

We're Going To a Show!

A Centennial Hall Social Story





I am going to see a show today.

I am excited and maybe a little nervous too.

It's okay to feel nervous about a new experience!



First we have to get to the theatre.

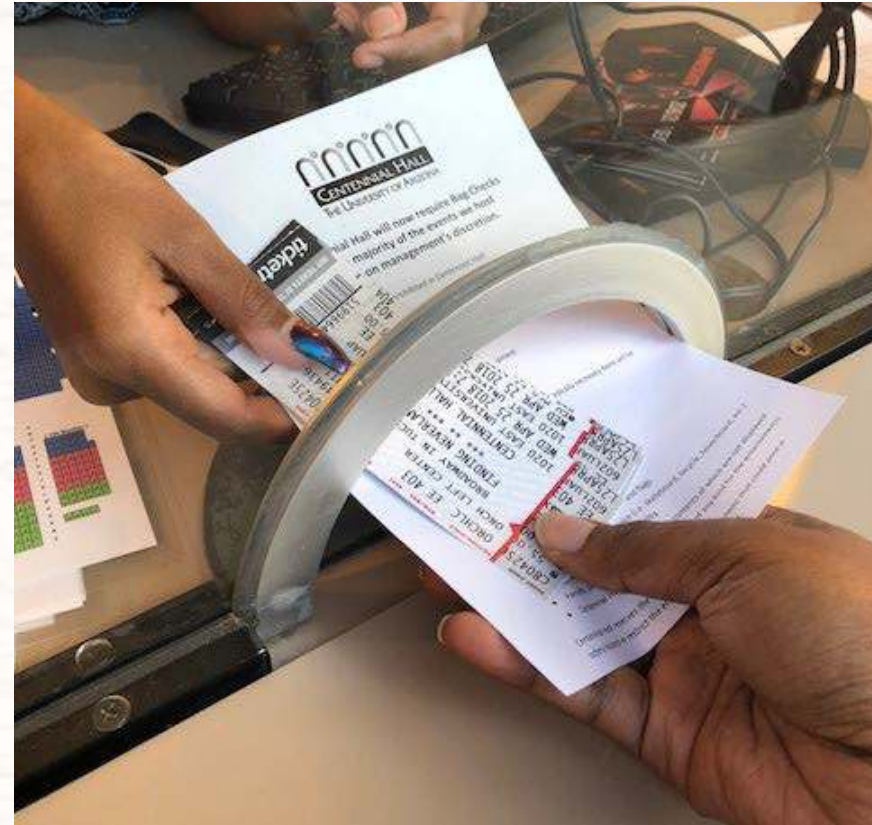
We might park in a parking garage and walk along the sidewalk past other buildings to get to the theatre.



When I walk up to the theatre I can see three windows in the middle and I can hear voices coming through speakers in them.

This is the box office. The box office is where I buy my ticket. The voices I hear are coming from ticket sellers inside the box office.

Everybody who goes to the show has to buy a ticket.



We might already have our tickets because we bought them on a previous day. If not, we will talk to a ticket seller through the speaker to buy our tickets. I might have to wait in line before it is my turn.

After we buy our tickets, we get in line to enter the theatre.

