

**DON'T LET  
THE PIGEON  
DRIVE THE BUS!**



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Based on The Pigeon picture books by Mo Willems

Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma  
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I am seeing **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!: The Musical**  
at The Rose Theater!



I will go to the Rose Theater.  
The outside of The Rose Theater looks like this.



I will keep my mask on the whole time I am at the theater.  
Keeping my mask on will keep me and others safe.



In this social story, I will see pictures of people with and without masks at The Rose but I will wear my mask when I come to see a play.



I will walk inside the lobby.



The lobby is a big room where people wait outside the theater.

I will wait in line for my ticket.



I will wait quietly and patiently on the star stickers on the sidewalks and floor.

Once we get our tickets, my family and I will have **two choices**.



**The first choice is:**

We can enter the theater to pick our seats.

**The second choice is:**

We can wait where it is less crowded  
in a green room with a green door.  
(This room is called Classroom #2).



I can stay there with my adult until I am ready.

We have **two choices**  
when picking our seats.



**The first choice is:**  
My family and I may choose to sit in seats on the first floor.

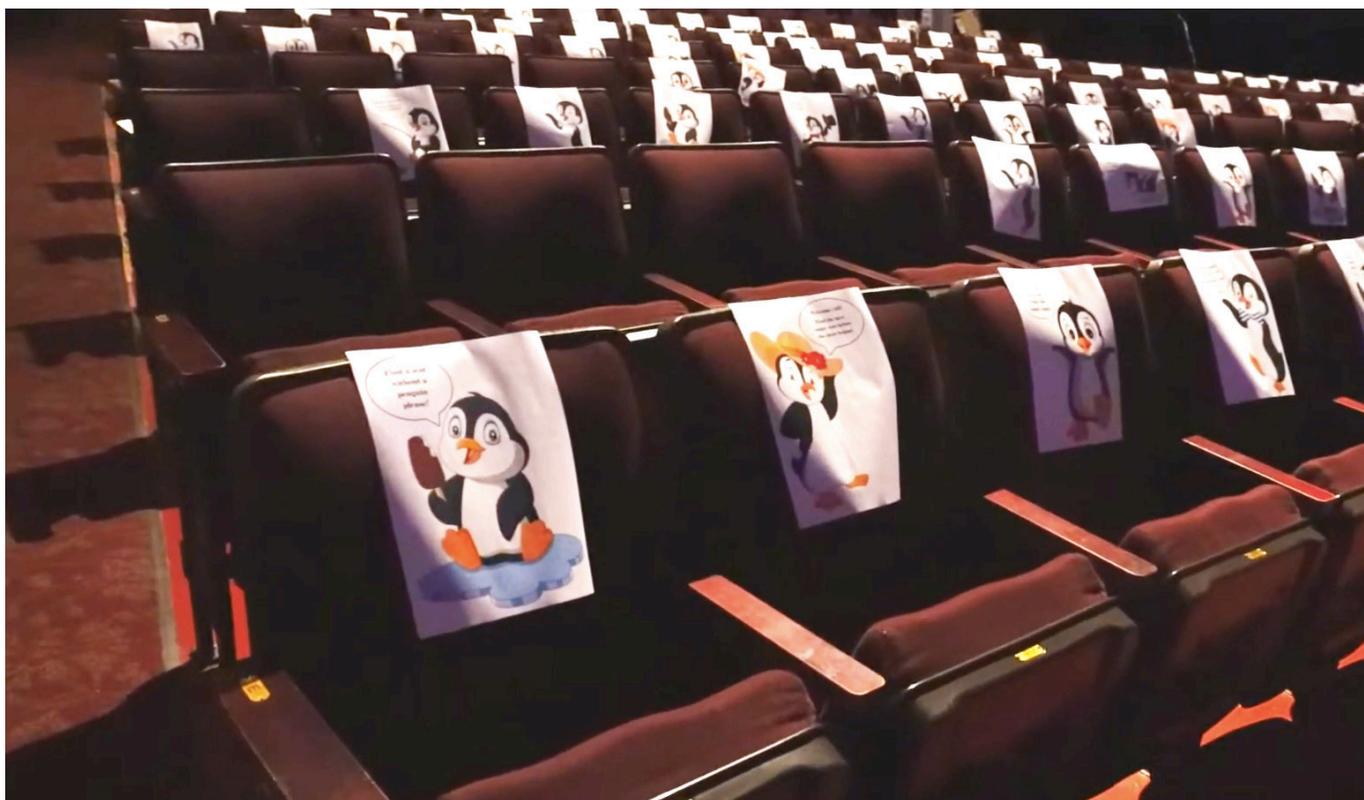
## The second choice is:

My family and I can choose to sit in seats on the second floor.



