

## Going to see *American Midwest Ballet* A social narrative



I am going to see a performance by **American Midwest Ballet**.

This social narrative booklet will tell me what to expect when I go to see the show.



I will see **American Midwest Ballet** at the Orpheum Theater. I will travel to the Orpheum Theater by vehicle along with my family, teacher or caregiver.



I may choose to wear a mask when I'm inside the building. I can take it off to eat or drink. When I arrive, I will be greeted by someone at the entrance, who will direct me to the security line. The people in the security line may want to check my bag if I am carrying one.



I may get my ticket from someone at Will Call. I can also check out a sensory kit with things such as headphones to help me during the performance.



My tickets will be on a cell phone in the Ticket Omaha app. My tickets will be scanned so that I can enter the lobby



After they scan my ticket and my family/friends' tickets, we will go into the lobby area and be welcomed by the team from Omaha Performing Arts.



Next, we will go to Slosburg Hall where a person called an Ambassador will help my family, teacher or caregiver and me find my seat.



I will sit in my seat and wait for the show to begin. Other kids and their families will also be at the Orpheum Theater. We will all wait together for the show to start.

When I hear an announcement that the show is ready to start, the theater will get darker, everyone will become quiet and the curtains will open.



In ballets, the performers use dance and pantomime, or gestures, to tell their story. I will not hear the performers talking during the show.



In American Midwest Ballet's performance, I may see beautiful costumes. Some characters may be performed by dancers using special masks and headpieces.



There will be music and dancing on stage during the show. Sometimes performers may walk through the seating area. Some people will clap or laugh. I can clap or laugh, also. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears or use earplugs or headphones.



If it is still too loud or I need a break, I will tell my family, teacher or caregiver. They will take me to the bathroom or to the quiet area. It is okay if I need a break. I can come back and watch the show when I am ready.



In the middle of the show, there will be a break called an intermission. This is a time I can use the bathroom, get a snack or take a break.



When the show is over, the actors will come to the front of the stage and take a bow. Everyone around me will clap and cheer. I can clap too, or I can cover my ears if it is too loud.





When it is time to leave, the lights will come on and everyone will start walking toward the doors. I will check around myself to make sure I have collected all my things. Then I will get up and walk to the doors with my family/friends. If it is too crowded near the doors, I will wait until there is more space.

Everyone in American Midwest Ballet and at the Orpheum Theater hopes that I had a great time at the show and will see me again soon!