

BALLET
ARIZONA

The Nutcracker

A Social Story

Choreography by Ib Anderson
Music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky



I am going to see Ballet Arizona perform The Nutcracker

There are a lot of amazing things to see at the ballet, including dancers in costumes, scenery and props.



Watching a ballet is a lot like seeing a story unfold on TV or in a movie.



The difference is that the dancers are performing live, right in front of you on the stage.

Instead of using words, they share the story through movement, expression, and music.

Getting ready for the performance

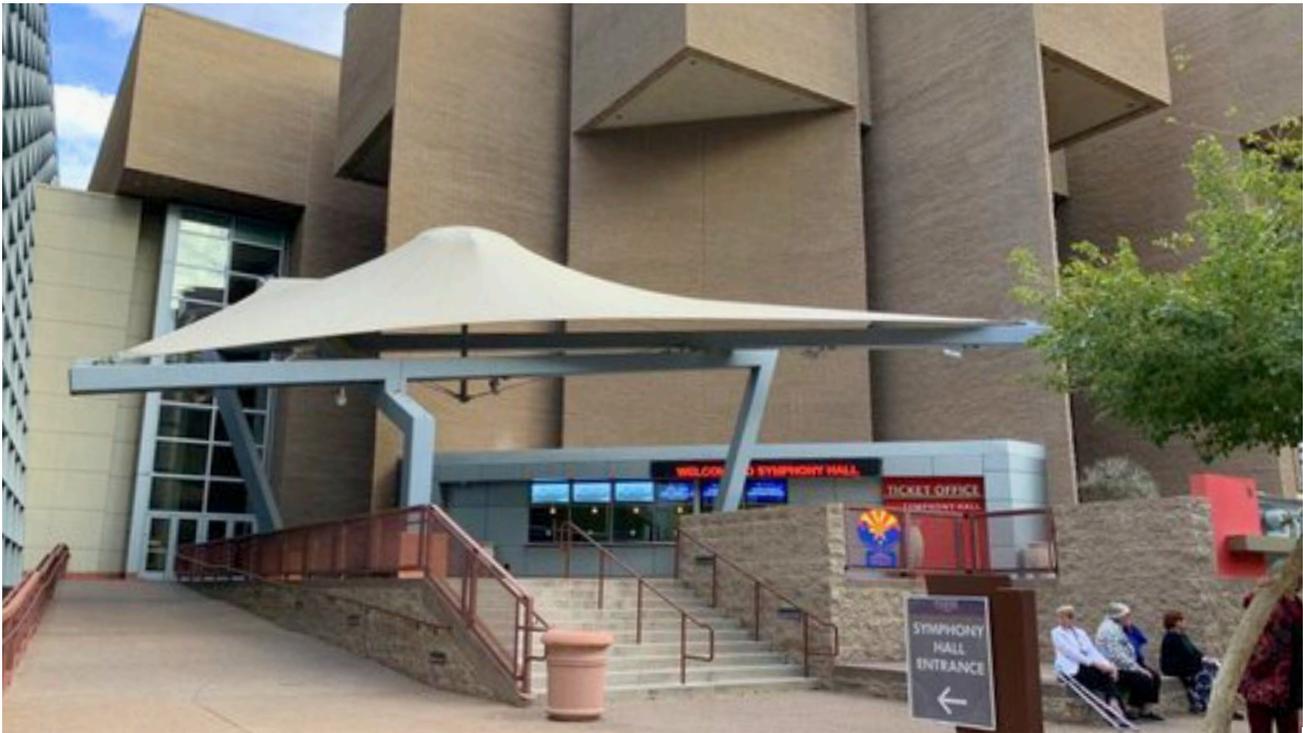
Before the show, my family or group will get our tickets from Ballet Arizona.

I can bring things that help me feel comfortable, like headphones, fidgets, or a snack.