This floor is called the balcony.  
The seats in the balcony are up high.  
If we want to sit in the balcony, we will  
walk up the stairs in the lobby  
and enter the theater upstairs.

When I get into the theater, an adult in a blue shirt will help me know where to sit. I can sit in a seat that does not have a paper with an animal on it.



When I am in my seat, I will keep my mask on the whole time.

The theater is very large and has a lot of seats.



There might be a lot of people.  
I will sit with my family or friends.



There will be a big movie screen on the stage, I can watch this screen. This will have the names of the actors and the people that helped to make the play.

Before the show starts,  
I can talk to my family and friends.



**I will sit in my seat on my back  
pockets and keep my hands and feet to myself.**

If I need to go to the bathroom before,  
after, or during the show,  
I will walk back into the lobby  
with my grown-up using the side aisle.



I will walk downstairs.  
**The bathrooms are in the basement.**

**There are also bathrooms on the second floor.**

I can use these, too, especially if I am sitting in the balcony seats.



When I am done with the bathroom, I will go back to my seat in the theater.

Soon, the lights will get darker and there will be a pre-show announcement.  
**This means the show is about to start.**



I will be a **good audience member.**  
I will be quiet and watch the stage.



When I hear a voice talking about “turning off cell phones”  
then the lights will go down. It will get dark in the theater.  
I don’t have to worry. I will be safe.  
Nothing bad will happen to me.

Seeing a performance at a theater is like seeing a movie.



In live theater, the people performing will be right in front of me on stage. They are called **actors**.

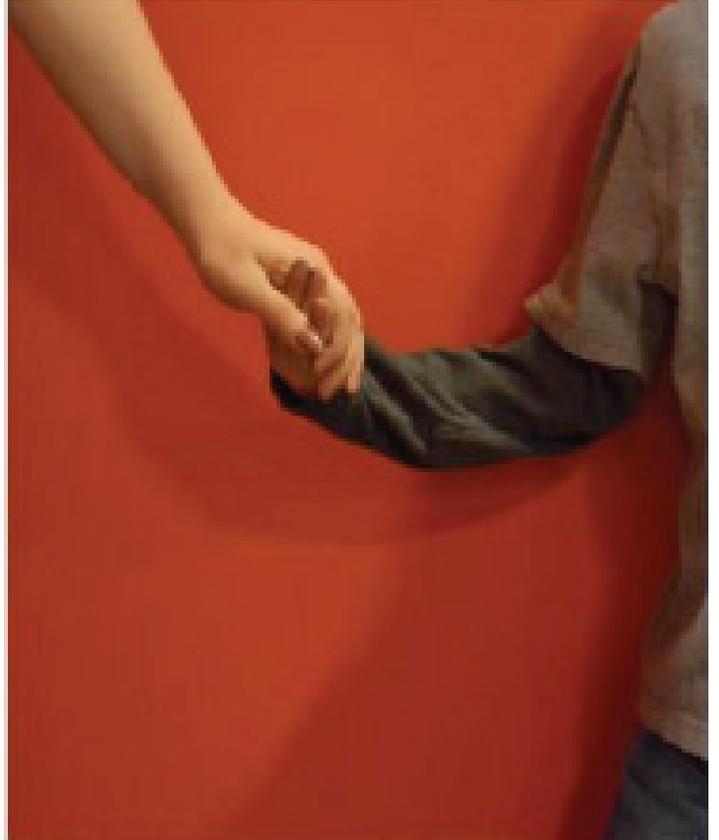
Actors pretend they are characters and tell a story.



The actors perform on a **set** with special scenery, like doors and windows, which help the audience know when and where the story takes place.



