

GETTING READY TO SEE
MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET CHRISTMAS

The Rep REPERTORY
THEATRE
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A SOCIAL STORY TO HELP PREPARE
FOR A VISIT TO THE THEATER

On Saturday, I am going to see a show.

The title of the show is

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET CHRISTMAS.

I will see the show at The Repertory Theater of St. Louis (also known as “The Rep”).

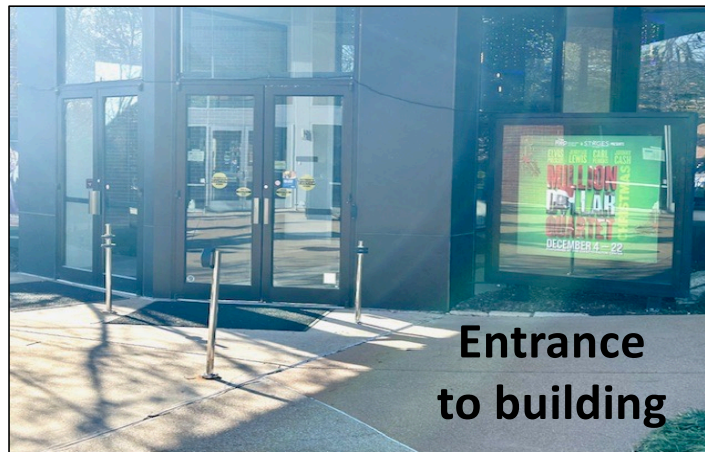


I will see people sing, dance, act , and play musical instruments. The show will be a lot of fun.



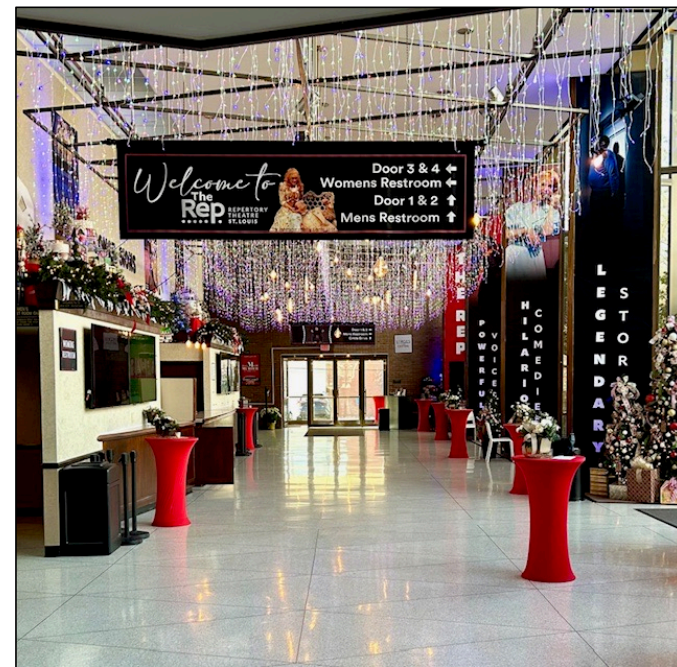
When we arrive, we will park
in Parking Lot K

After we park, we will walk down
the sidewalk to the entrance of
the building



Many people will be coming
to the show. If I come with
a parent or a friend, I will be
sure to stay with them at all
times.

This is what I will see when I walk in the door.



This big room is called the lobby.

The lobby has beautiful decorations on the inside and the outside. It is ok for me to look at the decorations, but I cannot touch them.



If we need show tickets, we will pick them up at the Box Office.



I can have my picture taken by the decorations or in front of this sign in the main lobby.



Others might be waiting in line. I will practice patience while waiting my turn.

If I want to purchase a snack or drink, I will go to the Concession stand in the middle of the main lobby



I can take my snack and drink into the theater, but I must always keep the lid on my cup.



When it is time to go to our seats, we will enter the theater through Door 1, 2, 3 or 4.



There will be a helper to guide us to the correct door.



When we walk into the theater, this is what we will see. The theater has a big stage and many seats



A helper (also known as an usher) will lead us to our seats. This is what the seats will look like.



This is one of the wheelchair - accessible seating areas. The chairs will be removed to allow room for my wheelchair. A parent or friend can sit beside me in one of the theater seats.



I will know the show is ready to start when the lights in the theater get darker. The show will begin when the actor in this picture stands on the steps that are close to the audience and starts talking.



Once the show begins, I will do my best to be quiet so that everyone can enjoy the show.

At the end of a song, people will clap their hands and some might even cheer. Clapping and cheering is a nice way to let the actors know that I liked their music. If I don't want to clap, it's ok.



Throughout the show, there are times when the lights on the stage will change colors. There will also be a blackout. A blackout is when the light goes off on both the stage and the audience. Some lights will stay on in the theater, so it won't be completely dark.



If the music becomes too loud or makes me feel nervous during the show, I can cover my ears, put on headphones, use a weighted lap pad, or hold onto a fidget.



It is best to bring my sensory tools to the theater, but if I forget, I can ask to borrow one at the theater. I will return what I borrowed when the show is over.

If I need to take a break from the show, I can leave the theater and go to the lobby or one of the quiet areas. If I come with a parent or a friend, they can go with me and help me find the quiet places. An usher can help me too.



I can stay in the lobby or quiet area until I feel better.
Whenever I feel ready, I can go back into the theater to
continue enjoying the show.



If I need to use the restroom, I can ask for help to find the nearest bathroom. The restrooms are on the main floor at either end of the concession stand. The women's restroom is near Door 1 entrance. The men's bathroom is near Door 4 entrance.



There will be several fast and fun songs towards the end of the show. During some of these songs, there might be bright lights shining out into the audience. If the lights are too bright, I can close my eyes or cover my eyes with my hands.



During the last song, this actor will invite the audience to dance along. Some people will stand, and others will dance in their seats. If I don't want to join the dancing, that's ok.



After the last song, all of the actors will take a bow. This is called a curtain call. The audience will clap and cheer to tell the actors how much they enjoyed the show. Some might even stand up. This is called a standing ovation.



After curtain call, we will exit the theater and go back through the lobby to our cars. Many people will leave the theater at the same time. If that makes me nervous, I can stay in my seat until the crowd leaves.



Getting to see live musical theater is so much fun!
I think I will enjoy getting to see Million Dollar Quartet
Christmas!

