

Seattle Children's Theatre

FAMILY GUIDE

A sensory friendly guidebook for the performance of *BALLOONACY*



BALLOONACY

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The performance takes place in the Eve Alvord Theatre with bench seating, rather than individual seats. Benches are cushioned and have back support. There are aisles on each side of the theatre and a quiet room in the back left corner. The show is approximately 49 minutes with no intermission.

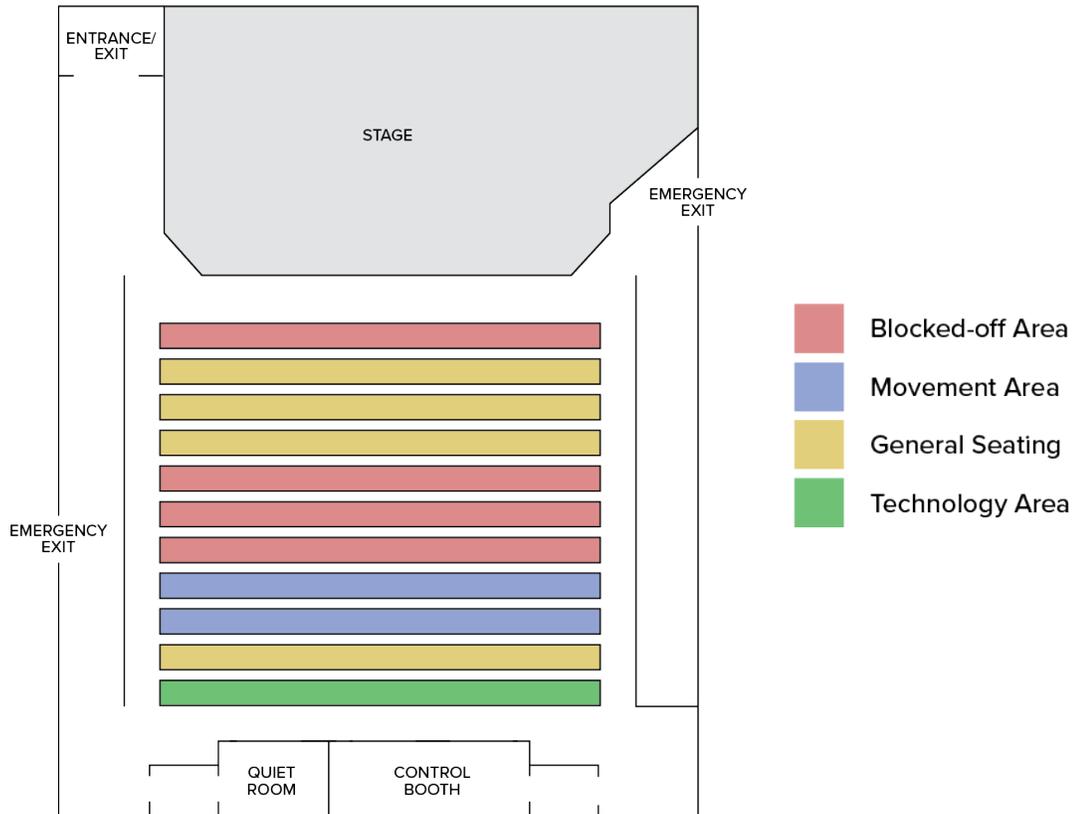
SHOW CONTENT CONSIDERATIONS

- This show does not have any dialogue, but it has low intensity sound effects and piano music throughout the performance.
- The Old Man displays a range of emotions, including: loneliness, frustration, surprise, playfulness, sadness, anger, and joy.
- This show features physical comedy. The audience will likely laugh throughout, especially when something unexpected happens.

SENSORY-RICH AND EMOTIONALLY INTENSE MOMENTS TO CONSIDER

SCENE	SENSORY CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Opening	N/A	N/A
The Old Man celebrates his birthday alone.	SOUND EMOTIONAL INTENSITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Old Man opens a birthday card that plays the birthday song. The Old Man seems lonely and a little bit frustrated.
The Balloon enters the Old Man's apartment.	VISUAL/SUSPENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A bright red balloon enters the Old Man's apartment and appears in unexpected places until the man pushes the balloon out the front door.
The Balloon returns with birthday supplies.	SUSPENSE SOUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The doorbell rings and the Old Man finds a wrapped gift box. Suspense builds as he explores the contents of the box. The Old Man blows on a birthday hat and it makes a honking sound.
The Old Man and the Balloon play games.	VISUAL/SUSPENSE SOUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Old Man and the Red Balloon play hide and seek and the balloon appears in unexpected places. Sound effects include: a microwave ding, knocking, and a sneeze.
The Balloon deflates!	SOUND/SUSPENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The balloon makes a loud, squeaky hiss as it deflates. Suspense builds as the Old Man frantically tries to plug the hole. (The balloon does NOT pop.)
The Old Man attempts to enjoy his birthday cupcake.	SUSPENSE EMOTIONAL INTENSITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Old Man almost sits on his cupcake several times The Old Man exhibits frustration and anger when the balloon smushes the cupcake into his face. When he pushes the balloon out of the way, the Old Man accidentally sits on the cupcake!
The Old Man is alone in his apartment again.	EMOTIONAL INTENSITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After pushing the balloon out the window, the Old Man cleans up and goes back to eating his dinner. He realizes that he misses the balloon and tries to communicate this to the balloon with a sign and a paper airplane. The Old Man cries until the balloon eventually returns!

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