

Going to the New Victory Theater!

A SOCIAL NARRATIVE



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We are going to the New Victory Theater to see a show!

Full vaccination, including a booster if you're eligible, is required for in-person shows and face masks are required for everyone and must be worn at all times.

Please review our Covid-19 Safety Guidelines at [NewVictory.org/Covid-19](https://www.newvictory.org/covid-19) for details on vaccine and mask requirements.



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I will be going to the show with...



*you can insert pictures or names of people that will be attending with your child

Going to the theater can be so much fun!

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**The New Victory Theater is located on 42nd Street
between 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue.**



**The theater
is in a part of
Manhattan that
is known as
Times Square.**



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Times Square is such a cool place, but it is also very busy and can get very noisy.



There are a lot of people walking around, lots of big signs and lights, and lots of noises from the cars, taxis and people.

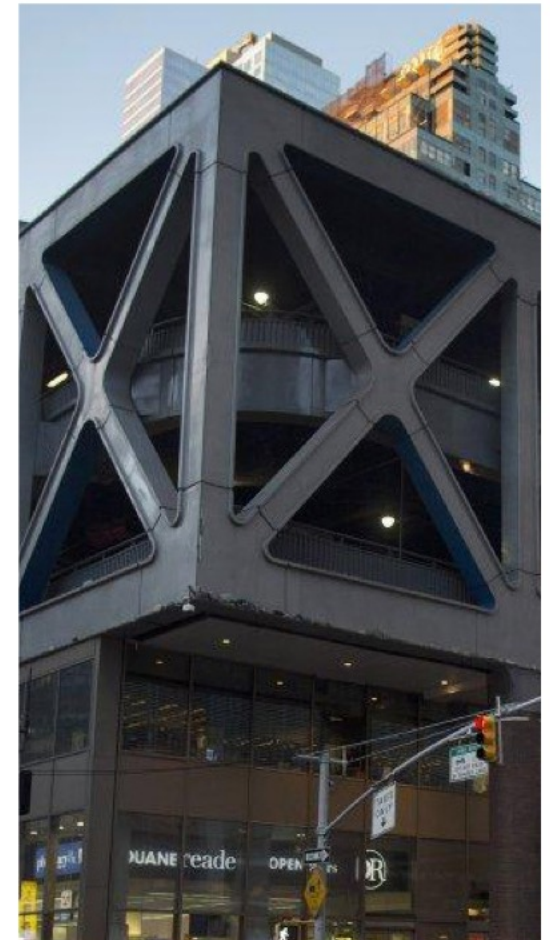
There are different ways to get to the theater.



**We might take the subway to the Times Square-42nd Street station.
Lots of trains stop at this station, so it may be crowded.**

**When we exit the subway station, we will probably
be able to see the theater because it is so close!**

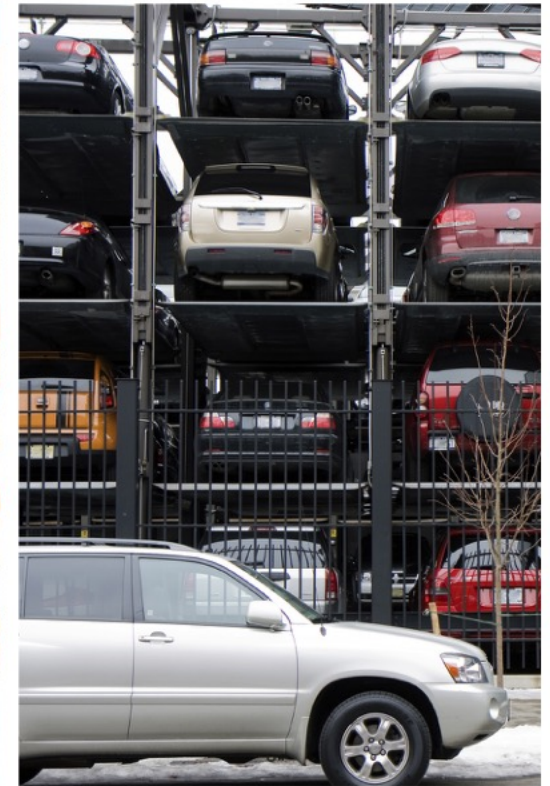
If we take a bus, the MTA bus stops and The Port Authority are also close to the theater.



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If we drive to the theater, there are indoor and outdoor garages on 42nd Street where we can park our car and then walk over to the theater.



