

MILWAUKEE BALLET

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Going to the Ballet: A Milwaukee Ballet Social Story



I am going to see Milwaukee Ballet perform.



There are a lot of fun things to see at the ballet, including dancers in costumes, scenery, and props.



Going to the ballet is like watching TV or going to the movies because it can tell a story.



Going to the ballet is different than TV or movies because the dancers perform live, in front of you on stage.

In ballet, there are no words. Dancers tell a story by moving their bodies.

The ballet will take place
at the Marcus Performing Arts Center.



To get there, I will drive to the theater
and park in a parking garage
or on the street.



If I park in the garage, I will use an elevator or stairs to get to the skywalk.



The skywalk is a covered bridge that goes over the street to get into the theater.



I will enter the lobby and I might need to get my ticket from the box office. Everyone needs a ticket to enter.



Once I have my ticket, I can go into the theater. An usher may give me a program and help me find a seat.



MEETING THE CHARACTERS

Before the show starts, I can meet some of the dancers at a special event called a meet-and-greet. The dancers are characters in the performance and they are wearing costumes.

Some of the costumes are for humans, like people who go to a party, and some may be dressed as animals or made-up characters. I can take pictures with the characters of the show. I may have to wait to say hi to them.



The theater is big. It has 2,000 seats!
I will see a stage, lights, and speakers
in the theater. I may be sitting
next to someone I do not know.



While I am waiting for the
performance to start, and if I need any
help or directions, I can ask an usher.

When the performance starts, someone will come on stage to introduce the show. They usually talk about what to expect during the performance and often have reminders about being in the theater safely.



When it is time for the show to start, it will get a little darker in the theater, but the lights will still be on.



The show will be on the stage.
There will be dancers, bright colors,
and music during the show.



Once the show starts, it is okay for
me to make noise, jump, and flap my
hands. If I want to clap, I can.
I don't have to clap if I don't want to.



In a classic ballet the characters often follow a story and may go on a journey.



This is all pretend, and the dancers dressed in costumes are acting.
No one will get hurt.

The music in the show might sound loud. If it is too loud, it is okay for me to cover my ears or ask an adult for help. I know that even though loud music can feel scary, none of the noise can hurt me.



I can use my phone or tablet during the show if I need to.

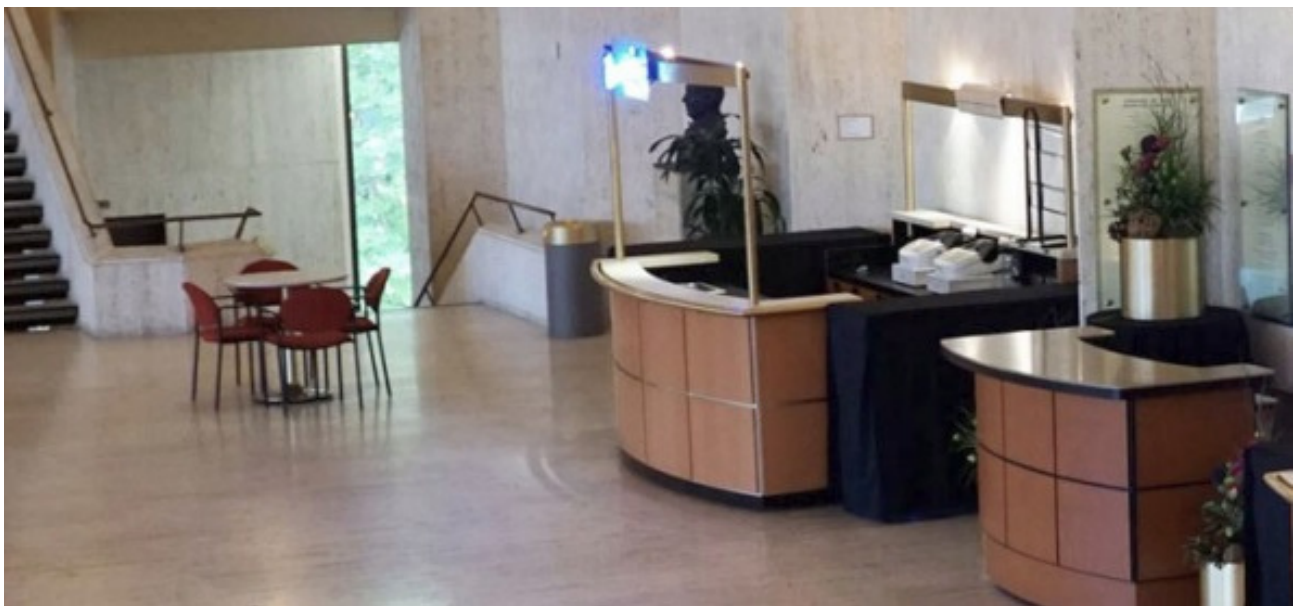


I can use the restroom, get a drink of water, or go to the quiet room any time I need to.



I can come back to the show when I am ready. I can do this while the dancers are on stage.

I will take a break halfway through the show. This is called intermission, and it will last about 15 minutes.



I can go to the bathroom, walk around, or get something to eat during this time. After intermission, the show will start again.

After the show, I will leave the theater.
Other people will be leaving too,
so there may be a lot of people
walking to the parking garage.
I may have to wait for my turn to leave.



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