



VISITING THE
DR. PHILLIPS CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
SOCIAL STORY PICTURE BOOK



Dr. Phillips Center For The Performing Arts
445 South Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, Florida



Today we're going to **Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts**.
There are many reasons to visit the Dr. Phillips Center.



You may go with your school or with a group to see a play, a show or a musical.



Maybe your family wants to come to have a picnic or see a concert on **Seneff Arts Plaza**.



You might come to the Dr. Phillips Center to take a class. You can learn music, acting or dance.



The entrance to the **School of the Arts** is on the side of the building. The classrooms are on the second floor. It's fun to come to the Dr. Phillips Center for summer camps or classes.



Sometimes people have special parties at the Dr. Phillips Center—
even a wedding.



The Dr. Phillips Center is in downtown Orlando. You can get there by driving in a car and parking in the garage.

Then you walk, to the arts center from the garage. It's a short walk but you do need to cross the street. Use the crosswalk and watch for cars.



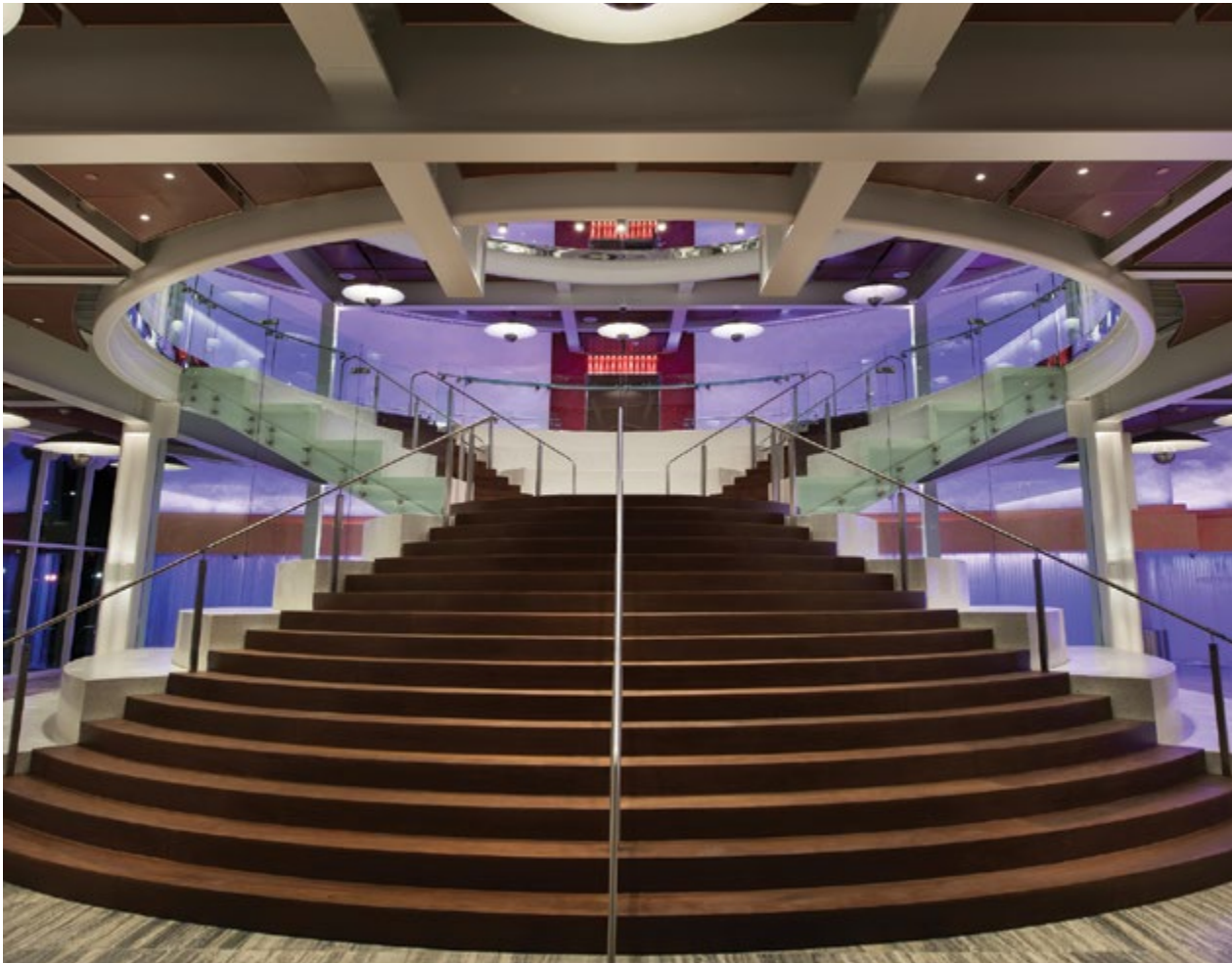
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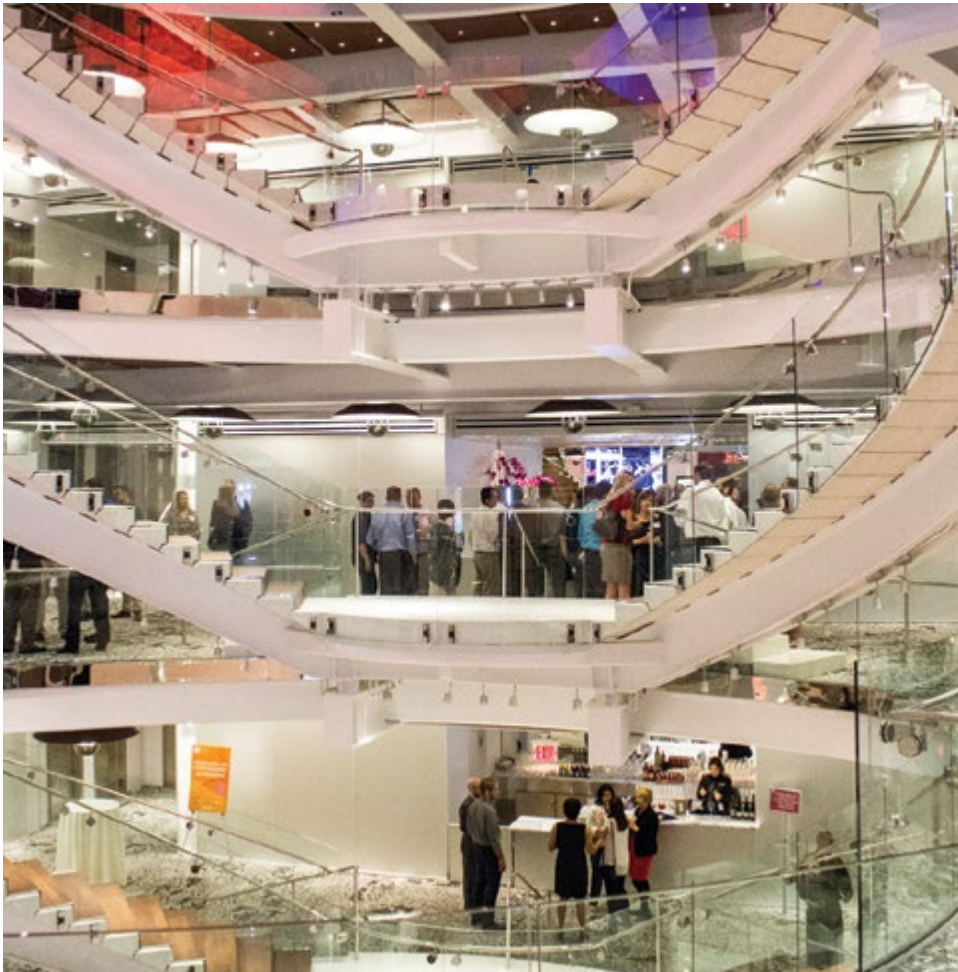
If you come with a group, you might get dropped off by a bus, right at the front door. You might even take public transportation like a bus or a train.



