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I am going to see the Rose Theater's production of **Havana Hop!**



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

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.

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 blue room.
(This room is called Classroom #2).



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

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.

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. My family and I can sit anywhere we want to sit.

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.

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.



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

I can also get a drink at the drinking fountain 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.

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 show will begin with a woman making an announcement on a microphone. I can listen to what she is saying with my family.

When the show begins, the lights will go down a little bit.
I don't have to be scared; I am safe.

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.



When a loud noise on stage is about to happen, I can look for a light that looks like this. When I see the light, I can cover my ears and prepare. When the light goes down, the noise is over.

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.

If things get too loud or I need to take a break, I can go to the Restless Room.
(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 Restless Room too.



We will sit in the Restless Room until I feel
better.

When the play is over the actor will take a bow
like this, I can clap too.
This is called a curtain call.



It is nice to clap for the actor.
When we clap, the actor knows that
we had fun watching her act!

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

If you want to know a little more about some of the surprises in



then keep reading!



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



In the play **Havana Hop**, I will meet Yeila. Yeila will take me to places like Washington, D.C. and Havana, Cuba. I will not really go to these places. I will use my imagination.



Yeila will ask for my help. I will listen closely. She will ask me to make movements with my body. I can copy what she is doing. I will make these movements from my seat.



There will be sounds in the play that may feel scary.
If a sound seems too loud or scary,
I can always cover my ears.
I can also look for the orange cone that looks like this.

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!



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