

Arden Children's Theatre Presents...

PINOCCHIO

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Based on the story by
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Social Narrative

(Student Matinee)

Meet the Actors!



Anthony Martinez-Briggs *they/us*
(Cricket/Showman/Fairy/
Coachman/Old Man)

Fun Fact: I always dreamed of being a paleontologist because of my love of dinosaurs!



Izzy Sazak *they/them*
(Geppetto/Fox/Donkey)

Fun Fact: I'm Turkish-Colombian-American and was born and raised in Turkey.



Nathan Alford-Tate *he/him*
(Policeman/Cat/Lampwick)

Fun Fact: I plan on going skydiving for my birthday!



Reese Castaldi *they/he*
(Pinocchio)

Fun Fact: I've recently gotten into birding, and my favorite bird is the Bufflehead duck!

Understudies

Bastion Cardoni, Tina Gabriella, Brooke Shilling, & Leanna Doyle

I am going to see a play!



I am going to see a live performance of *Pinocchio* at the Arden!



I will arrive at the theatre with my school group around 10:00am. The show will begin at 10:30am. There will be a 15 minute intermission in the middle of the show and a talkback after the show.



The show will be on stage inside the Arden. I will find more information about the building in this guide.

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What will I do at the Arden?



I will enter up the steps to the front entrance or up the ramp to the side entrance.



If I brought a lunch, I will be guided to the colorful bins, where I will place my belongings.



I will then walk with my group through the lobby leading to the red double doors into the theatre.



I will enter the theatre with my group. An usher will show me where I will sit. I will do my best to help fill in every seat and not switch seats once I am seated.

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What will I do at the Arden?



Before the performance begins, I can stay seated or stand in front of my seat. I can also talk and stretch by my seat. I will also have the chance to use the restroom.



Someone will go on the stage and give a curtain speech, where they will discuss what is expected of me during the show. Once this person begins their speech, I will sit in my seat and stay seated.



The lights in the audience will dim to let us know that the show is starting. The actors will then come onstage and perform the show. There will be lights, sound, and music. Actors might enter through the aisles or come into the audience. Depending on where I am seated, an actor might be close to me.



The actors in this show might talk to the audience directly. I am welcome to respond when they talk to me! While it might feel strange or different, the actors want me to respond to know I'm listening.

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What will I do at the Arden?



Halfway through the show, the lights will get bright again for intermission. I can return to the lobby, stretch my body, and use the bathroom. Then, the lights in the lobby will flicker to let me know when to return to my seat in the theatre. The lights will dim again, I will get quiet, and the show will continue!



When the show is complete, the actors will come out onstage and bow. I can applaud while the actors take their bows to show them I appreciate their performance.



When the performance is over, the lights in the audience will get brighter. I will stay seated and get ready for the talkback with the actors.



During the talkback, I can raise my hand to answer and to ask questions of my own, when appropriate. Actors will call on audience members with their hands up and I may or may not get called on to ask my question. The talkback will last around 15 minutes.

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What will I do at the Arden?



After the talkback ends, I will wait until my school is dismissed. Then, I will go through the red doors back out into the lobby.



If my group is staying for lunch, I will be taken to my assigned seating area, eat my lunch with my group, throw away my trash, and tidy up the space so it looks how it did when I arrived.



If I am not staying for lunch, I will exit out the front doors with my teacher and group. I will then travel back to school with my group.

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What is expected of me at the Arden?



Masks are optional in the theatre. I will have the option to wear my mask or not wear my mask. It is up to me!



I will use the restroom before the show, during intermission or after the show. I will only leave the theatre during the play to use the bathroom if it is absolutely necessary.



If I have a personal electronic device like a cellphone, I will turn it off or silence it before the show begins. I will not take any pictures or videos of the performance. If I bring my own sensory tools, I am welcome to use them in my seat during the show.



There are assisted listening devices (ALD) in the box office for me to use if I need further assistance in hearing everything on the stage. If I need to use an ALD or have any questions, I can let an usher know!

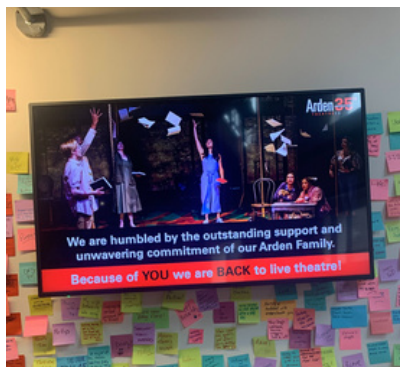
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Once the performance begins, I will stay seated. Something the actors do or say might make me laugh, cry, or make other sounds. That is great and will help the actors know that I am engaged.



I will enjoy the set while remaining in my seat. I may look but not touch the set or climb on the set at all while I am in the theatre.



If at any point during the show, I feel overwhelmed or need to step out of the theatre for any reason, I will ask an adult if I can step outside into the lobby. I will have the option to keep watching the actors on the monitor on the wall.

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Thank You for Joining Us!

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