You need a ticket to see a show. The **box office** is next to the front door. Your ticket will tell you what theater to go to and where to sit.

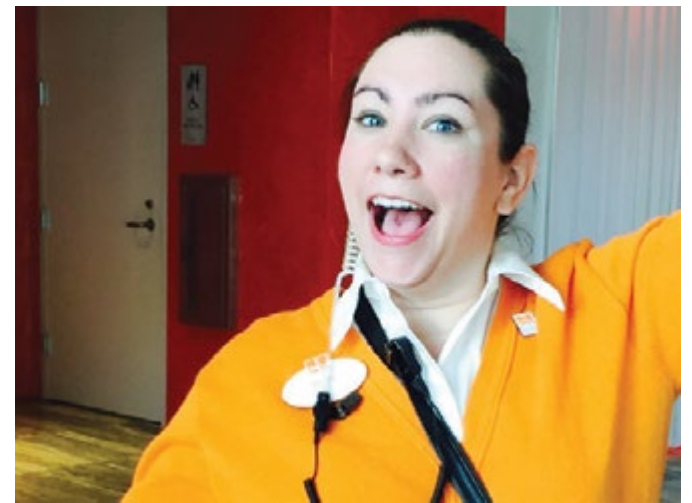


In the lobby of the Dr. Phillips Center, you can go to many different places. There are usually a lot of people in the lobby.



There are places where you can get a snack, sandwich, cookie or drink. They are called bars and there are bars on every **tier**.

A tier is what the different levels at the Dr. Phillips Center are called. You can use the stairs or you can take the elevator.



When you go into a theater, the **usher** will check your ticket and tell you where to sit. Ushers work at the Dr. Phillips Center and they are there to help you.



Before the show starts, people will go to their seats. Once the performance starts, we try to sit in our seats until intermission or until the show is finished.



If you need help during the show, you can tell your family member, friend or teacher and they will find an usher to help you. You can always ask an usher for help.



Some shows are in **Walt Disney Theater**. When you first go into the theater, it is dark. Walt Disney Theater is very big. The floor level is called the orchestra.



There are a mezzanine level and a balcony level, too. The mezzanine and the balcony are very high up. Some people get nervous and other people don't mind being up high. It's best to go slow and get used to the theater wherever you are sitting.

