

Going to a PLAY called Mary Poppins (A musical performance)



The August 6, 2022 **Sensory Friendly Performance** is presented in partnership with Autism Friendly Austin at the Frank W. Bridges Theatre, on the campus of Riverland Community College.

Mary Poppins is presented through a special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)



I am going to see a show called Mary Poppins at the Riverland Community College Theatre.



Frank W. Bridges Theatre

I will walk up the stairs and enter the lobby area.



There will be other people that are going to the show, too.

I may have to stand in line to get my ticket or show them my ticket for the show. (there will also be ear plugs or headphones available at the ticket counter if I need them.)



When I get my ticket I will show it to the usher so they can scan it.

(Ushers are theater helpers)



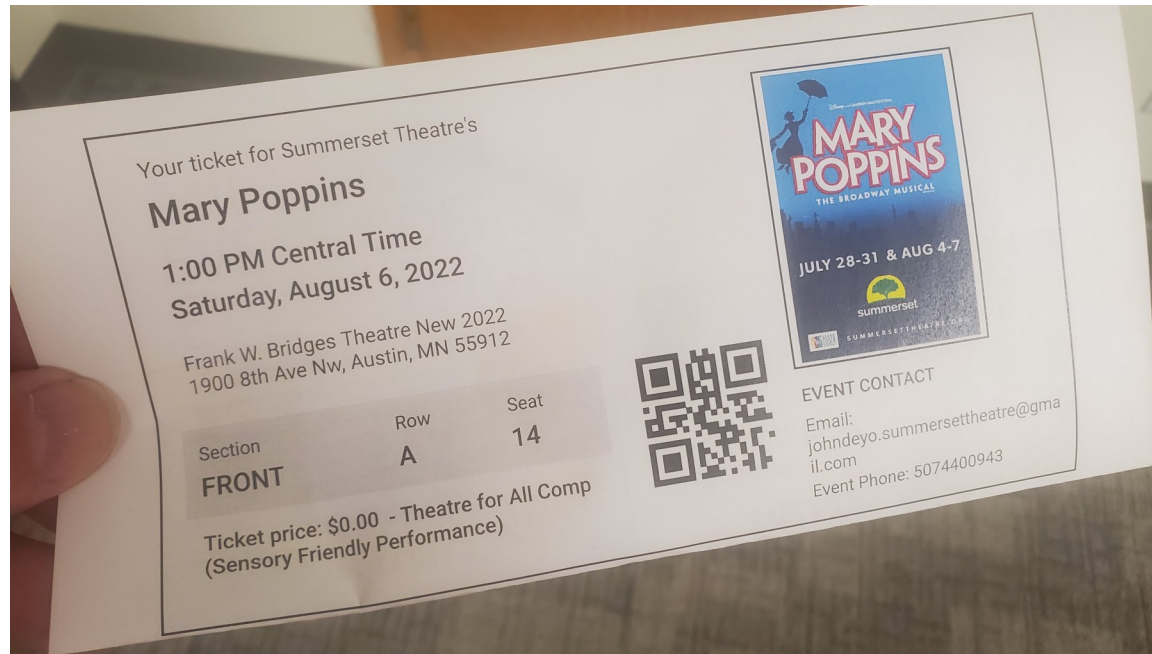
AND then I will enter the theater through one of the doors.

An usher will give me a program with information about the show.





**When I enter the theater there will be many blue seats.
I will either walk up or down the stairs to find my seat.
If I don't know where my seat is located we can ask an usher.**



**The number on my ticket tells me where my seat is located.
In my seat I will try to sit still and not kick the seat in front of me.**