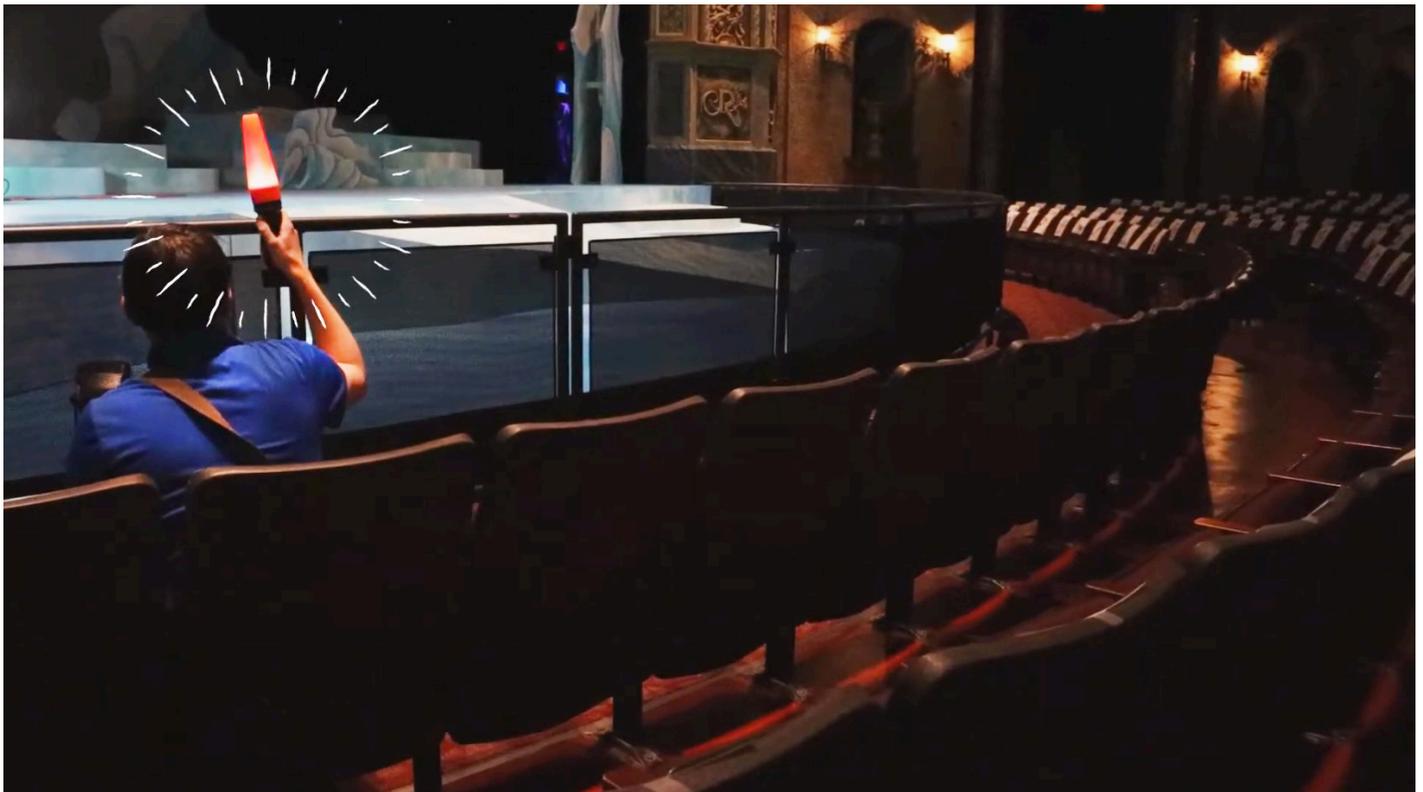
Special lights and sounds also help the actors to tell the story.  
**The lights and sounds won't hurt me.**



The sounds that help tell the story  
will sometimes be loud.

I know that even though the sounds  
can be loud and can feel scary.  
**None of the noise can hurt me.**

Sometimes the songs and music gets loud. I can cover my ears during this time. I can look for the cone to tell me when the sound will get loud.