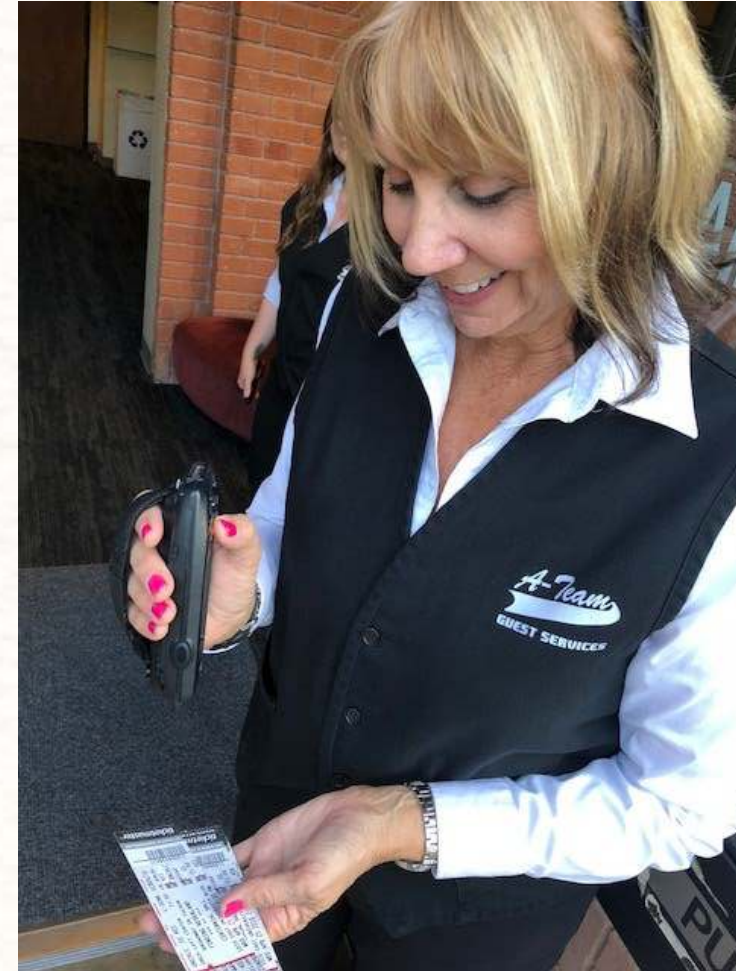
If we already have our tickets because we bought them on a previous day, we can go straight to the line to enter.

First a security person checks to make sure nobody is bringing anything dangerous inside.

If I have a toy or a bag with me, the security person might ask to look at it before I can go in. They won't take it away from me.



After I talk to the security person, I can walk through the big glass doors and go into the lobby.



When I get to the glass door, a ticket taker will scan my ticket with a device that goes "BEEP!" Then I can go inside.

It might be crowded
inside the lobby.

I can wait outside where
there is more space if I
want to.



The bathroom is in the corner of the lobby.

I can use the bathroom before the show, but I can also go to the lobby during the show and go to the bathroom if I need to.

I might have to wait in line before I can go in.



When it is time to go to my seat, the big wooden doors inside the lobby will be open and ushers will be standing next to them. Ushers help people find their seats.



I can show my ticket to an usher and they will tell me where to go to find my seat. My seat has its own letter and number and there is only one seat like it in the whole theatre.

The usher will also give me a program that has information about the show I am going to see.





I will walk up a few stairs to get into the theatre. If my seat is in the mezzanine, I will walk up some more stairs.



Many other people will come in and find their seats too. There might be someone I don't know sitting on one side of me.

It is time for the show to start!



I will hear a doorbell sound to let me know that the show is going to start soon. The lights get dark and everybody looks at the stage. I might hear music or an announcement before I see anybody.



Everybody sits still and is very quiet during the show so we do not distract the performers. But if the show is too loud, it's okay to cover my ears.



If I need to take a break or go to the bathroom during the show, I can quietly walk out of the theater and go to the lobby.

The Lobby

If I need to take a break or use the restroom I will go to the lobby. I can sit in the quiet lobby and watch the show on a TV for as long as I need to. Once I am done I can quietly go back to my seat.



Intermission

There might be an intermission halfway through the show.

The lights will come back up and the show will stop for a little while. People might get up out of their seats and walk around or go out to the lobby to use the bathroom.

I will hear a doorbell sound when it is getting close to time for the show to start again. Right before the second half of the show starts, the lights will get dim again and everyone will sit still and be very quiet again. I will sit back down and be still and quiet too.

When the show is over everybody will clap and cheer so the performers know how much they liked it. Some people might stand up when they clap. Now I can clap and cheer too if I want to. If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears.

When I am done clapping I can get ready to leave the theatre. Everybody is leaving at the same time, so I might have to wait in line. I can also sit in my seat and wait for most people to leave if I don't want to wait in line.

I will go out the same way
I came in:

Back down the stairs to
the lobby,

back through the glass
doors,

and down the sidewalk...



Thanks for coming to the show!

