

Guide for Attending the Sensory Friendly Performance of *The Nutcracker*

Thank you for your interest in the sensory friendly performance of Gary Taylor Dance's *The Nutcracker*. We are very excited about this event and want to make it the best possible experience for everyone. To that end, we'd like to offer some suggestions and provide you with additional information regarding the performance:

FAST FACTS:

Bradshaw Performing Arts Center (BPAC)
Owens Auditorium at Sandhill Community College
3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 10:30 AM

LOBBY OPENS at 9:30 AM; THEATER SEATING OPENS at 10:00 AM

RUNNING TIME is approximately 1 hour

<https://taylordance.org/nutcracker/sensory-friendly-performance/>

- ❖ A **downloadable social story**, written specifically for this event, is available at the link listed above. A character guide can also be found there. We encourage you to become familiar with music from *The Nutcracker* prior to attending the performance.
- ❖ **Small coping tools** (fidgets, weighted blankets, small electronic devices, etc.) are allowed in the theater. Headphones are also allowed. We will have a supply of disposable ear plugs available.
- ❖ **Outside food and drinks are not permitted inside Owens Auditorium**, but you may bring snacks to enjoy in the lobby or the courtyard outside the theater before the show.
- ❖ **Flash Photography and Videography are NOT PERMITTED** during the show. Electronic devices *may not* be used for this purpose.
- ❖ **If you are planning on bringing a service animal** to the performance, we ask that please kindly notify us in advance at tickets@taylordance.org.
- ❖ Slight adjustments have been made to the lighting and sound of the show. **Please consider your attendees' sensory sensitivities and plan accordingly.**
- ❖ **The theater lobby is available as a break area.** Both restrooms are located on one side of the lobby- left side if you are entering the lobby from the outside, right side if you are entering the lobby from the auditorium. We encourage parents and caretakers to be aware of any early warning signs of difficult behavior and act accordingly. Our volunteers are willing to help however they can.

We look forward to seeing you!