



THE FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE

Social Narrative



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You are going to The 5th Avenue Theatre to see a show! A theater show is a way of experiencing a story. People move around on a stage and act out and speak the story. People on a stage that tell the story are called actors. Actors can tell the story through talking, singing, and/or dancing. When actors only talk, it is called a play. When actors also sing and dance, it is called a musical. The actors will wear make-up and costumes and might come close to you.

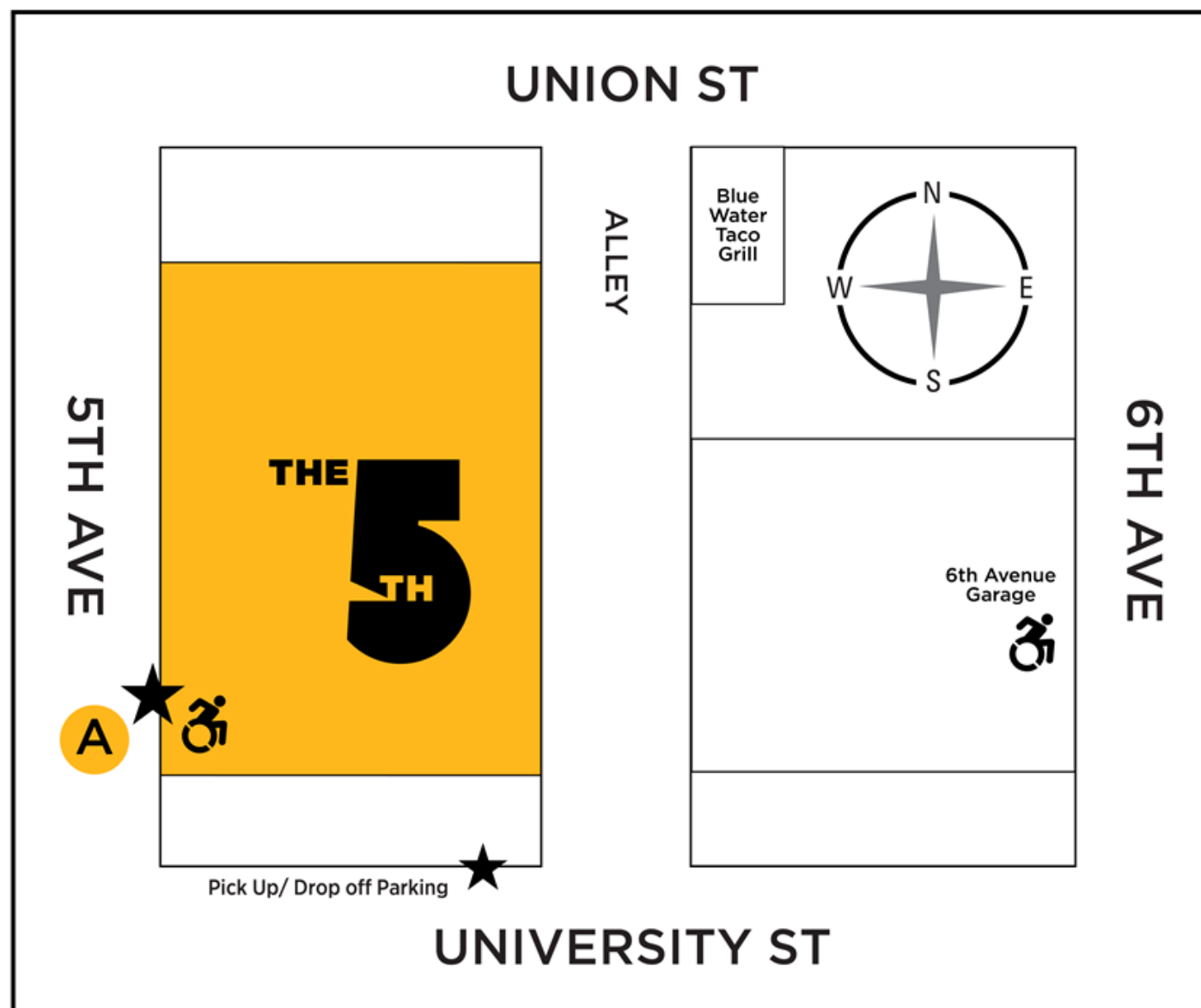


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ENTRANCES

You will enter the theater through the main doors on 5th Avenue.

For guests with limited mobility coming up through the concourse level, you can take the elevator up to Skinner Hall. See more information about accessible parking here:
<https://www.5thavenue.org/plan/accessibility/>



A Main Entrance Under Marquee

Wheelchair Accessible Parking Map

LAZ 6th Ave Parking Garage
(formerly known as The Hilton Garage)

1301 6th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101-2304

If you are using a wheelchair, exit on the street level and go around the block to the Theatre's marquee entrance.

