

SEATTLE **REP**

Sensory Guide



LAUGHS IN
SPANISH

**BY ALEXIS
SCHEER**

About the Show



Duration:





1 hour and 30 minutes with no intermission

Mari is about to open a career-defining show in her Miami art gallery, but when the paintings are stolen the day of the event, all hell breaks loose. Her movie star mother sweeps into town under suspicious pretenses, the intern picks up the wrong catering order, and her high school crush arrives in a most unexpected manner... Cue the wildest day ever! Part telenovela, part whodunnit, and all heart, Alexis Scheer's outrageous new comedy will have you laughing one minute and wanting to hug your mom the next. Below, you will find a detailed breakdown of this production's sensory impacts every 15 minutes. Key elements to be aware of include:















- **Prologue:** This portion of the performance will be done through a dimly lit stage.
- **Lighting:** Lighting will dim and then rise during all scenic transitions. There are also many scenes during the performance where vehicle lights are on or flashing. Please see scene breakdown to know when to expect strobe-like effects or flashing lights.
- **Sound:** Music will play through every scenic transition. There are also sounds of cars driving on and off stage.
- **Screaming:** Our characters will scream out of joy, excitement, or stress frequently throughout the performance.
- **Scenic:** Scenic elements will be lowered from the top of the stage and back up again to highlight transitions in location.

Sound Levels: This production was audited for this Sensory Guide during the final technical dress rehearsal before a small audience of invited guests, where technical elements are set in advance of the first public performance. The decibel readings directly reflect what was on the stage at that final dress rehearsal. Please note that sound levels with a full audience may be higher and could exceed 100 dB as the show begins or during the curtain call.

Guide Development: This Sensory Guide is tailored specifically to Seattle Rep's *Laughs in Spanish* by Alexis Scheer, directed by Dámaso Rodríguez. The Guide was produced by Matty Sythandone, Senior Front of House Manager and neurodivergent individual, with training and guidance provided by Sensory Access. The production was audited during the final technical dress rehearsal on April 16, 2025.

| 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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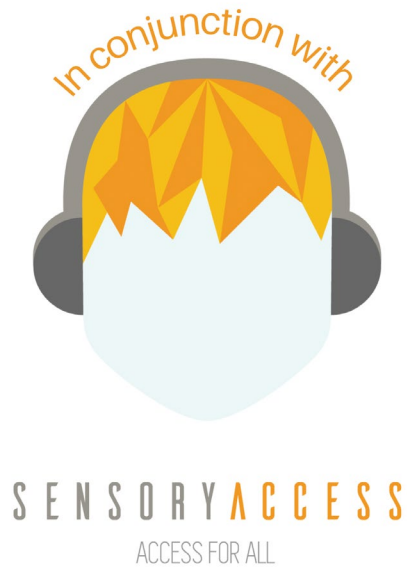
| INTERVAL | DESCRIPTION | IMPACT |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| 0-15 MINUTES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 82.4 dB Phone ringing Flashing police lights |   |
| 15-30 MINUTES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 92.2 dB Phone ringing Cameras flashing (strobe-like effect) Emotional impact Screaming |    |
| 30-45 MINUTES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 100 dB Scream Emotional impacts Flashing police lights Black out Phone ringing Car horn |    |
| 45-60 MINUTES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotional impacts Intimate moment |  |
| 60-75 MINUTES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 84 dB Phone ringing Car horn Emotional impacts |    |
| 75-90 MINUTES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 85.8 dB Rainforest sounds Loud boom sound effect Emotional impacts House music plays as audience exits |    |

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Fidget items and **sensory kits** are available for all audience members.

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