**Many people will come into the theater to find their seats and sit
down while I wait for the show to begin.**

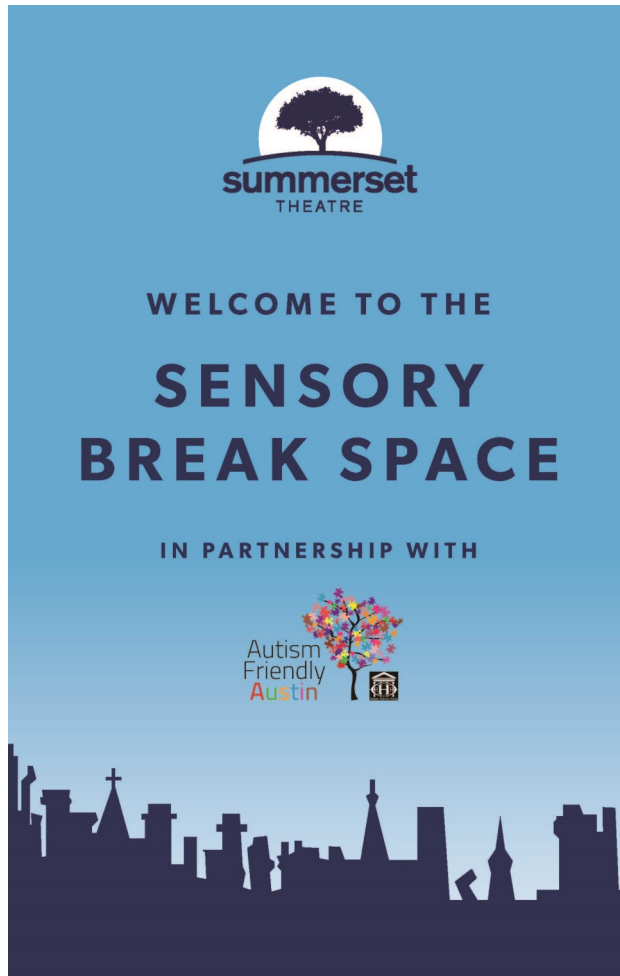
**The lights dim when the show is ready to start.
I will try to stay in my seat during the show.
If I have a question I will ask it very quietly.**

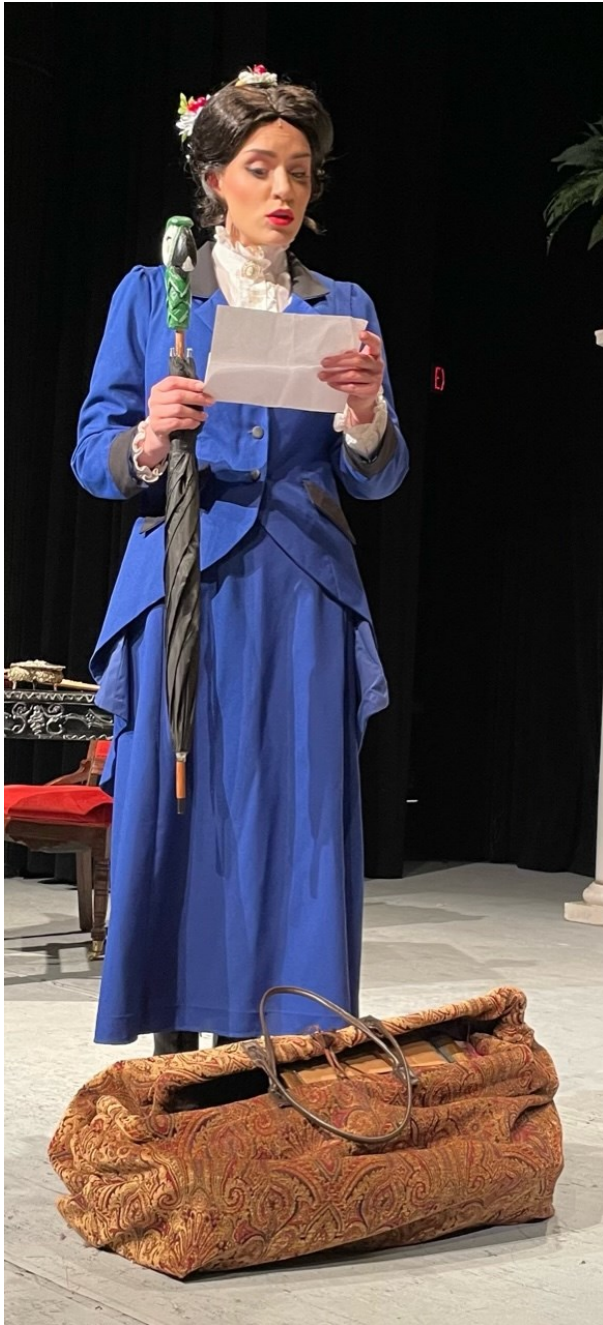


**Some of the sounds in the show will be
loud. If they are too loud, I can cover my
ears, wear headphones, or ear plugs.**



If I need to take a break, I can go to the Sensory Break Space near the lobby. If I need to leave during the show, I move quietly out of the theater. In the break space there are fidgets, weighted blankets and calming tools I can use. I can also watch the play on video in there.