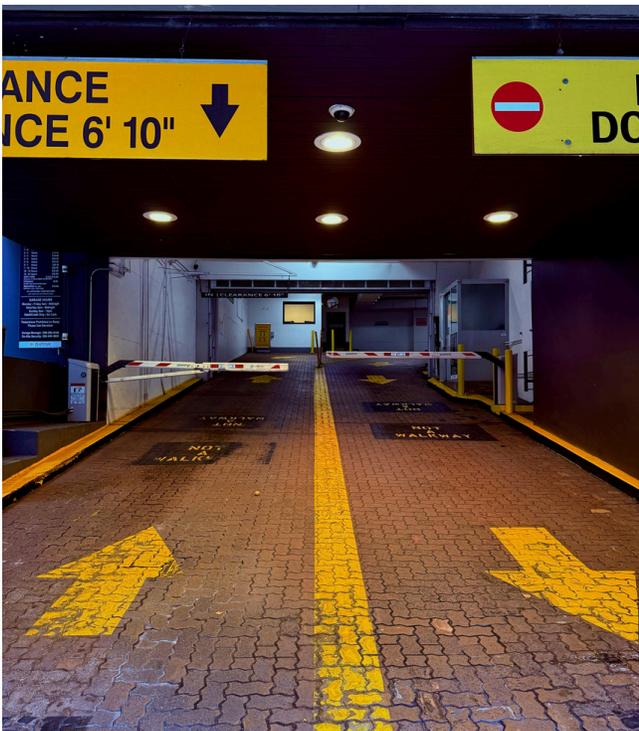
I can wear whatever I like, whether fancy, casual, or cozy, and maybe bring a sweater in case it is cool inside.



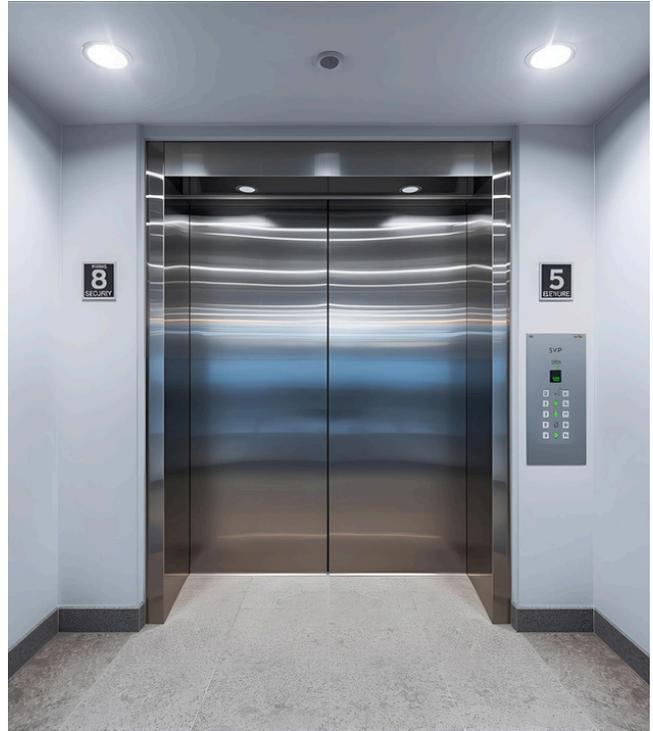
The Nutcracker will be performed at the Symphony Hall in Phoenix Arizona.