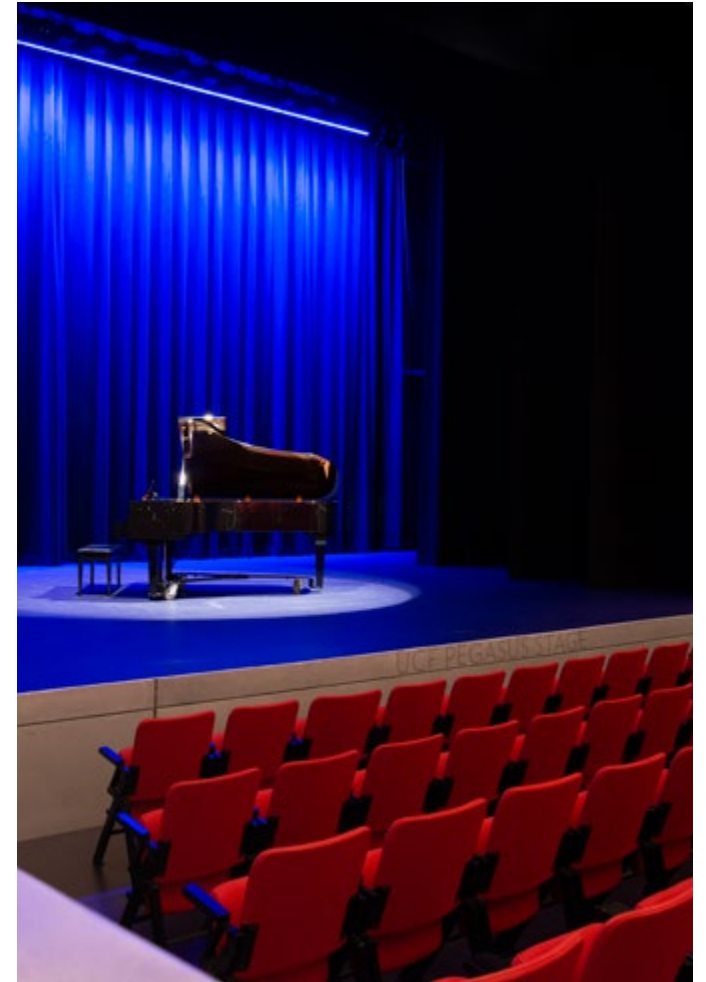


The performances on the stage in Walt Disney Theater are usually musicals, ballets or concerts. The lights will change and music will play from speakers.

Actors from the stage may sing and talk loudly. There will be lots of colors and sounds.



Alexis & Jim Pugh Theater is the small theater. This theater is very bright with colorful paintings on the ceiling. It feels very different from the big Walt Disney Theater.



Sometimes when you come to this theater, you will have seats on the floor level and it will be filled with people.

Sometimes the performers are right in the middle and you sit around them. It means the performers are very close.



