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Sensory Guide

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**APPRO
PRIATE**



**DIRECTED BY
TIMOTHY MCCUEN PIGGEE**

About the Show



Duration:

Approximately 2 hours 50 minutes including one 20-minute intermission.

Production Advisory:

This production uses stage haze and occasional loud sound effects, with the brief use of a camera flash lighting effect (non-strobe). Please contact a House Manager if you have any questions or concerns regarding noise levels. Read on for dB estimates.

Content Advisory:

This play:

- uses strong language, including profanity and racial slurs;
- explores complex family dynamics, including grief, addiction, abuse, mental health, and the impact of generational trauma, and directly confronts the legacy of racism in America;
- includes visuals of disturbing racist memorabilia;
- shows scenes of physical violence;
- includes references to sexual situations and adult relationships, though no graphic depictions occur on stage

If you have any questions regarding specifics around these content advisories, please contact the Seattle Rep Box Office at 206.443.2222, text 206.565.2996, or email tickets@seattlerep.org.

About the Show: When the Lafayettes descend upon their late father's crumbling plantation home for an estate sale, they unearth an appalling secret that pits them against one another. Through a cascading series of revelations, biting humor boils over into bruising conflict, and no one will escape this family gathering unscathed. Smart, incendiary, and never before produced in Seattle,

this 2024 Tony Award winner by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins (*Everybody, An Octoroon*) depicts a Southern family wrestling with a destructive inheritance as they consider the legacy they want to leave for the next generation

Guide Development: This Sensory Guide is tailored specifically for Seattle Rep's production of *Appropriate*, directed by Timothy McCuen Piggee. The Guide was produced by Matty Sythandone, Sensory Guide Contractor and neurodivergent individual, with training and guidance provided by Sensory Access. This production was audited during a preview performance on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

SENSORY IMPACT KEY	COMMON DECIBEL (dB) LEVELS
 Auditory Impact	70 Office/classroom chatter
 Visual Impact	80 Busy traffic, dog barking
 Emotional Impact	90 Hairdryer
 Strobing Effects	100 Lawnmower, construction site
	110 Concert, night club
	120 Police siren, airplane taking off

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INTERVAL	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
0-15 MINUTES	• up to 84.4 dB • Cicada Sounds • Flashlight on Stage • Yelling • Emotional Impacts • Blackout • Orchestral Sounds	  

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INTERVAL	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
15-30 MINUTES	• up to 92.3 dB • Shouting • Emotional Impacts • Yelling • Bell Sounds • Blackout	  
30-45 MINUTES	• 85.1 dB • Emotional Impacts • Yelling • Othering Racial Commentary • Racial Impacts • Door Slam • Hit with a scrap book	 
45-60 MINUTES	• up to 89.2 dB • Emotional Impacts • Yells • Wheelchair crash	 
INTERMISSION (APPROXIMATELY 20 MINS)		
0-15 MINUTES	• up to 82dB • Blackout • Car Alarm • Emotional Moment	  
15-30 MINUTES	• up to 80.1dB • Emotional Impacts	

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INTERVAL	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT
30-45 MINUTES	• up to 79.4 dB • Cicada Sounds • Intimate Moment • Blackout • Racial Slurs	  
45-60 MINUTES	• 94.3dB • Yells and Screams • Door Slam • Emotional Impacts • Car Horn	 
60-75 MINUTES	• up to 98.1 dB • Emotional Impacts • Yelling • Arguments • Physical Fight Choreography • Racial Slur • Blackout • Emotional Breakdown	  
75-90 MINUTES	• up to 98.1 dB • Emotional Impacts • Car Alarms • Door Slam • Screams • Cicada Sounds • Emotional Breakdown • Crashing Sounds • Flashes of Light (Non-Strobe) • Birds Chirping • Blackout – End of Play	  
BOWS & APPLAUSE (UP TO 100.1 DB)		

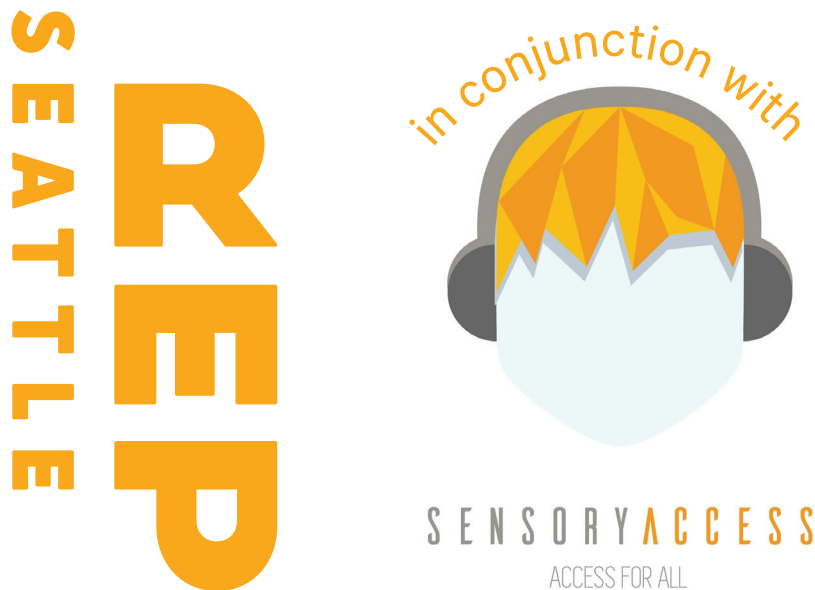
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Seattle Rep's Sensory Accessibility

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Visit seattlerep.org/Accessibility to learn more about Seattle Rep's accessible options and seattlerep.org/Sensory for sensory-friendly performance information, or call our Box Office at 206.443.2222, text 206.565.2996, or email tickets@seattlerep.org.

Sensory Friendly Performances will take place throughout Seattle Rep's 2026/27 Season. Check seattlerep.org/2627 soon to find productions and dates. Learn more and purchase tickets at seattlerep.org/Sensory



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