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**If we take a taxi, we will give our driver the address
for the New Victory Theater and they
will drop us off right in front.**



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In order to keep everyone safe, one of the first people I will say hi to is our COVID vaccination checkers! They will check my negative covid test or my proof of vaccine to make sure it is safe for me to come into the building.



Photo: Bruce Gilkas

We may need to wait in line at the ticket office to pick up our tickets.



While we are waiting, I will stay with my family and try to wait calmly.

**We will then scan our tickets or mobile phone to
Under one of the ticket scanners. They will scan
our tickets and the theater staff will tell us where
to go next.**



Photos: Bruce Gilkas

**We will go into the main lobby area where
we will see many other families who are
also coming to see the show!**

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We will either be sitting in the orchestra or mezzanine level.



These are the entrances to each level.

Our tickets will tell us exactly where to sit. We do not get to choose our seats.



**This is what the theater looks like
without any people inside!**

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When it is time for the show to start, the theater will get darker and everyone will get quiet.

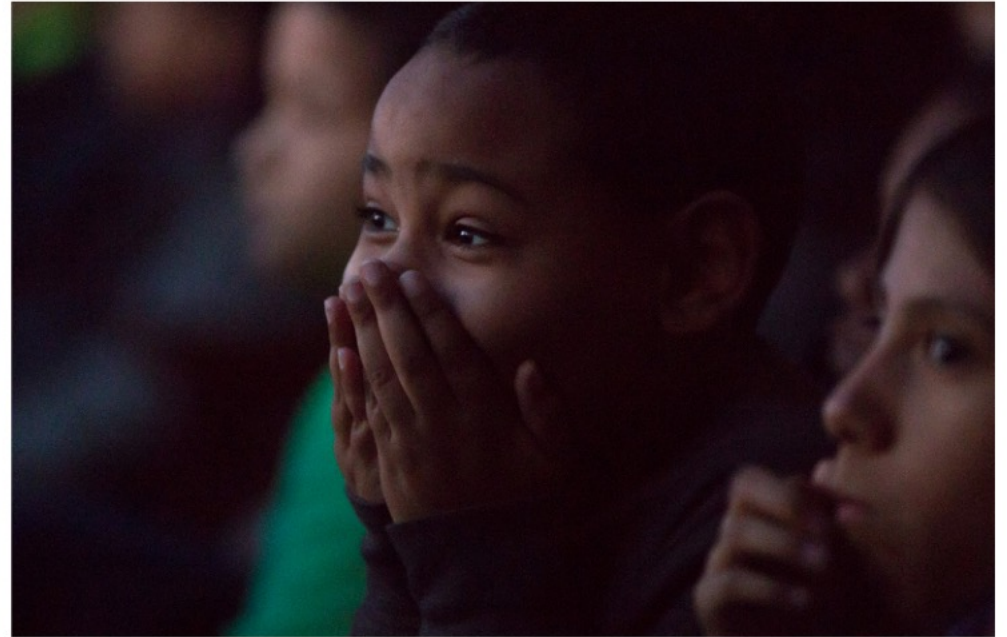


During the show I will try to remember to sit quietly and calmly so that everyone can enjoy the show!

I will try to remember that even if parts of the show get a little loud, or the makeup and costumes look strange or scary, none of this can hurt me or anyone else at the show.



Some parts of the show might be very funny and silly, and they will probably make me laugh.



Some parts of the show might make me nervous, but all of the actors and performers are EXPERTS, and have practiced a lot so that they will not get hurt.

If I get nervous or feel scared, I can:

Cover or close my eyes.



Talk to my grown-up.



Cover my ears with my hands or put on headphones.



Use a fidget tool.



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If I need a break during the show, I can ask the grown-ups that I am with if they can take me.



There are open spaces in the hallways or in the lobby area where we can go for a walk or sit in a quiet corner.

We can also ask any of the theater staff if we need help finding something - like the gift shop or bathroom.



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At the end of the show, all of the actors will come out on stage. This is called a CURTAIN CALL.



Many people will clap and cheer so the performers know how much they liked the show! When people really like a show, sometimes they stand up and cheer during the curtain call.

After the show is finished I will leave the theater with my family.



**Sometimes we may have to wait a little while before we can leave the theater,
because it can get very crowded when everyone is leaving
at the same time.**

While I'm waiting, I can:

**Hold one of my
grown-ups' hands**



**Talk to my family
or friends**



Use a fidget tool



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**I am sure we will all have a great time seeing
a show at the New Victory Theater!**

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