

**Arden Children's
Theatre Presents...**

THE HOBBIT



Social Narrative

Meet the Actors!



Eliana Fabiyi *she/her*

(Bilbo)

Fun Fact: I had a pet sheep growing up.



Ciera Gardner *they/them*

(Kili/Toll 2/Goblin 2/Wolf 2/Eagle 2/Smaug/ Guard/Army/Elf)

Fun Fact: I was an extra in a Super Bowl commercial.

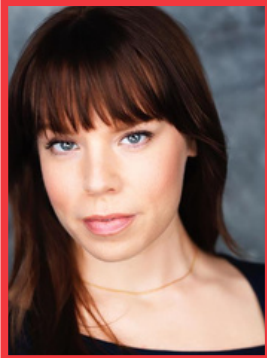


Nathan Alford-Tate *he/him*

(Balin/Troll 3/Elf 3/Goblin 3/ Wolf 3/Eagle 3/Bard)

Fun Fact: I want to be on the TV show, Survivor.

Meet the Actors!



Kelly McCaughan *she/they*
(Thorin/Dwalin/Goblin1/Wolf 1/Eagle)
Fun Fact: I was my high school's mascot.



Sean Lally *he/him*
(Gandalf/Gollum/Bombur/Troll 4/Eagle 4
/Elven Queen/Guard)
Fun Fact: I'm part of the team holding the Guinness world record for largest GPS image drawn by a team of drivers.

Understudies

Mersha Wambua, Jameka Wilson, Andrea Rose Cardoni, Zoe Hollander, Triston Haq

I am going to see a play!



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



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.

Photos by Ashley Smith, Wide Eyed Studios.

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 need my paper ticket, I will check in at the box office and will be directed to the theatre. If I have my ticket emailed to me, I will head right to the theater.



I will then walk through the lobby and up the stairs or use the elevator to get to the theater on the 2nd floor. The stairs may sound a little squeaky!



I will enter the theater through the yellow doors. An usher will greet me, scan my ticket, and hand me a stagebill.



When I am ready, an usher will show me where to sit.

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.



The actors in this show might walk or run past me in the aisles, come into the audience, or talk to me directly. I am welcome to respond if they ask me a question.



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!

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What will I do at the Arden?



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.



After the talkback ends, I will leave the theater through the yellow double doors that I entered through. I will then walk down the stairs or take the elevator and walk through the lobby to exit through the front doors.

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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!



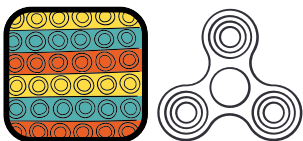
I will use the restroom before the show, during intermission or after the show. I will only leave the theatre during the play to use the bathroom if it is absolutely necessary.



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.



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!



If I bring my own sensory tools, I am welcome to use them in my seat during the show.

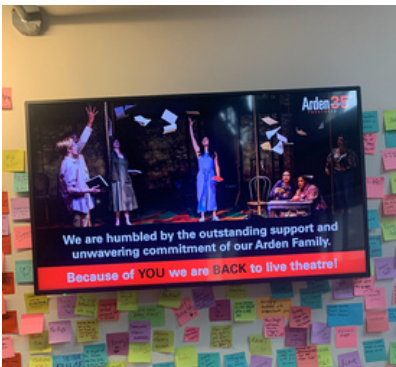
What is expected of me at the Arden?



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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Enjoy the Show!