Please be advised: the LAZ 6th Ave Garage is also the busiest of our partner garages on show days, so please expect longer wait times before and after the show.

BOX OFFICE

If you have already purchased your tickets but don't have them yet, you will wait in line at the box office from the line labeled "Will Call." If you haven't purchased tickets yet, you can purchase them at the box office as well.

The box office is located under the theater marquee.

On the day of the performance, the box office will open 90 minutes prior to curtain time for will call and sales.



ENTERING THE THEATER LOBBY DOORS

The lobby doors typically open 45 minutes before the show.

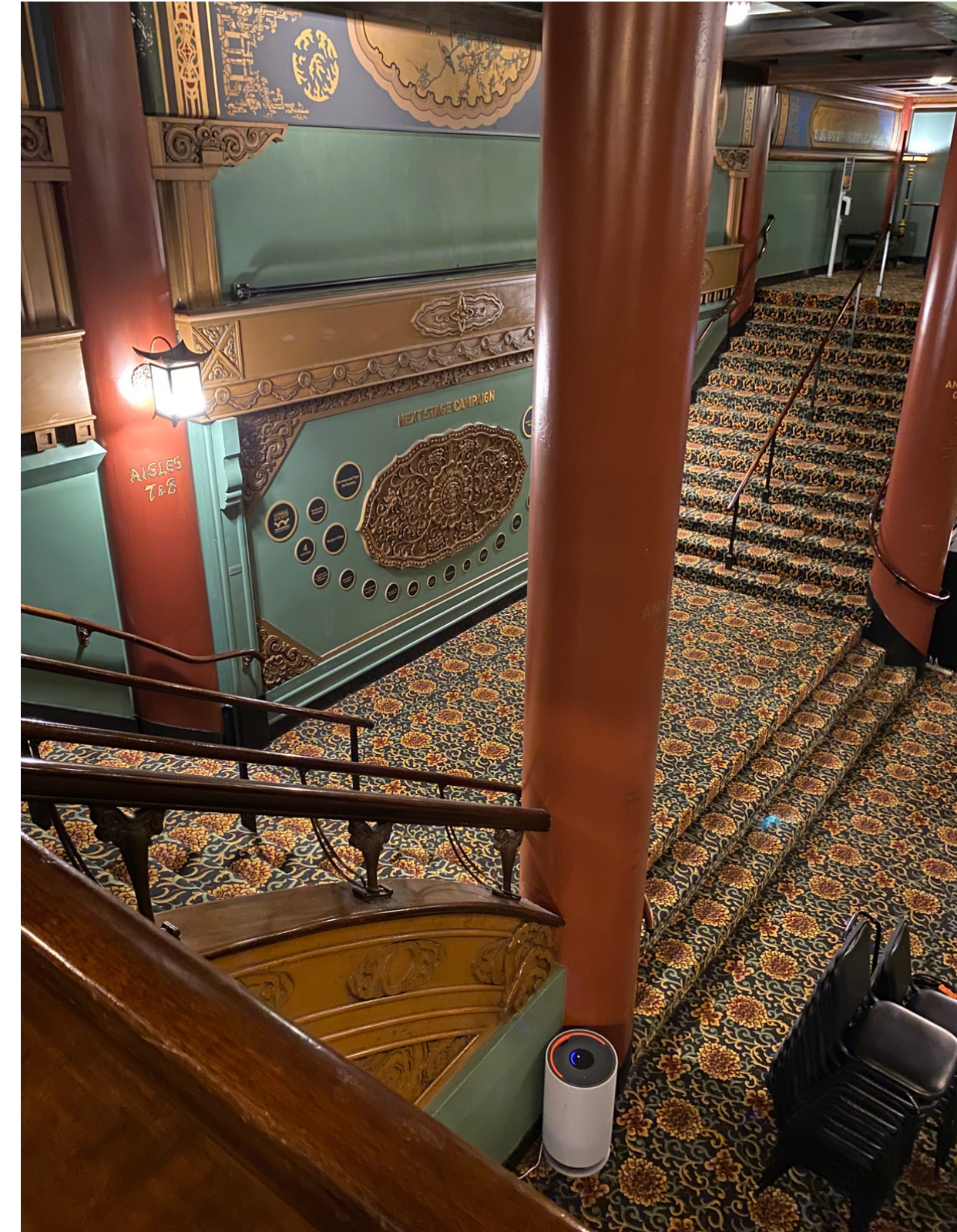
You will walk in and show the person at the entrance door your ticket. They will scan your ticket and the scanner will make a beeping noise. There might be a line and a short wait to get your ticket scanned. You may have a mobile ticket on your phone or a paper ticket.



THE LOBBY

The Lobby is a big room where your family, you, and other theater-goers wait for the show to begin. Everyone has to wait for the doors to open to the house (the theater space where the performance will take place). It can be very crowded and noisy in the lobby. You can tell someone that you need a quiet spot if it is too noisy. You can ask an usher if you need any assistance.

