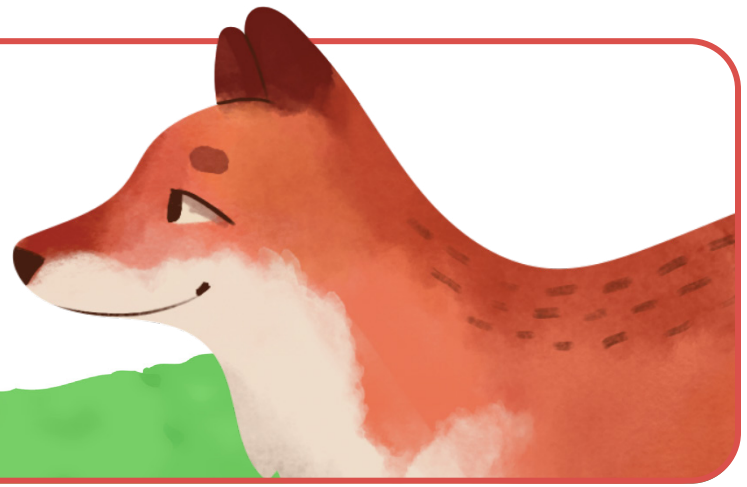




Fantastic Mr. Fox

AT LAURITZEN GARDENS



SOCIAL NARRATIVE

I am going to see an opera called *Fantastic Mr. Fox*.

It will take place at a special outdoor location called Lauritzen Gardens, in Omaha.

Opera is a type of musical performance where the characters sing the whole story.

In this opera, I will hear music, singing, and see colorful costumes and sets. The story is about a clever fox and his family. It is based on a fun book by Roald Dahl.

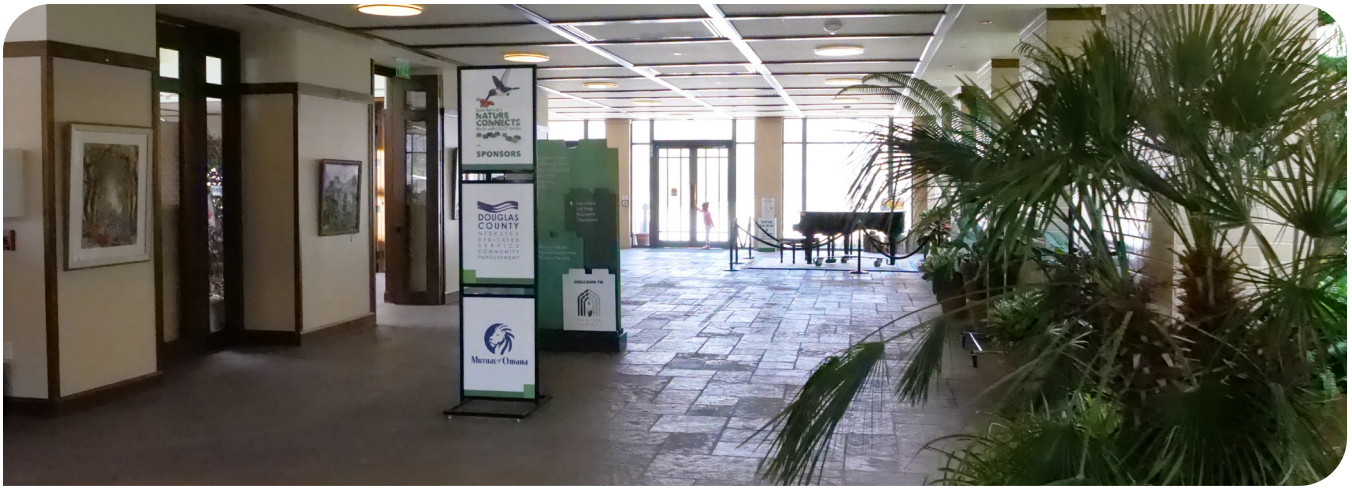


WHEN I ARRIVE

As I enter the front doors to the lobby, there may be other people arriving too. That's okay!

I might see signs or people helping direct guests. I can follow the signs or ask someone if I need help. Helpers might have name tags that show they are part of the show, and some might even be wearing fox ears!





In the lobby, there might be some tables with activities that I can participate in before the show starts.

There might also be a place to buy a snack. If I want to, I can bring a water bottle, but I cannot bring my own snacks unless it's a food I specifically need.



I will exit the lobby into the garden. There, someone will check in my tickets to enter the grassy lawn area where the audience will sit.

I will find a place on the lawn and get comfortable. It may be a chair or a blanket on the grass.

In the lawn area, many people may be setting up their chairs and blankets too.

Because we may be outside, I also might hear birds, feel the breeze, and hear the wind rustling in the trees.

If the weather is bad, we will see the show inside.

If the show is inside someone will check our tickets and there will be chairs for us to sit on.





If I need it, I can stop by the Opera Omaha Welcome Table on the sidewalk and check out a Sensory Kit. This will have some fidgets in it that I can borrow during the performance. Then after the show is over, I will take it back to the Welcome Table.



WHAT I MIGHT HEAR AND SEE

A little bit before the show starts, I might hear someone playing chimes in the lobby or lawn. This is a signal for everyone to know that the show is about to begin.

The music may be loud sometimes and quiet at other times. I can bring headphones if I want to make the sound softer.

I will see singers acting like animals, like Mr. Fox, Mrs. Fox, and other woodland creatures.

Some things might feel silly, exciting, or surprising. That's part of the fun!

I will see some very large puppets that will pretend to be the three farmers. They might seem tall and mean, but there is an actor inside of each puppet making them move.

[Listen to the album on spotify](#)





IF I NEED A BREAK

If I feel like I want to move around during the show, I can find the sign on the lawn that says “Movement Area.” This is a special area where I can stand and wiggle around if I need to.

If I feel overwhelmed, I can ask for a break or go to a quiet area. It’s okay to take a few minutes away if I need to.

I can talk to a trusted adult or support person if I feel unsure or have a question.



HAVING A GREAT TIME

Everyone is there to enjoy the show together. I can clap when the performance ends to show I liked it!

It’s okay if I don’t like everything, and it’s okay if I feel excited or nervous.