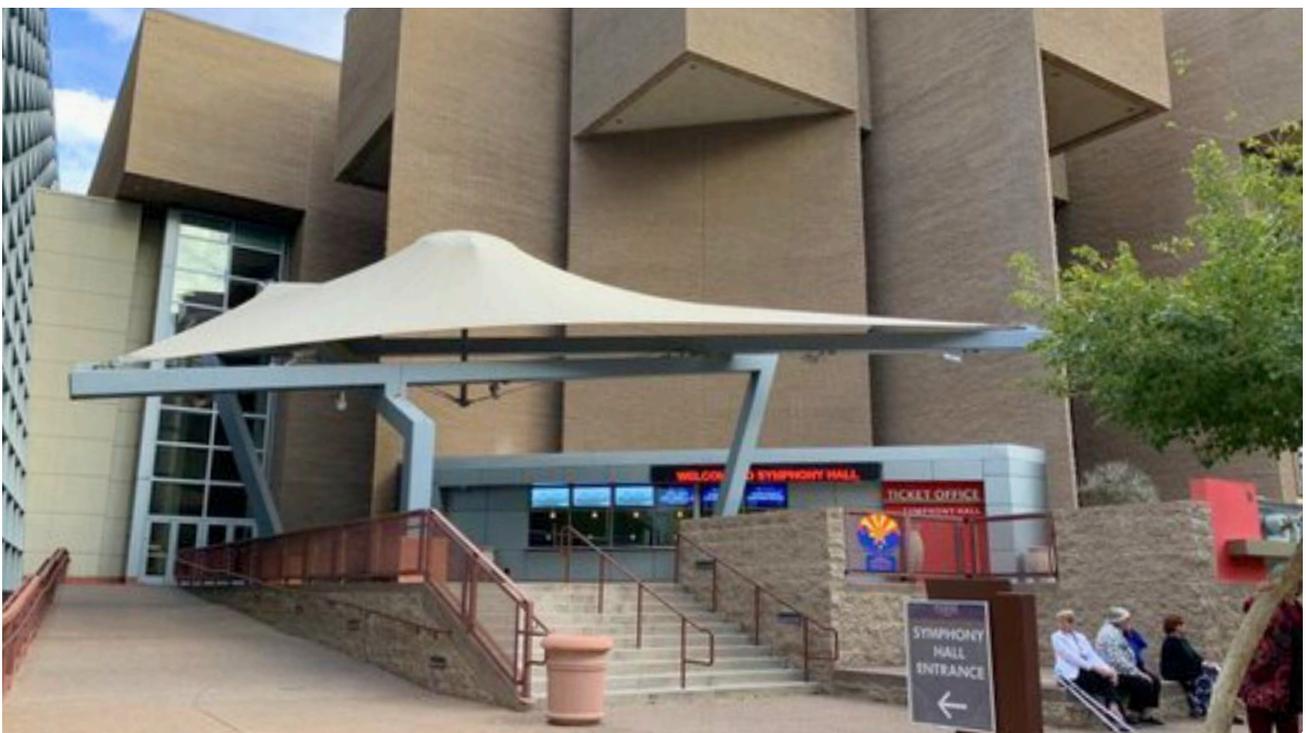
To get there, I will drive to the theater and park in a parking garage or on the street.



After parking in the Garage I will use an elevator or the stairs to get to the street.



Once I get to the street I will walk to Symphony Hall.

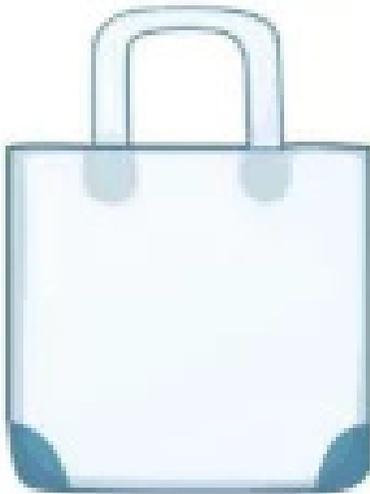


When I arrive, I will see people walking, laughing and talking. I will go through a metal detector and security will check my bag.



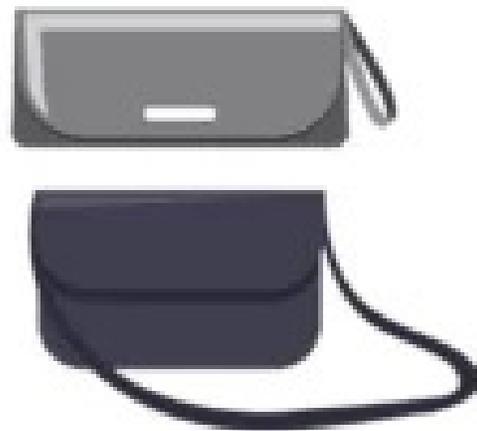
If I bring a bag, it must follow theater rules. Small clutches, clear bags, and medical or family bags are allowed. All bags may be checked by staff.