Mary Poppins

The play is a version of Mary Poppins that is different from the Disney movie and books. This play is still a story about a nanny who comes to help care for the Banks children. It also includes some magic and songs.



Bert and Mary Poppins

There will be two Acts in the play. It is a long show so there is a 15 minute break (intermission) in between acts.

Some main scenes in the Act One are:



The Banks' house



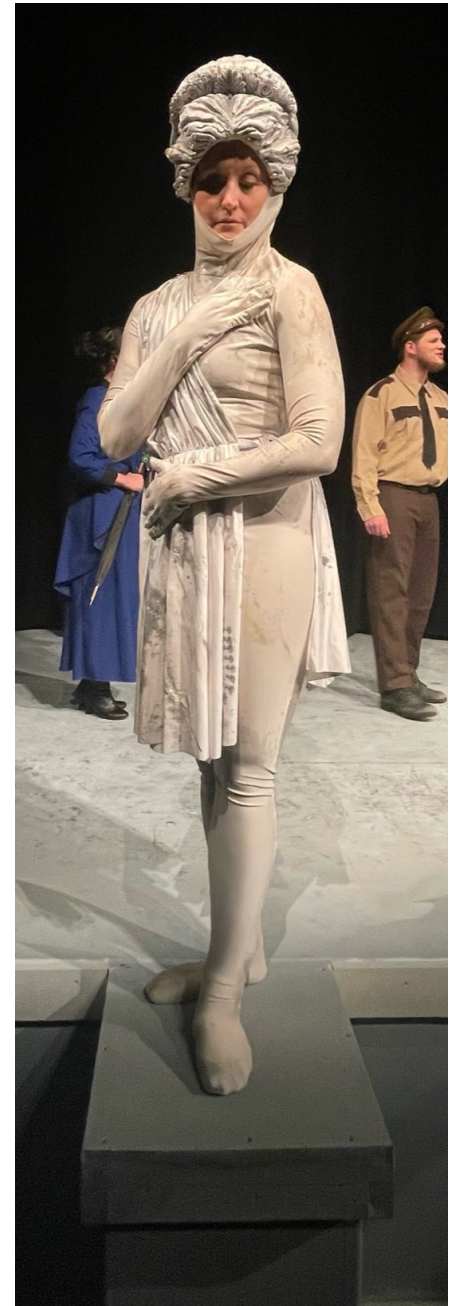
Bert with dancing statues.



The Bank business



The "Idea Shop"



Statue

There are several “pretend” animals in the show:



“Willoughby” the DOG



Moving BIRDS on the steps



Lark BIRD in a cage

During the show actors might walk in the aisles, but they won't touch me or talk to me.



Actors walking in the aisle

After the Chim Chim Cher-ee song the play will break for intermission for 15 minutes. At intermission people often get up and stretch, use the bathroom and walk around.



Restrooms

**There will be concessions for sale in the lobby during intermission.
If it is OK with my parents I can have one of these.**

BUT, no food or drink is allowed in the theater.

Please eat in the lobby before you return to your seat.



**snacks may be different than pictured items*

After intermission I will go back to my seat to watch Act Two of the show. It is shorter than Act One.

There are more songs and scenes like:



Flying kites in the park



The Banks family home



Miss Andrew is a “mean” Nanny



Bert



Chimney Sweeps

The show will end at approximately 3:30 pm

When the show is over, I can clap when the actors come out on stage to bow. If the clapping and cheering is too loud, I can wear headphones or ear plugs.



When the actors leave the stage I might have to wait in line behind people as we leave the theater. Sometimes I can wait in my seat to wait for the crowd to leave before I leave. I can talk about the show as soon as it ends. I will walk out of Riverland's theater.

Going to the Mary Poppins play can be fun! If I get uncomfortable, or need a break, I can let people know and they will help me!