In this play if I am worried about something that will scare me, all I have to do is look for the orange cone. If I see the orange cone in the air, all I must do is cover my ears, or close my eyes. When I do not see the orange cone anymore I can uncover my ears. My grown-up will let me know when to open my eyes.

If things get too loud or I need to take a break, I can go to the Restless Room, which is the green room with the green door. (Classroom 2)



I will walk quietly out of the theater and back into the lobby with my grown-up.

We can watch the show on a TV screen.  
There may be other people in the green room too.



I must wear my mask in this room.  
We will sit in the green room until **I feel better.**

After the show is over, the actors will come back on stage and bow. This is called a **curtain call**.



It is nice to clap for the actors. When we clap, the actors know that we had fun watching them act!

If it is too loud, I will cover my ears or hold my grown-up's hand.

When the play is over, an adult will come and tell my family when we can leave.



I will come out the doors that I came in.

Then I will go home.  
I can talk to my family or friends about  
the fun things that I saw  
in the show at The Rose!





My friends at The Rose Theater hope  
I have a great time at the show,  
and are looking forward to  
seeing me soon!

If you want to know a little more about the story of



then keep reading!



If you would like to be surprised, stop reading now.



When I come into the theater to see **Don't Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus: the Musical**, I will hear music. Some of this music will be loud. Some of this music will be quieter. I can cover my ears if the music bothers me.

On the stage in front of me, I will see a screen. This screen will sometimes show pictures of kids (like me)! The kids on the screen will say things like “Let the Pigeon take classes at The Rose!” I can watch the screen if I want to.





This play is a musical. A musical is a story with talking, singing, and dancing. People in a musical will dance and sing. I can watch the story, and if I want to, I can dance while I am sitting in my seat.

Sometimes the acting and the singing might get too loud. If I need to, I can cover my ears.



During the play, I will see screens on the stage. These screens will have pictures that will move. If these pictures hurt my eyes, I can cover them.





There will be lights that move around. If these lights hurt my eyes, I can cover them.

There will be a man in a blue shirt in the theater. When a part of the play gets too loud, he will hold up an orange cone that looks like this.





When I see this orange cone, I can cover my ears. When the orange cone is gone, I can uncover my ears.

Here are some of the characters I will meet in **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus:**



This is Pigeon. Pigeon wants to find something to be good at. What are you good at?



This is the Bus Driver.

The Bus driver loves their job. They want to always be on time for everything. They are happy to do their job. What are you happy about?



This is the Businessperson.



The Businessperson is in a hurry to get some place. They are waiting for the bus to come. Sometimes they get mad. The businessperson is not angry at me. I should not worry. Have you ever been mad? What did someone do to make you feel better?

This is the Little Old Lady.



The Little Old Lady needs to get to see her grandchildren. While she is waiting, she offers the Pigeon bird seed. She tries to help others. How have you helped someone who needed it?

This is the Teenager.



The Teenager has a place to be. The teenager is very excited. When the bus breaks down, the teenager gets frustrated. Have you ever been frustrated? What did you do to feel better?



I will also meet a mom,

A duckling,





And a Dog,

AND A city worker.





During the play. I can clap, laugh, or wiggle in my seat. This is OK!

At the end of the play. The characters will make a line and bow like this:



I can clap to show how much I liked it!



When the play is over, I will wait for a person in a blue Rose shirt to come and tell me I can leave my seat. If I want to, I can stay for a question-and-answer session.

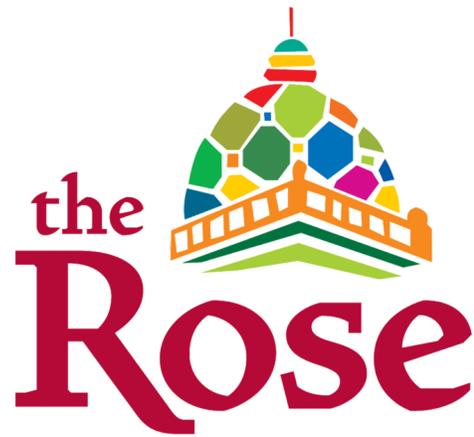


At a question-and-answer session, I can ask anything I want to about the play. One question might be: What is your real name?





I will then walk out with my grown up and go home.



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