



Social Story: Going to the Theatre
'TAL: Beyond Imagination'
at Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre

I will drive in a car to get to Muhlenberg College. When I arrive in the parking lot, I will enter the Trexler Pavilion to get to the show.



Once I am inside, I will pick up my ticket from the Box Office. I may need to wait in a short line.



I may need to wait in the lobby for the doors of the theatre to open. I can take an activity book, which will be in the lobby. I may borrow crayons to write and color in the activity book.



If I have to use the bathroom or get a drink of water, I will walk past the box office and find it on the right.



When I am allowed to go into the theatre, a person called an usher will take my ticket. They will give me a program that has information about the show and an activity book.



My parent or family members who are at the show with me will help me choose a seat in the Studio Theatre.



When I enter the theatre, there will already be actors on stage. They will be playing and performing tricks.



When it is time for the show to start, the theatre will get a little bit darker, but the lights will not go out right away. It won't ever get completely dark while I am watching the show.



An announcement will play asking me to turn off my cell phone and other games or electronics.



There will be actors in the show. The actors will dance, juggle, swing in the air, and do exciting tricks.



Sometimes the actors hang from the ceiling on fabric ropes. The actors are trained acrobats who have spent lots of time practicing. They are safe while they are doing this.



I will try to be quiet during the show so that I can hear the music and watch the actors. If I have a question, I can ask it quietly. I will not kick the chair in front of me.



When a scene ends, the audience will clap. This means that everyone enjoyed the scene. I can clap too, or I can cover my ears if I think the clapping is too loud.



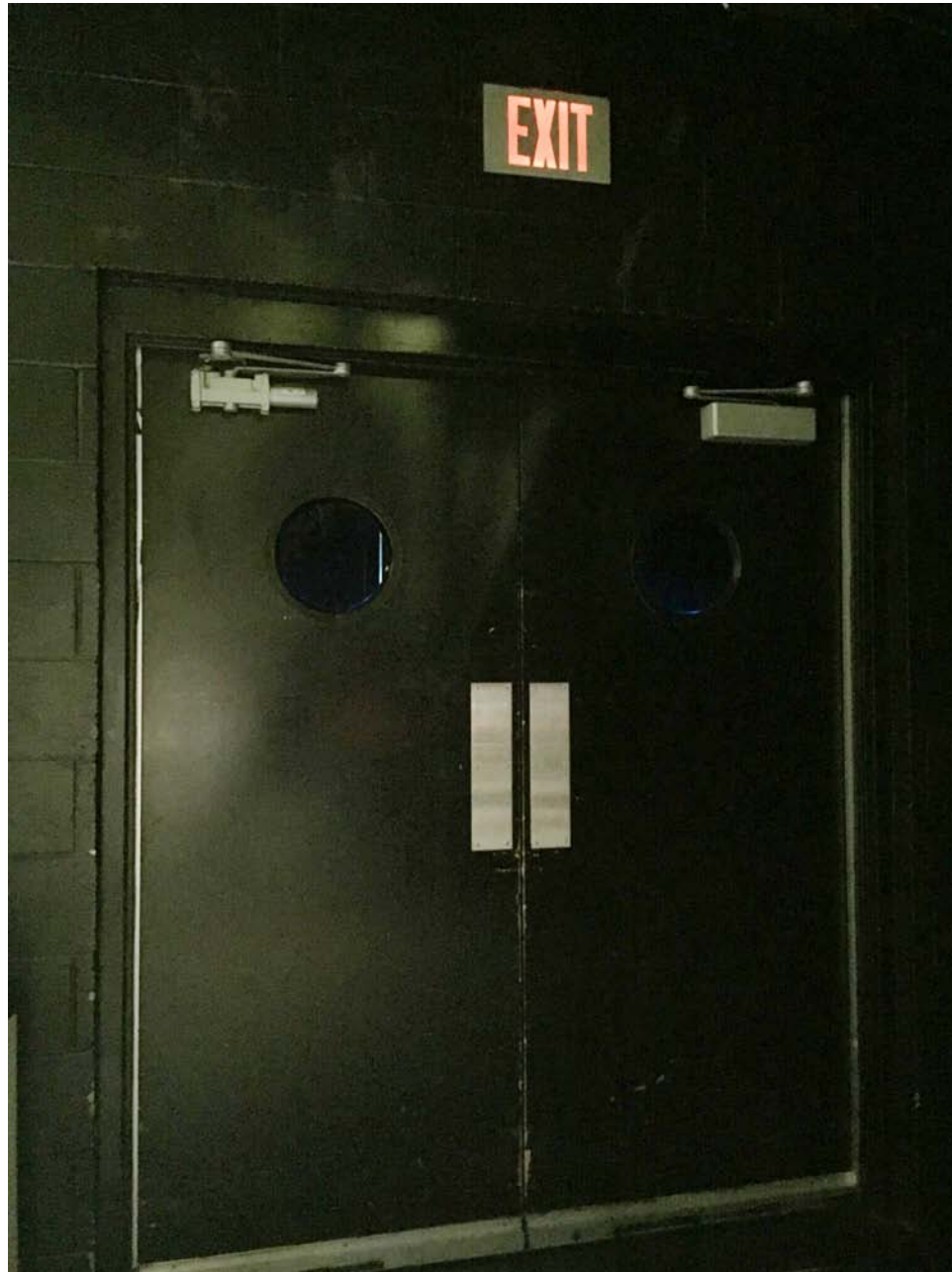
If I need to take a break while the show is happening, I can go back out to the lobby. I will walk quietly out of the theatre.



At the end of the show, all of the actors will come out and bow. I can clap and cheer for them to say I enjoyed the show, or cover my ears if the clapping is too loud.



After the show, I will leave the theatre. I may have to wait in lines as people all leave at once.



After I leave the theatre, the cast will come out in their costumes. They will be up a small set of stairs from the theatre. I can ask them for their autographs on my autograph card and ask to take pictures with them.



After the autograph session, I can participate in an activity workshop if I want to. At the workshop I will do movement and pretending games. I can participate as much or as little as I want. I don't have to stay for the whole thing. My grown-ups will be right nearby where I can see them.



I had a lot of fun at the theatre today!!