The lobby also may have concessions (usually open on both orchestra and upper lobby areas) and a merchandise shop open (that sells items from the show such as shirts and souvenirs).



UPSTAIRS LOBBY/MEZZANINE LEVEL



COAT CHECK

Coat Check can be found on the main/orchestra level of the lobby between the doors for Aisles 3 and 4.

Here you can also ask questions, get directions, or borrow a Sensory Kit! You can also check your coat for free or check out binoculars, assisted listening devices, or braille and large print programs.*

If you are non-speaking, there is a Communication Card available here as a part of the Sensory Kits.

*Photo ID required. Subject to availability.



SENSORY KIT

Sensory Kits are free to borrow* and include:

- A Communication Card for non-speaking individuals
- Headphones/Ear Defenders
- Various kinds of fidgets
- A Sunflower Lanyard you can wear to identify as someone with a hidden disability, if you wish. This indicates to staff that you may need some support.

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RESTROOMS

The 5th Avenue Theatre has restrooms identified by the equipment in the restroom, either urinals or stalls or sometimes a combination of both, as well as gendered restrooms labeled “gentlemen” and “ladies.”

It is good to try to use the bathroom before the show and during intermission. Sometimes there is a line of people that want to use the bathroom.

There are bathrooms on the first floor, downstairs, and second floor.

Note: The upstairs bathrooms are much larger than the other bathrooms in the theatre, and often have shorter, faster-moving lines.

MAIN LEVEL/ORCHESTRA LEVEL RESTROOMS

There are two bathrooms on the main floor of the lobby. The bathroom with stalls is in the front of the lobby, across from the theater entrance doors. The bathroom with urinals and stalls is at the far end of the lobby, across from the theater doors.

If you are comfortable taking stairs, use the upstairs restrooms so that the main floor restrooms can be used by audience members who cannot take the stairs.



DOWNSTAIRS RESTROOMS/BASEMENT RESTROOMS



There is one bathroom with just stalls, and one bathroom with urinals and stalls downstairs. You will find the stairs on the far end of the lobby, next to the bathroom with stalls and urinals on the main floor.

UPSTAIRS/MEZZANINE LEVEL RESTROOMS



There is one Ladies and one Gentlemen's bathroom on the second level. They are both located near the theater door for Aisles 5 & 6.

There are also private restrooms on the third floor of the building that are available but not accessed directly from the lobby (like the other restrooms); ask an usher for assistance to get there.

HOUSE DOORS

The house refers to the place where the audience sits to watch the show. The house opens 30 minutes before the performance. The house door you use to enter the theater is based on the Aisle number listed on your ticket. The doors for Aisles 1-4 are on the main/Orchestra level. The doors for Aisles 5-8 are on the second/Mezzanine level.

When the doors open to the house, you can line up and go find your seats. Someone that works at the theater will be at the door. That person is called an usher. An usher takes a look at your ticket and helps you find your seat. They give you a program about the show.



HOUSE DOORS



INSIDE THE THEATER

The theatre house has lots of seats and a stage. Your ticket tells you where your seat is. The usher will help you find your seat(s), which are in rows. The row is labeled on the aisle, and the seat number is on the folding part of the seat. There will be people you don't know sitting around you.



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THE STAGE

The show happens on the stage. Only actors and people that work at the theater are allowed on the stage.

Sometimes there is a curtain that hides what is on the stage. Sometimes the curtain is open and you can see what is on the stage. The decorations on the stage are called the set. There are usually no actors on the stage before the show starts.



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START OF THE SHOW

The lights in the theater will go darker when the show is about to begin. Sometimes people will clap when the show is about to start because they are excited to see the show.

People also sometimes clap:

- after a song (short)
- at the end of the first act before the intermission (short)
- at the end of the show (long clapping)

You can clap at these times, too, if you want to. If the clapping is too loud you can put on headphones or cover your ears. Check out the sensory guides on our website to learn about specific moments in the show here:

<http://www.5thavenue.org/plan/accessibility>



INTERMISSION

Most shows have a break, or intermission. The part before the break is called Act 1 and the part after is called Act 2. You can stay in your seat or you can get up and go in the lobby.

Intermission is a good time to get a snack, use the bathroom, or take a walk with your family/friends.

You know it is time to get back to your seat when you hear chimes play in the lobby and see the lights flicker.



END OF THE SHOW

At the end of the show, the actors take a bow on the stage and people clap for them to tell them “good job”. When people really like a show, they might stand up at the end while they are clapping. This is called a Standing Ovation. You can stand or sit!

You will leave after the clapping is done and the actors leave the stage. Everyone in the theater will want to leave, so it will take some time to get out of the theater. It will be crowded. You will need to wait for your turn to walk out of the doors. You will exit the theater through either the lobby or directly outside to the street.



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