

Pre-Visit Story

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts



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FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



THE PERFORMANCE

Photo by Jillian Shoptaw

I am going to a performance at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. A performance is a show on a big theater stage. I will watch the performance from a seat in the audience. The audience is all of the people who are here to see the performance, like me!



ARRIVING

Photo by Jillian Shoptaw

On the morning of the performance, I might need to wait in line in the parking garage or on the drop-off driveway. There will be many other cars, buses, and people.



ENTERING THE BUILDING

Photo by Jillian Shoptaw

At the doors to the Kauffman Center, volunteers will show me the way through the lobby. It might be crowded, noisy or bright.



FINDING SEATS

Photo by Jenny DeFreece

The volunteers are very helpful, and I will need to listen to their instructions. They will tell or show me where I will sit for the performance.



USING THE RESTROOM

Photo by the Kauffman Center

On the way to my seat, I might want to use the restroom or get a drink of water from the water fountain. In the restroom, the toilets flush on their own, which can be surprising.



TAKING MY SEAT

Photo by Kevin Zane

I will know it is time to enter the theater because a volunteer will open the doors. I might have to wait in the line at the theater door, but when it is my turn a volunteer can show me to the seat that I will be sitting in during the performance.



THE PERFORMANCE BEGINS

Photo by Aaron Mason

When the performance begins, the lights in the theater will go down. This means it may be dark. This also means that the performance is starting, so I should turn my voice off and sit in the seat. Some people in the theater will clap their hands at this time, and it might be loud or surprising. I can cover my ears, or I can ask a volunteer for a pair of headphones to borrow. I can clap too if I would like.



LISTENING AND WATCHING

Photo by Cody Boston

During the performance, volunteers near my seat and people on the stage might give the audience instructions. I must listen carefully and quietly and follow all instructions given.



TAKING A BREAK

Photo by Cody Boston

During the performance, if I want to use the restroom, stand up, walk around, talk loudly, or just need a break, I should quietly let the adult I came with know. The volunteers can help us find a space for my break.



SERENITY ROOMS

Photo by Mary Maxine Luber

There are two rooms at the Kauffman Center that might be helpful to me during breaks. In the Serenity Rooms, there are comfortable seats, lights I can make brighter or darker, handheld fidgets or sensory items, and a screen where I can still see and hear the performance.



AFTER MY BREAK

Photo by Kevin Zane

After a break, I can go back to the seat inside the theater to watch more of the performance if I would like. When I want to go back to my seat, I will wait for the volunteer to help me enter quietly and safely.



THE PERFORMANCE ENDS

Photo by Jillian Shoptaw

At the end of the performance, the audience will clap very loudly. Clapping is one of the ways we thank the performers for sharing their talents.

I should stay in my seat until the person on the stage or the adult I am with lets me know that it is my turn to leave the theater. I can talk and stretch while I wait if I need to.



LEAVING THE BUILDING

Photo by Kevin Zane

When it is my turn, the volunteers will let me know the way to go. I will follow the adult I came with as I leave the Kauffman Center. The Kauffman Center volunteers and staff will wave, say goodbye, or even just smile. I can do the same if I'd like!



QUESTIONS?

Photo by David Riffel

The Kauffman Center staff and volunteer are here to help each member of our audience feel safe, comfortable, and welcome.

To request any additional services that would make your visit more enjoyable, please contact our Box Office at (816) 994 - 7222 or contact@kauffmancenter.org.