APPROVED BAGS



CLEAR BAG

Plastic, vinyl or PVC
Cannot Exceed 12" x 6" x 12"



SMALL PURSE OR CLUTCH

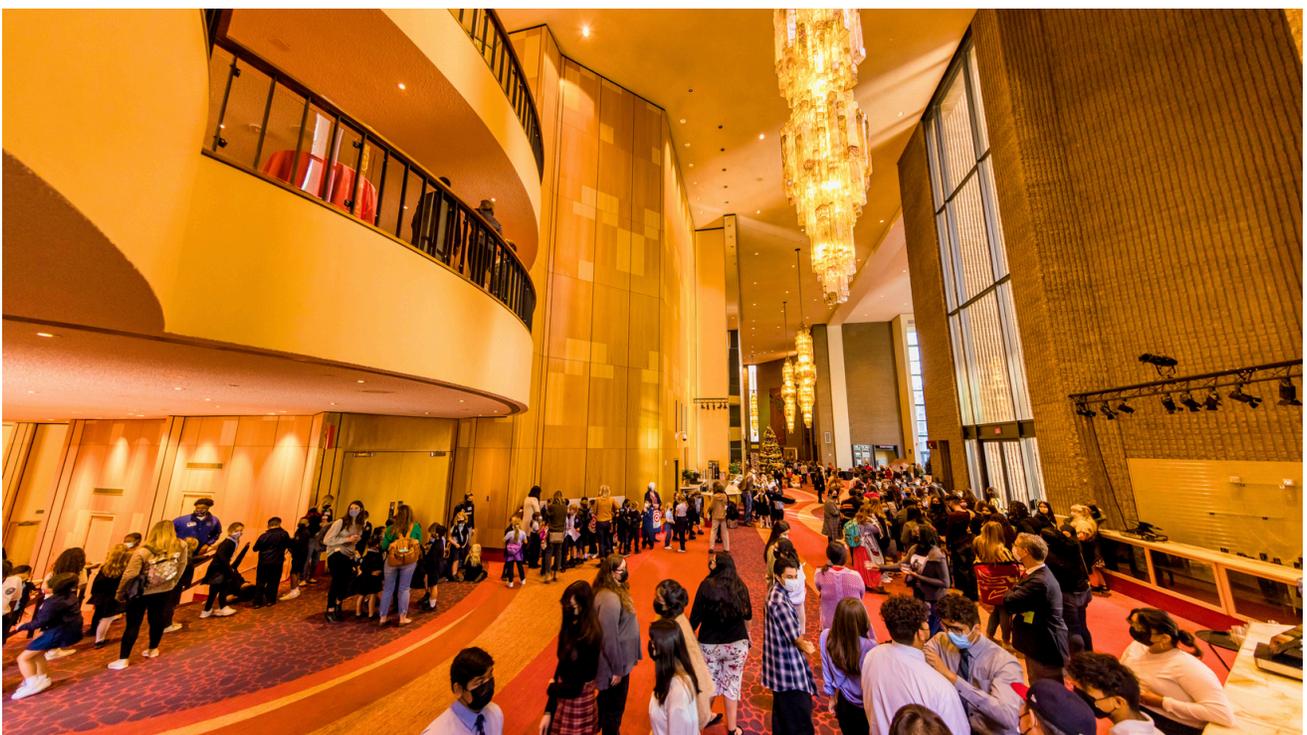
Does not have to be clear.
Cannot Exceed 8.5" x 5.5"

MEDICAL & FAMILY BAGS

Before I enter the lobby, Ushers wearing Black will scan my ticket. I might need to receive my ticket from the box office.



After having my ticket scanned I will enter the Lobby of Symphony Hall. There will be beautiful decorations.



In the Lobby I can visit the Boutique Shop for a Holiday Gift.



