

Relaxed Performances at Purple Playhouse Theatre

A few guidelines:

Relaxed Performance, sometime termed autism friendly performances, are aimed at families with children with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, sensory and communication disorders, a learning disability or for anyone of any age who would benefit from a more relaxed environment.

Performances are adapted in a variety of ways, including a more relaxed attitude to noise, in order to reduce anxiety and ensure a safe, enjoyable theatre visit. A bit like a quiet carriage on the train – but the opposite!

LIGHTING /VISION

*The lighting will be kept low - not too bright nor too dark

*There will be no flashing lights or strobe effects

*There will be no use of smoke machines

MOVEMENT

*It is quite acceptable for the audience to move around freely during the performance including exiting and entering the space.

SOUND

*Tutting and other involuntary noises are quite acceptable.

*We will provide a designated quiet space to anyone who needs it . This will be the lounge area behind the theatre

*We will ensure there are no loud or sudden noises unless they are clearly signposted beforehand.

This will include applause.

*The levels of sound either recorded or live music will be muted and unobtrusive.

FAMILIARISATION

*We can offer a walk through of the environment before the show starts to anyone who would like it .though it is best to warn us in advance if possible. Alternatively ask for the manager at the bar or at the box office and we will try and accommodate this.

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