Going to an event at the Paramount Theater

A guide for visitors

We are going to an event at the Historic Paramount Theater, in downtown Austin.

When we get to the theater, first go in the door to the lobby.

It might be loud in the lobby and crowded with lots of people there.
When walking in we might see the concession stand where candy and popcorn are sold. Adults will decide if we will get any treats at the concession stand.

We will use the green doors to enter the theatre.

When we get to our seat we may wait for a few minutes for everyone to get seated. It will be a little bit dark inside the theatre.
When we get to our seats, we might have to push down on the bottom of the seat to sit down. We can ask for help.

Before the show starts, the theatre manager will get on stage to say an introduction. There will be a bright light on the manager called a spotlight. The manager and performers will use microphones so we can hear what they say.
After the announcement by the director, it will get VERY dark in the theatre.

Then the show will start. There may be funny parts, loud parts or scary parts. If I feel uncomfortable or worried during the show, I can ask for help. I can take a break in the lobby.

During the show it is important to stay quiet and sit still in our seats, so everyone else can hear, see and enjoy the play. It is okay to laugh at funny parts. It is okay to clap at the end.

If I need to use the bathroom, I will go out to the lobby and go to the bathroom downstairs.
I will be as quiet as I can so that others can enjoy the play.

When the show is over, the lights inside the theatre will come back on. That is when it is time to leave.

This guide was created in collaboration with Autism Friendly Austin. It is intended for educators to use for any age student and can serve as a social story for students on the Autism Disorder Spectrum. For more information on Autism Friendly Austin, please contact autism@hormelhistorichome.org.