

SYRACUSE STAGE

The Little Mermaid Social Narrative



I am going to the theatre to see the show *The Little Mermaid*.

Seeing a show is a little like seeing something on TV or a movie. The difference is that the people in the show are on the stage. They are called actors.

The Little Mermaid is a musical show. The actors tell a story by talking, singing, and dancing.



When it is time for the show to start, someone will ask everyone to turn off their cell phones.

When the show starts, I will hear the orchestra start to play music. If it is too loud I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or hold my family's hand.



Throughout the show, there will be overlapping lyrics meaning that some actors are singing different words than other actors at the same time. Songs will often get louder towards the end.

There will be a lot of singing and dancing. Sometimes it might be loud. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or hold my family's hand.

Some of the actors will be wearing a lot of make-up and dressed in different costumes, like on Halloween. If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears, hold my family's hand, or hug my family.



After each song, some people will clap.

If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap if I don't want to.

If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears or hold my family's hand.

People often clap after songs, they clap only for a short time then the clapping is over.



Some of the actors in the show will do circus tricks, hanging in the air on ropes and in hoops. They are very safe while doing tricks.

When the audience sees people do circus tricks, sometimes they clap because they are excited. The clapping can be loud.

Some of the actors will walk down the aisles of the theatre. While they might be near me, they will not touch me.

Some actors will also go below the stage or into a doorway under the audience. Sometimes they come back up from the doorway.



In the show, there is a lighting and thunder storm. There are booms of thunder and flashing lights.

If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears, hold my family's hand, or hug my family.



During *The Little Mermaid*, soap bubbles will fall from the ceiling in one scene.

I can touch the bubbles from my seat if I want to. I do not have to touch the bubbles. Bubbles may also land on me, but they will not hurt me or my clothes.



When King Triton's trident is used, sometimes it lights up and makes noise and flashes the lights.

If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears, hold my family's hand, or hug my family.



In Ursula's lair, the light is very red and there is smoke. The smoke is not from a fire and is very safe.



In the middle of the show, there will be a break. This break is called intermission.

During the break, many people will stand up to go get a drink or to use the bathroom.

If I want to, I can ask for a snack or a drink. I can eat my snack or drink with my mask off in the special lobby area and then put my mask back on.

I can also ask to use the bathroom if I need to. There may be a line to the bathroom. I will wait in the line until it is my turn.

After the break, everyone will come back and sit down in their seats again. There might be a line and I might have to wait.



In the song where the birds dance, the birds shoes make a noise. This is called tap dancing.

The tap dancing can be loud. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, wear my headphones, or hold my family's hand.



In the song *Kiss the Girl* there is fog that goes across the stage. This fog sometimes goes into the front row of the audience.

This fog may touch me but it cannot hurt me. There will be a lot of fog at the beginning of the song and then the fog will go away.



At the end of the show, the actors will come to the front of the stage and bow while singing and dancing. This is called a curtain call.

After curtain call, many people will clap. Clapping is nice because it tells the actors you liked their show. If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap.

Some people will also stand up while clapping. This is called a standing ovation. If I want to stand and clap, I can. I don't have to stand up.

If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears or hold my family's hand.



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