Arden Children's Theatre



Social Narrative

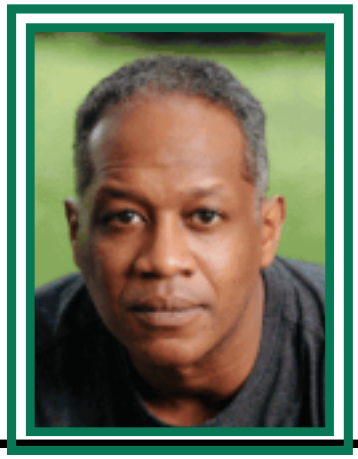
Meet the Actors!



Brazil Taylor *she/her*
(Dorothy)
Fun Fact: This is her first show here at the Arden! In theatre, we call that a “debut.”



Grace Gonglewski *she/her*
(Aunt Em, The Witches, and others)
Fun Fact: She is also a voice actor! You may hear her voice at Longwood Gardens or The Philadelphia Zoo!



Steven Anthony Wright *he/him*
(Uncle Henry, Wizard of Oz, and others)
Fun Fact: He loves to cook and especially enjoys making comfort soul food and brunch food.

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Adam Howard *he/him*
(Scarecrow & others)
Fun Fact: He's from Tennessee!



Sean Lally *he/him*
(Tin Woodman & others)
Fun Fact: He's part of the team holding the Guinness world record for largest GPS image drawn by a team of drivers.



Kishia Nixon *she/her*
(Cowardly Lion & others)
Fun Fact: You can also see her in the show *Freedom Rising* at the National Constitution Center.

I am going to see a play!

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I am going to see a live performance of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* 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 below.

What will I do at the Arden?

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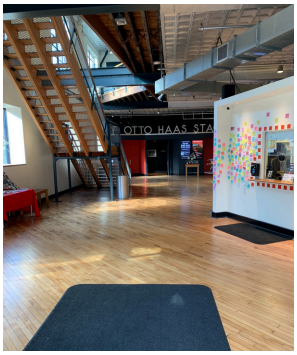


I will enter up the steps to the front entrance or up the ramp to the side entrance.

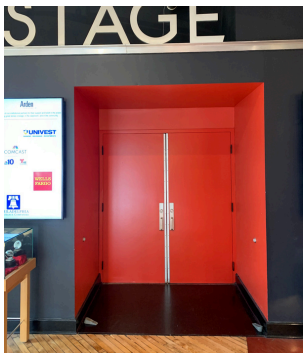




I will check in at the box office and will be directed to the theater.



I will then walk through the lobby leading to the red double doors into the theatre. An usher will greet me, scan my ticket, and hand me a stagebill.





I will enter the theatre and 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 will be wearing many costumes and holding or using props. This may feel strange or scary at times, but I will remember that they are still just the actors I saw before!
	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?

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	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. The talkback will last around 15 minutes.
	After the talkback ends, I will leave the theatre through the red double doors that I entered through. I will then walk through the lobby to exit through the front doors.

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What is expected of me at the Arden?

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	Masks are optional in the theater. 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!
KultureCity®	I can bring any sensory tools that will support my experience. The Arden has five KultureCity® Sensory bags to borrow which contain a feeling thermometer, fidget tools, strobe-canceling glasses, and noise-canceling headphones. I can ask for these at the Box Office.

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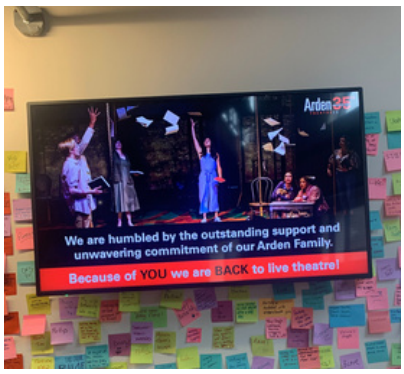
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Once the performance begins, I will stay seated. Something the actors do or say might make me laugh, cry, or make other sounds. That is great and will help the actors know that I am engaged.



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 theater.



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!



Enjoy the show!