PROJECT LIGHTS UP
Civic theatre

Tip Sheet for
Fort Wayne Civic Theatre
Sensory Friendly Performances
and Inclusive Audience Performances
Arts United Center - 303 E. Main Street
Downtown Fort Wayne

The performance is held at the Arts United Center.

Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Arts United Center and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. **This event will likely exceed capacity for this lot.** Parking is also available on weekends at the parking garage on the corner of Main and Barr Streets and at the Rousseau Center on Clinton Street. The metered spots on the city streets are free weekdays after 5pm and on weekends.

You will be able to drop people off at the main entrance prior to parking.

You will enter through the Arts United Center front Box Office vestibule and then go to your right to enter the theatre.

Entrances to the theatre are designated by rows and it is easy to move up or down as needed once in the theatre.

A corridor in the lobby runs between house left and house right entrances to the theatre space. Flat screens are located on either side and you will be able to watch the show on the flat screens, although there is no sound.

Restrooms are located on either side of the corridor...Men's on the East side, Women's on the West.

Concessions are available for a reasonable fee and patrons are allowed to bring their own snacks to this performance.


Inside the theatre
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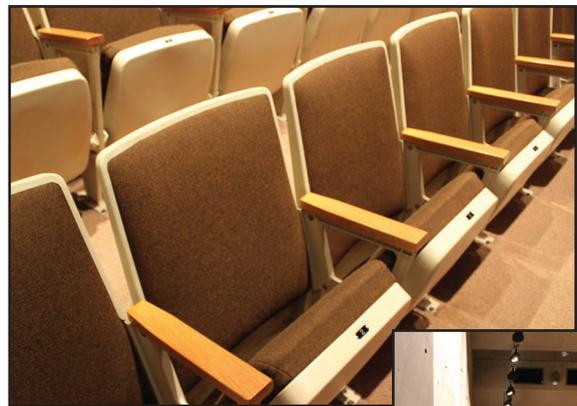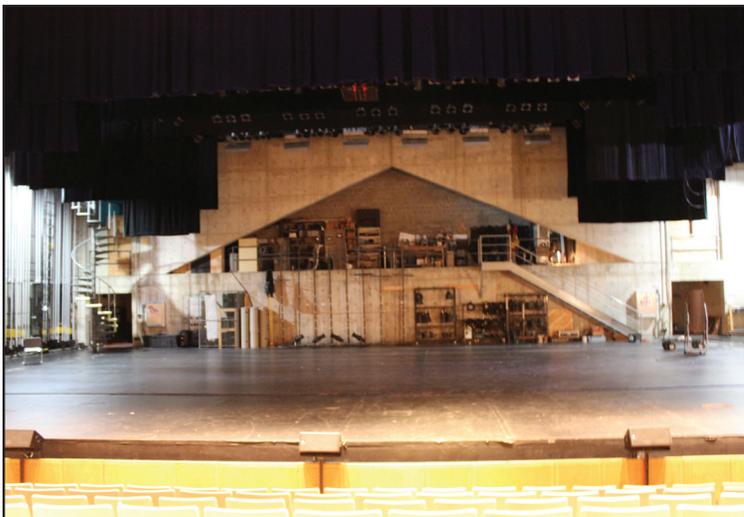
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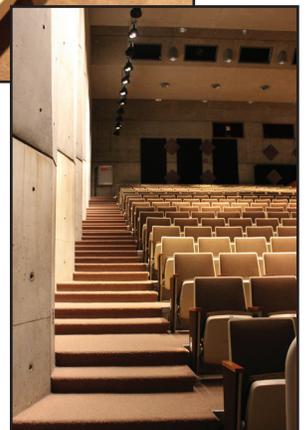
Wheelchair Seating is EXTREMELY limited (4 spaces).
Please MAKE SURE that the Box Office knows if you require a wheelchair space.

There are a lot of steps in the Arts United Center.

Whenever possible, a **trained therapy dog** is on-site during the performance.
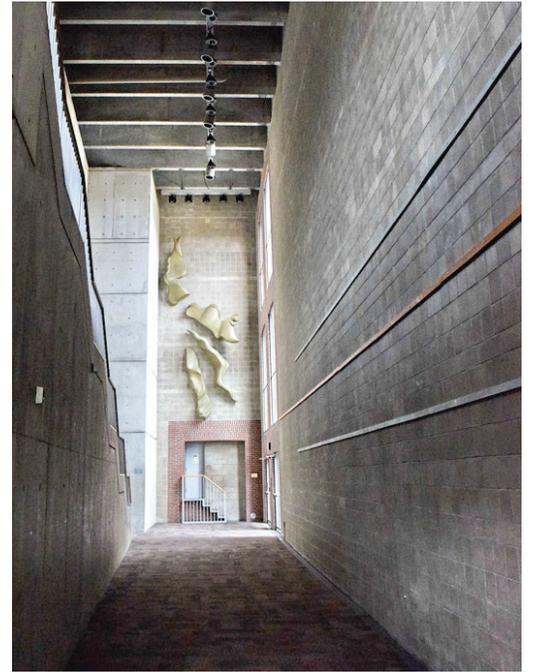
The east side of the lobby has been designated as an **Active Area.**

A **"Calm Corner"** is curtained off on the west side of the lobby.

QUIET AREA

Restricted Areas will be clearly marked with STOP signs.

STOP

PRIVATE

Sensory-Friendly Performances

are designed to create a performing arts experience that is welcoming to all families with children with autism or with other disabilities that create sensory sensitivities.

Accommodations for these performances include:

◆ Lower sound level, especially for startling or loud sounds - no higher than 90 decibels

◆ Use of personal tech gadgets (notebooks, pads, smart phones, etc.) allowed - *no photography allowed*

◆ Lights remain on at a low level (30%) in the theatre during the performance

◆ A reduction of strobe lighting or lighting focused on the audience

◆ Patrons are free to talk and leave their seats during the performance

◆ Patrons may bring their own snacks into the theatre

◆ Designated quiet area

◆ Noise cancelling headphones available to sign out during performance

◆ Sensory-friendly kits available to sign out from the venue

◆ Venue staff trained to be inviting and accommodating to families' needs

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2021-2022 Season

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Inclusive Audience Performances

are designed to create a more traditional performing arts experience that is welcoming to all families with children with disabilities and the audience includes patrons from our In-The Wings program.

Accommodations for these performances include:

◆ Use of personal tech gadgets (notebooks, pads, smart phones, etc.) allowed - *no photography allowed*

◆ A pre-show announcement will inform patrons of any dramatic lighting or special effects.

◆ Patrons are free to leave their seats during the performance

◆ Patrons may bring their own snacks into the theatre

◆ Designated quiet area

◆ Venue staff trained to be inviting and accommodating to families' needs

◆ Noise cancelling headphones available to sign out during performance

◆ Sensory-friendly kits available to sign out from the venue.

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Thank you to our sponsors who make it possible for us to offer performances designed to be more accessible for individuals with sensory sensitivities.

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