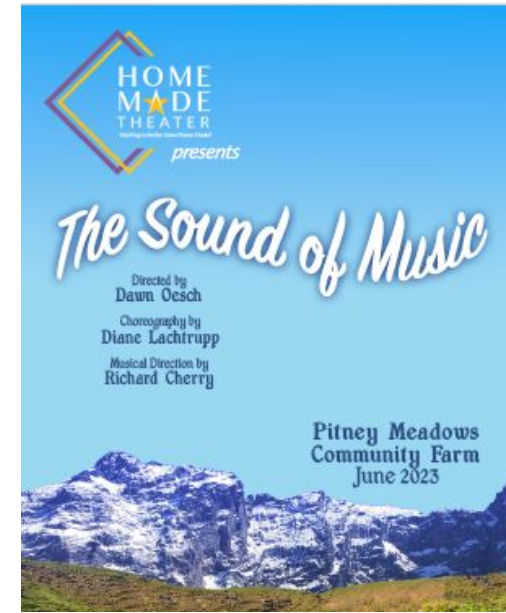


Social Narrative

Sensory Friendly Performance of
The Sound of Music

I am going to see a
play today!

I am going to The High Tunnel
at Pitney Meadows Community
Farms to see *The Sound of
Music* today!



Arriving at the Theater

When I arrive at the theater, I will wait in line.
When it is my turn, the usher will ask my name
and then I will go into the theater.

There may be other people in line and that is
okay.

If I need more space I can use the
sensory-friendly entrance (follow the signs).





The Sound of Music

Directed by
Dawn Oesch

Choreography by
Diane Lachtrupp

Musical Direction by
Richard Cherry

Pitney Meadows
Community Farm
June 2023

The Playbill

As I enter the theater lobby, the usher will give me a *Playbill* that shares information about the play and the actors I will see performing today!

The Sensory Kit

The usher will also give me a *Sensory Kit*. In the *Sensory Kit*, there are fun items to help me enjoy my time at the theater!

Sunglasses: If the lights are too bright!

Earplugs: If the sounds get too loud!

Fidget: To squeeze if I am stressed.



Entering the Main Theater

Then it will be time for me to enter the *Main Theater* where the play will be performed by the actors.

An usher can show me where I will sit during the performance.

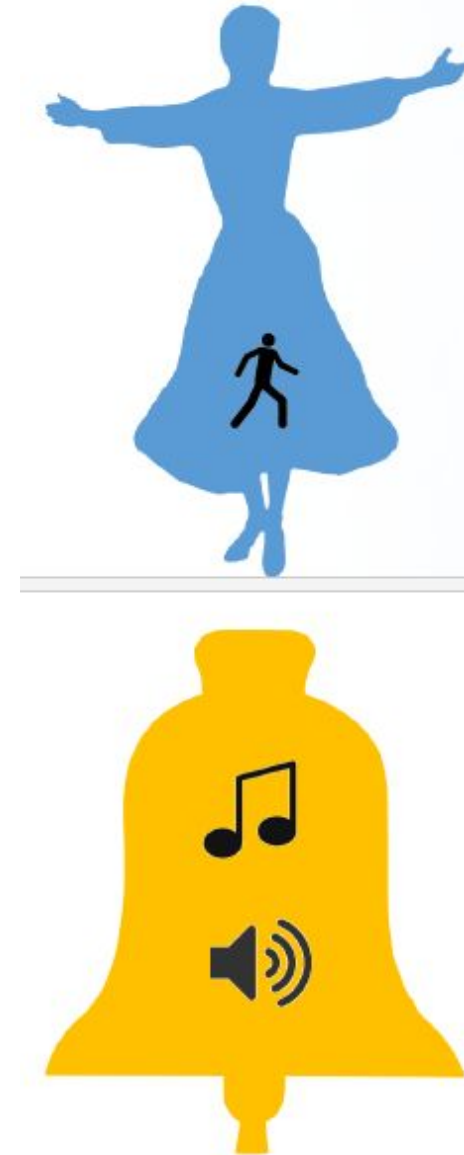
The High Tunnel at Pitney Meadows Community Farms has many seats. I might have to go up a few steps to get to my seat.



Some important information about our *Sensory Friendly Performance*

At today's show there will be *supports* I will be able to use if I need to.

- *Flags* to signal when there will be sudden movement or loud noises/music during the performance.
- A description of the how the theater is designed and how the actors will move in the space.
- *Quiet Area* if I need a break that is located just outside through the sensory-friendly exit.



More information about our Sensory Friendly Performance!

The temperature in the theater is usually on the warmer side during the day, but may be colder depending on the weather. Make sure to dress in comfortable clothes and bring layers so you can relax and enjoy the show!



You can also bring a water bottle with you to the show or purchase one in the lobby. Audience members can take their water bottle into the Main Theater. If you feel warm, you can take a cool drink of water while you watch the show!



Sudden Movements and Loud Sounds

During the performance there are some sounds/music that will be loud and some movements that will be sudden.

