



Social Story: Going to See The Goodman's *Theater of the Mind*

Welcome! We look forward to having you as our guest.

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I am going to see *Theater of the Mind*.

THEATER OF THE MIND

SENSORY GUIDE

Spoiler Alert

This document contains information that gives away significant parts of the *Theater of the Mind* experience.

About this Guide

This sensory guide is designed to help you understand the array of sensory stimulation involved in *Theater of the Mind* so that you can make an informed decision about whether you want to purchase tickets and participate in the experience.

This guide focuses on sensory stimulation only. For other accessibility information or details about the experience in general, please review the [Advisories & Accessibility page](#) and the extensive [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on our website.

Sensory Guide

Theater of the Mind is an immersive show, which means I will follow an actor and walk through different rooms. Before I go, I can read the sensory guide to know what to expect.

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Getting To *Theater Of The Mind*

I might take a car, take a bus, or ride a train to get to the show. It will be in a different building than the other Goodman shows.

<http://theaterofthemindchicago.com/plan-your-visit>



Entering the Theater

When I enter the building, I will be greeted by the Box Office Staff at the desk. This is where I will go to check in for my show.



The Box Office Desk

The Box Office Desk is where I can ask for sensory bags, earplugs, and other accessibility items. If I have a question or need directions, I can ask anyone wearing a name tag.



Lobby

While I wait for my time slot, I can sit in the lobby. There are two rooms with couches, tables, and chairs. There will be music playing in the lobby, but it won't be louder than the music in a store or a waiting room.



Restrooms

If I need to use the restroom, they are straight when I first entered behind a labelled door. There is a Women's and Men's restroom, and both have an accessible stall.



Water Fountains

If I would like water, I can go to the water fountains. There are two water fountains next to the bathrooms.



Snacks and Drinks

If I would like a snack or a drink, I can buy one at the refreshment stand. I can't bring a snack or drink into the show, but I can keep it with me until the show starts.



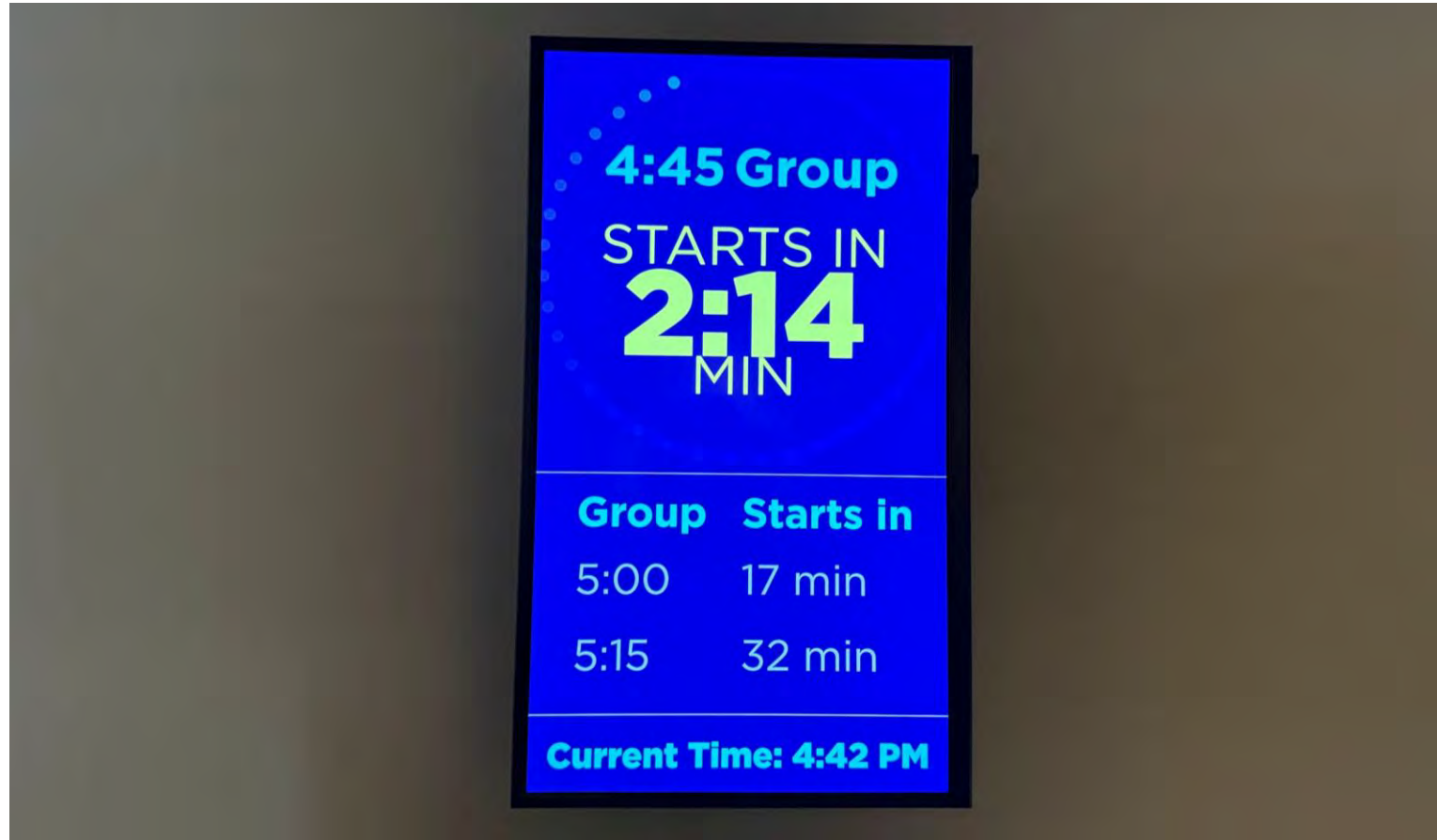
Lockers

Before the show starts, I will put my belongings inside a locker. If I would like to bring in a sensory bag or any other accessibility materials into the show, I should let a staff member know.



Gift Store

If I would like to buy something, there is a gift store with many things for sale, like clothing, posters, and books.



Time Slots

I can look at the blue screens to see how much time is left until my group. They will show what group is gathering and how much time is left until the next 3 slots.



Gathering Room

When my time slot is called on the speaker, I will go into the Gathering Room with the other people in my group. Someone will come in and tell us everything we need to know before the show.

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Jo

Jo will be my experience ambassador. They follow us from room to room and are there if I have questions or need help. They are always watching to make sure I'm okay, even if I can't see them! If I say, "Hey Jo," they will check on me.

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David

The actor in the show plays a character called David. I will follow David through the show as they tell a story.



Immersive Show

During the show, I will follow David and Jo from room to room. I can laugh, react, and respond when I'm asked questions. I will be a part of the show too!



Stepping Out

Sometimes, there will be bright lights, loud sounds, or strong smells. If I get overwhelmed, I can raise my hand or call for Jo. Jo can help me step out of the show to take a break.



Going Home

When I leave the experience, I will gather my things from the lockers and leave the building. **Thank you for coming to see *Theater of the Mind!***