TDF volunteers who are autism specialists.
- Additional trained volunteers will be accessible throughout the performance to offer assistance.
- While many volunteers are trained autism professionals, they are not authorized to provide therapeutic services in this environment. Parents and caregivers are solely responsible for their care receivers at all times.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, January 31, 2027!

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