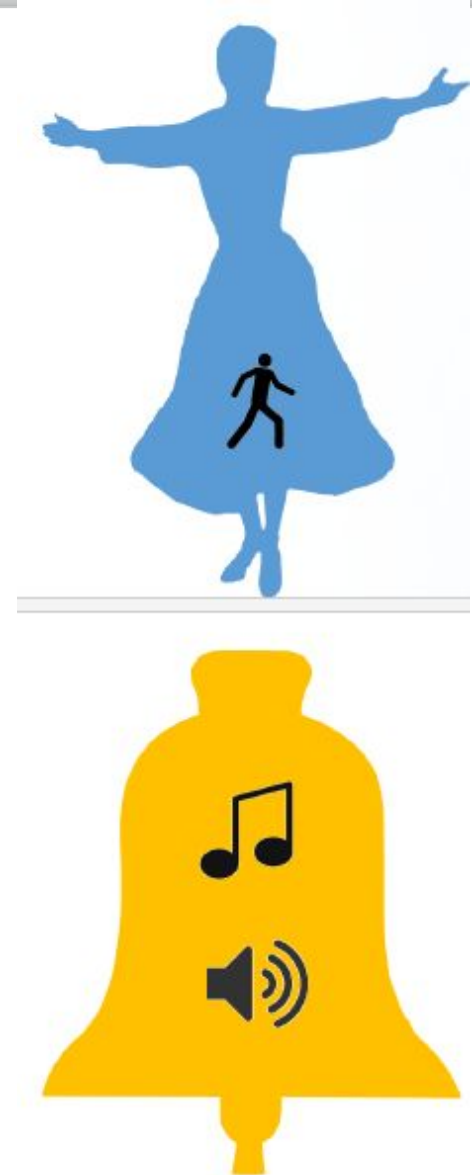
The theater staff will hold up a flag with either “*Sudden Movement*” or “*Sound/Music*” to let me know when I will hear a loud sound or see sudden movement.



What I can do if something is too loud or startling during the play

If I don't like sudden movements, the "*sudden movement*" flag will let me know I can take a moment to close my eyes or look away from the stage.

The "*Loud Sound/Music*" flag will signal a loud sound or song is coming. If I am bothered by a loud sound, once I see the flag, I can put on headphones or use my earplugs in my *Sensory Kit*.



Actors on the Stage

The stage will be in the middle of the theater and the audience will sit on either side of the stage.

During the performance, the actors will talk and move around the stage and sometimes may get physically close to the audience. I do not touch the actors, but I can listen and watch them perform the play.



Nuns and Nazis

During the play some characters will be dressed as nuns and others as nazis, nazi flags will also be part of the scenery for a scene in act 2.

The actors playing these characters are not real nuns or nazis.



Quiet Area

The *Quiet Area* is located just outside the performance space under a blue canopy. The best way to get there is with the sensory friendly exit door (between sections 3 and 4).

If I start to feel overwhelmed by the lights or loud noises, I can ask an usher to help me find the *Quiet Area*.

In the *Quiet Area* there are places to sit, headphones I can borrow, and other calming activities. When I am ready, I will return to my seat to continue enjoying the show!



Before the Show Begins

Before the show begins, the actors who plays Captain von Trapp (his real name is Eric) will come on stage to do a pre-show introduction. He will also ask the actors playing nuns and nazis to come out so I can see they are only actors. Eric will also ask the nuns to demonstrate how close actors get to the audience.



Intermission

The play has a break in the middle called an *Intermission*. During *Intermission* I can leave my seat. This is a time that I can use the bathroom, get a drink of water, or visit the *quiet area*.

The actors dressed as nuns will be selling raffle tickets and concessions. The raffle tickets will have a fixed price and instructions on how to use them that I can read on a sign. The concessions do not have a fixed cost but rather are available by “free-will donation”. I will only take what I need and I will give at least \$1 per item, or more if I would like to. These donations help the theater to put on more shoes like this one!

When *Intermission* is over, it will be time for me to return to my seat. The theater will get quiet and then the final act of the play will begin.





When to Clap for the Actors

During the show there are times that I can clap for the actors.

For this Sensory Friendly performance, I will clap using the ASL sign for “applause”. I will learn the “applause” ASL sign on the day of the performance.

I can clap using the ASL sign for “applause” after each song ends.

I can clap using the ASL sign for “applause” right before the Intermission.

The final time I can clap using the ASL sign for “applause” is at the end of the show!

If anyone forgets this request and I hear clapping that bothers me, I can use my headphones or the earplugs that are in my *Sensory Kit*.



Leaving the Theater

When the play is over, I will leave the theater with my friends and family.

I can exit through the sensory-friendly exit if I want to.

There will be many people leaving the theater at the same time, so I need to be patient.

Thank You!

I had a great time at the Theater today seeing the play, *The Sound of Music*

I can't wait to come back and see another play!