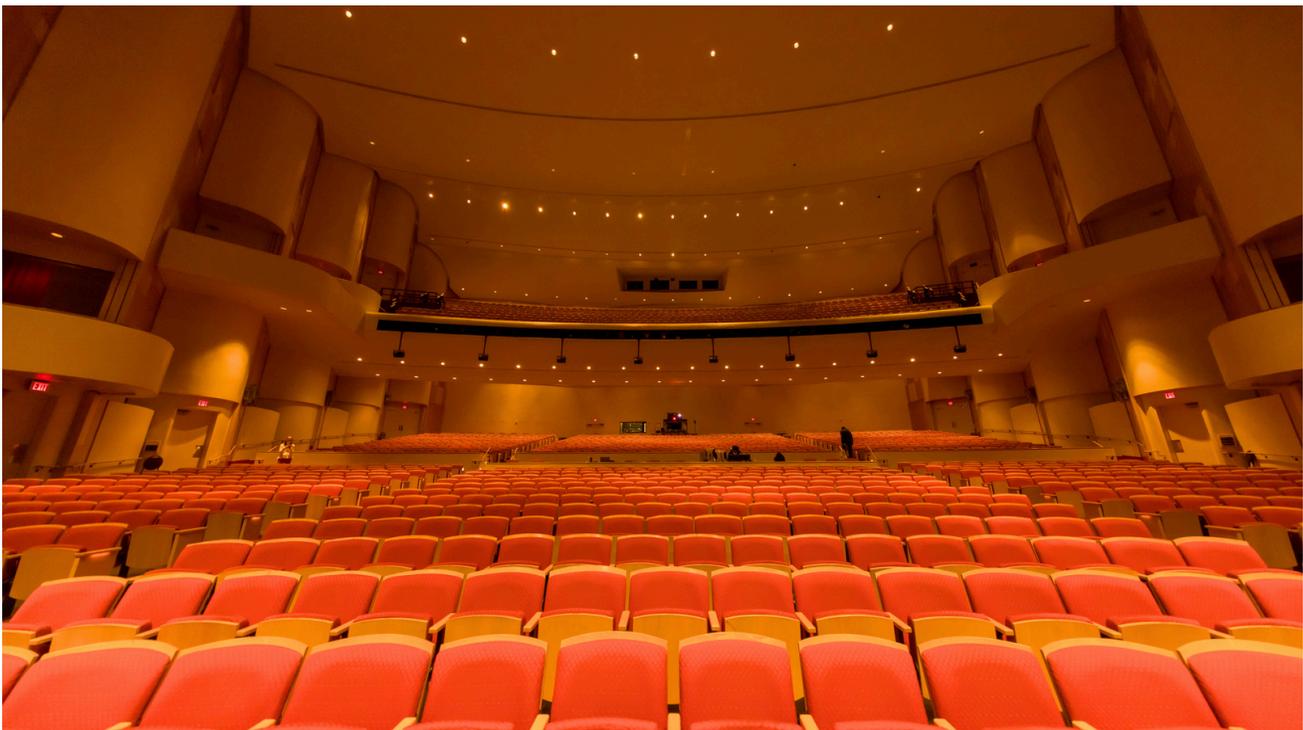
I can also visit the concession stand for a cup of hot chocolate and a snack.



When I get inside there will be an usher that will give me a program and help me find my seat.



The theatre is very big. It has over 2,000 seats. I will see a stage, lights, and speakers.



At the performance

Before the show begins, someone will come on stage and tell me everything I need to know about The Nutcracker.



The show will be on the stage, I will see ballet dancers, lights and beautiful costumes.



Once the show begins the lights will turn dim, but they will not go all the way down.



It is okay for me to make noise, jump, clap and move around the theatre.



The Nutcracker is a holiday classical bringing you on a magical journey. I will see lots of dancing.



This is all pretend, and the dancers are regular people dressing in costumes.

The music in the show might be too loud for me. It is okay for me to use my noise canceling headphones, or use my hands to cover my ears.



I can use my phone or tablet if I need to.



I can get up, move around, use the bathroom, get a drink or use the quiet space whenever I need to.



When I am ready I can return to the theatre. I can take as many breaks as I need.

After the performance

After the show is over I will leave the theatre and return to my car. There will be a lot of people leaving. I may need to take my time.



I can't wait to go to the ballet again!

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