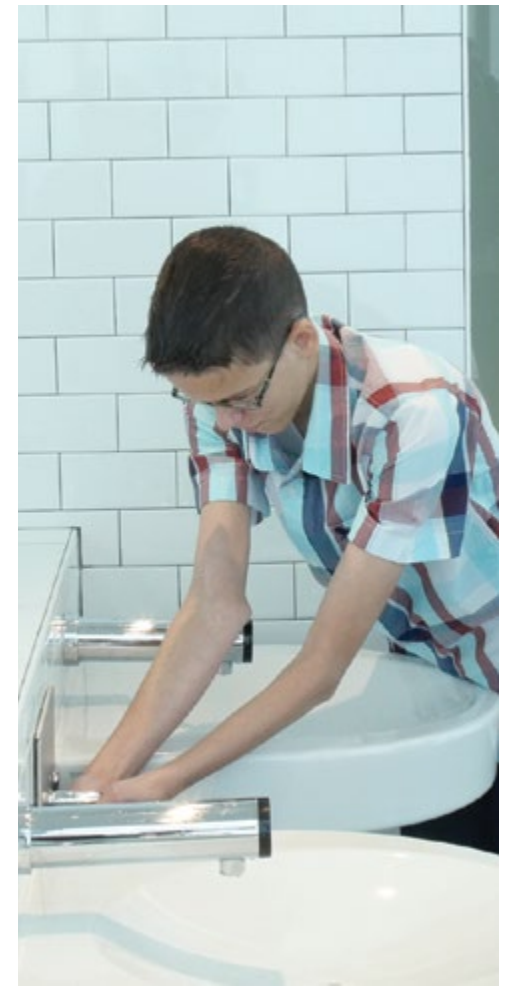
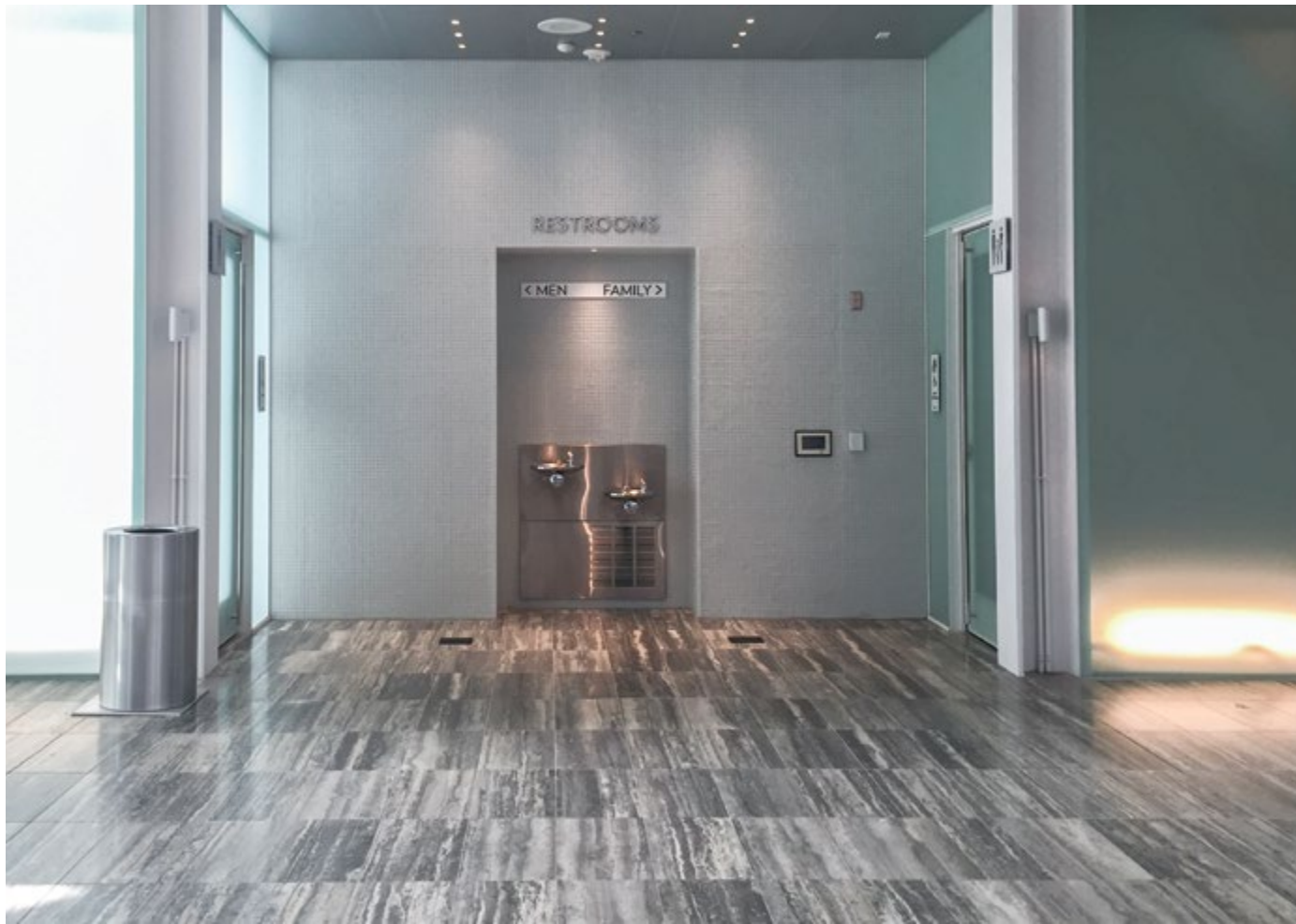
In the theaters we try to stay in our seats during the show. But if you need help during the show, you can tell your family member, friend or teacher and they will find an usher to help you.



Many performances have an **intermission**. Intermission is a break in the middle of the show. It usually lasts about 20 minutes. It's just enough time to take a break, use the restroom or get a drink before you go back to your seat.



If the show is **sensory friendly**, there might be a quiet room. If you need a break, you can go to the quiet room. Even if there is not a quiet room, there are plenty of places in the lobby for you to take a break.



If you need to go to the restroom, there are restrooms on every tier.
There is a family restroom on every tier, too.



When the show is over, the audience claps. You can clap your hands, too. It might be loud and it is okay to cover your ears.



After the actors, dancers, singers or performers take their bows, the show is over.



The lights come on and the audience leaves the theater. There may be lots of people leaving all at the same time.



After you leave the theater, you can take your time. The Dr. Phillips Center is a beautiful place and you can enjoy being there, even after the show is finished.

You can relax in a chair or you can get another drink. You can use the restroom. You can walk down the stairs. You can talk to people in the lobby about the show.



We're so glad you want to come to **Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.**

We hope you will have fun when you are here and that you will come again.



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