THE APOLLO VICTORIA THEATRE

Visual Story

A visual resource for people with Autism Spectrum Condition visiting the theatre.

This resource is intended to help prepare visitors for a new experience and to help them to become familiar with the surroundings.

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Here is a list of words and their meanings that you might hear people say in the theatre.

**Audience** - This is what people who work in a theatre call the people that are coming to see the show.

**Auditorium** - This is the area where the seats are for the audience to sit in to watch the show.

**Box office** - This is the place in the theatre where you go to buy a ticket for the show or to collect a ticket if you have already paid for it.

**Circle (sometimes Dress Circle, Grand Circle or Royal Circle)** - This is the area of the theatre where the seats are that are one level or more up from the stage. If you sit in the Circle you usually look down on to the stage.

**Costume** - These is what the clothes are called that the characters wear during the show.

**Curtain** - The curtain is the cloth or screen which separates the auditorium from the stage. When the show starts people sometimes say that it is "curtain up" and when the show finishes they might say that the "curtain comes down."

**Foyer** - This is space in the theatre where audience members can wait before the show starts. In the foyer you will usually find a bar, a shop which sells merchandise and the toilets.

**Interval** - This is a break during the show, which gives the audience a chance to use the toilets or buy a drink. Some people just stay in the seats in the interval and wait for the show to carry on.

**Merchandise** - This is what the items which are sold in the theatre are called which are made especially for the show, they are usually items like T-Shirts, Keyrings and Mugs which have the show’s name on them.

**Musical** - This is what a play is called when the story is told through spoken words and song.

**Orchestra Pit** - This is the area in where all the musicians stand to play the music live during the show for the actors to sing to.

**Programme** - This is a book which you can buy at the theatre which gives more information about the actors who are performing in the show, it usually has pictures of the show and details about the theatre.

**Set** - This is what the design of the stage is called. It is a word used to describe what the audience can see on the stage, which the actors move around during the show.

**Stalls** - This is the area in the theatre where the seats are that are closest to the stage.

**Ushers** - This is the name that we call the staff who are around to show you to your seat, give you directions and answer any questions that you might have. They are normally all dressed the same with a badge on that states their name.
Wicked The Musical is a show performed in a theatre in London.

The theatre is called The Apollo Victoria Theatre.
The theatre is in an area of London called Victoria. Here is a map to show you where in Victoria you can find the theatre.

To travel into London you might use public transport. This could be a bus, overground or underground train.

The closest station is Victoria Station.
The theatre has two entrances. You can use the main doors on either Wilton Road or Vauxhall Bridge Road.

To watch Wicked you will need a ticket.

You may need to pick up your ticket from the Box Office.
Ushers will be stood by the entrance doors to check your ticket and show you where to go. They will be wearing a uniform which looks like this.

Ushers work for the theatre and will help you find your seat and answer any questions you may have.
Once an usher has checked your ticket you will walk into the theatre foyer.

Here you will see a bar where you can buy drinks and snacks.

There are also two small shops that sell Wicked merchandise such as programmes, CDs and gifts.

There is an accessible entrance for wheelchair users.

The accessible toilet is also in the foyer.

This area can become crowded from 1 hour before the performance.
Inside the theatre there is a main staircase.

You will need to go up these stairs if you have tickets for seats in the Dress Circle.

If you have tickets for seats in the Stalls you will need to go down a set of stairs from the foyer that look like these.
Before the show starts you will need to go into the auditorium to find your seats.

This is what the theatre looks like on the inside.

When you enter the seating area you will find a letter at the end of each row and a number on the seat.

If you need to go to the toilet please look for these signs or ask an usher.
Before the show starts you must turn off your phone. You are not allowed to take pictures inside the auditorium.

When the show starts it will get darker.
Now you need to be quiet.

You will hear the orchestra start to play.

People can clap at the end of songs and at the end of the show.

During the show you may feel happy or sad, this is ok.

If you would like to take some time out during the show you can go to the foyer to relax and watch the show on a tv screen.
There will be a break half way through the show. This is called the interval and it will last for 20 minutes.

During this break you may want to use the toilet. You can also buy a drink or an ice cream before coming back to your seat.
At the end of the show the audience will clap their hands.

You may want to clap your hands with them to show that you have enjoyed it.

To signal that the show has finished the lights will get brighter and the curtain will come down.

To leave the theatre you will need to go out through one of the marked exits or back out through the foyer.

An usher can show you the way if you need help.
Enjoy The Show!

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We hope you enjoy your visit to the Apollo Victoria theatre,

If you would like to tell us about it then please email on:
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