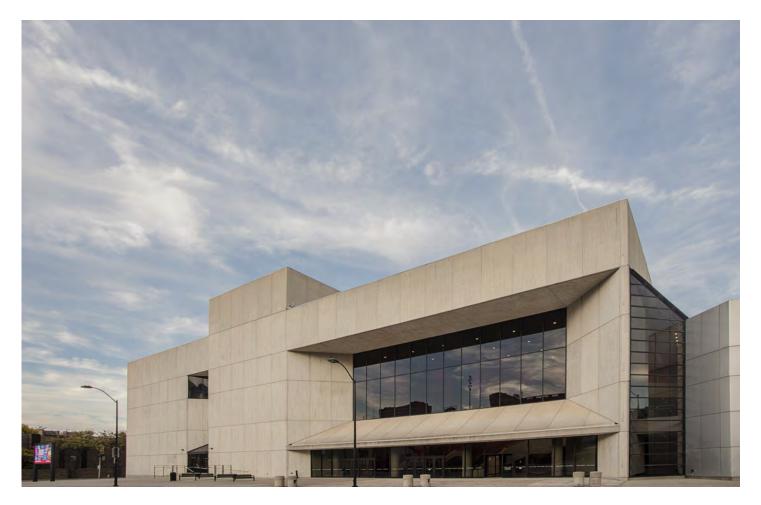
#### I'M SEEING A PERFORMANCE AT THE CIVIC CENTER

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### **The Civic Center**

I am going to see a show at the Civic Center.

I might drive or walk to the theater with my group.

When I get there, someone from the theater will greet me.



#### Arriving

When I get inside the building I will see many doors, windows and people.

Many other groups may be walking in with me who are also going to see the show.

If it is too loud, I can ask an adult for help or take a break if I need to.



#### **The Ticket Office**

If I don't already have my ticket, I will have to go to the Ticket Office. At the Ticket Office a helper will give me a ticket to get into the performance.

I may have to wait in line to get my ticket at the Ticket Office.



## **Going into the Lobby**

After I get my ticket, I will go into the lobby of the theater.

To get into the lobby, I will either go up stairs or a ramp and go through the glass doors.

There will be other people going into the lobby as well.



#### **Theater Usher and Security**

At the glass doors, I will show my ticket to an usher that will scan my ticket.

I will then go through security and into the lobby.



#### The Lobby

In the theater lobby, I will see activities like dance, science experiments and art-making stations. I can do these activities if I want to.

There may be a lot of people in the lobby. I can take a break if I need to.

A quiet space will be available on the second floor, with books to read, coloring sheets and soft places to sit.



#### Going to the <u>Restroom</u>

I can use the restroom before, during or after the show.

If I need to use the restroom during the show, I can ask my adult to take me and leave the theater.

I will use the restroom then go back to my seat in the theater.

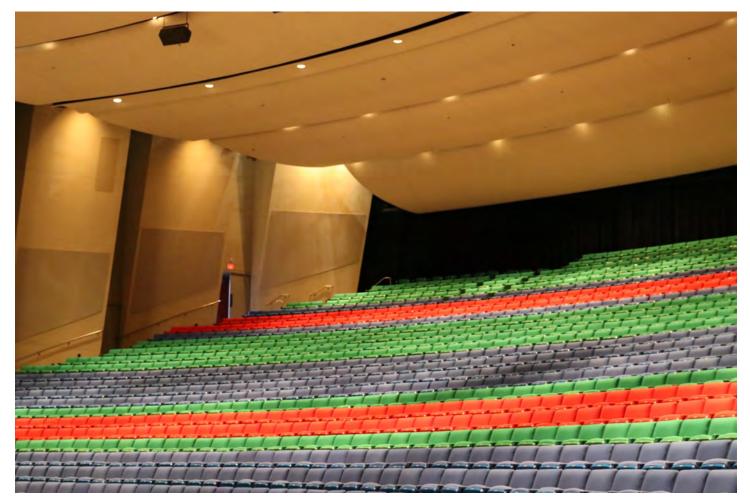


#### **My Seat**

As I enter the theater, a helper will give me a program with information about the show.

When I get inside the theater I will choose my seat with my group.

Many other groups will be finding their seats. People will enter at different times. I will need to wait in my seat until everyone arrives.



## **The Lights**

Before the show, there will be an announcement to let me know that the show is about to begin.

I will also know the show is starting because the lights will change. The lights won't go completely off, but they will be darker than before.



#### **The Performance**

I am seeing a performance called AIR PLAY.

The performance is 60 minutes long with no intermission.

This performance uses no words. It is a circusstyle adventure of two siblings who journey through a land of air. Ordinary objects become characters in their story.



#### **Taking a Break**

If the show is too loud, I can cover my ears.

If I need to take a break, I can ask my adult to take me to the quiet area in Patron Circle Lounge.

In the quiet area, I can read a book, play with fidgets, color a picture or rest.



#### Clapping

During the show, I will see actors onstage. If I like something, I can laugh and clap.

At the end of the show, actors will come onstage to bow and the audience will clap as a way to say thank you.

If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears or leave the theater.



#### Leaving

When the actors leave the stage after their bows, the show is over. The lights will come on.

Everyone will leave the theater at once. I may have to wait in line to leave. I'll walk out of the Civic Center the same way I came in. I might have to wait for a car to pick me up.

I can talk about the play with my group after the performance ends.