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The performance takes place at Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire, IL. The theatre is also part of a hotel called the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort.

The theatre lobby has two interweaving staircases and one elevator that may take you up to the theatre doors. There you will find our ushers, who may assist you in finding your seat.

Marriott Theatre is seated in-the-round, where the audience surrounds the stage. There are four aisles going to and from the stage and two main exits.

There are also couches outside of the theatre doors where you may sit if you need a break from the performance.





- There are light-up screens behind the four sections of the audience. They are very bright and colorful, and will flash on and off throughout the performance.
- The actors enter and exit by way of the four aisles through the audience and will be passing close to the aisle seats.
- This is a musical. There will be many musical moments where characters may sing loudly and in an excited manner.
- We ask everyone to stay seated throughout the show. If you need to leave for any reason, the ushers will direct you up the aisle and have flashlights to light the way.
- Lights will be quite dark in the audience and there are multiple moments of flashing lights on stage.
- This show contains exciting and magical elements like bubbles, flying disco balls, and puppy puppets, to name a few!
- This show has some emotionally-intense moments where characters talk of worrying and anxiety.



Ron King plays

Mr. Ratburn



the Cast Of Characters

Actors will be in costumes and characters may need to be pointed out to young children.

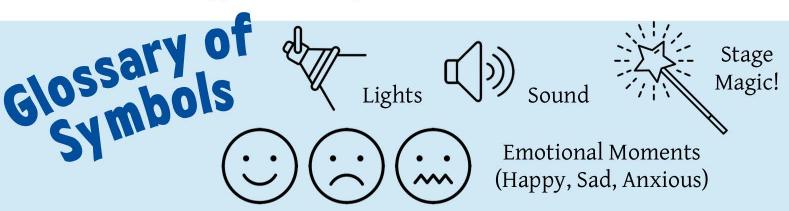


Arwen-Vira

Marsh plays

Muffy

This is a list of possible sensory difficulties you or your child may experience while viewing this performance. Part of the magic of live theatre is that unexpected things happen, so not every moment can be accounted for.



Prologue

Location: Elwood City "Elwood City Times"

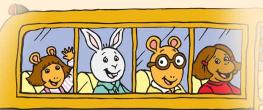
Screens around the theatre flash rainbow colors when you walk in!

Arthur and Friends give an important announcement — pay attention!



Scene 1

Location: School 'Put Your Heart Into It"

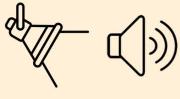


ELWOOD CITY SCHOOL BUS

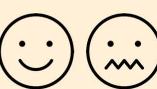
Mr. Ratburn has an announcement and everyone's excited.

Lights flash when Mr. Ratburn starts to sing. Everyone sings loudly and excitedly with Mr. Ratburn.

Loud "DUN DUN DUNNN" sound when Brain says "a crisis!" and Arthur becomes worried.



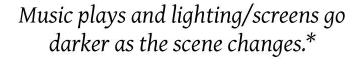




Scene 2

Location: The Read House

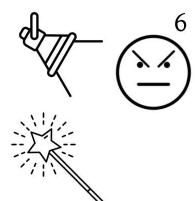
"Life of a Dog"



Arthur gets frustrated! The lights and screens get really bright when he begins to sing.

Pal (puppet) enters the stage!

DW and Arthur argue.



*This occurs after every scene!



Scene 3

Location:
School, Next Day

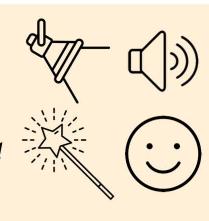
"Dress for

"Dress for Success"

Lighting and screens change with pizazz when Muffy sings the line "Dress for Success!"

Surprises come down from the ceiling!

Everyone joins Muffy singing loudly and joyfully.



Scene 4

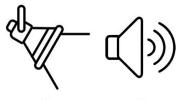
Location:

The School Auditorium

Muffy makes a LOUD declaration.

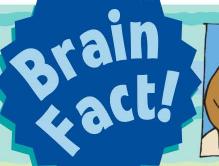
Lights change and Francine makes a dramatic speech. Everyone feels her sadness and frustration.

School bell rings and the lights and screens change.











Arthur is an aardvark, which is a real animal with a loooong nose that loves to eat ants.

Marc Brown, the author, drew Arthur with a long nose in the 1st Arthur book back in 1976!

Scene 5

Location: After School "Ulysses Napoleon Baggypants"



Buster walks to the center of the stage and conjures THUNDER and LIGHTNING!

Buster sings loudly and dramatically.

Bright clouds and happy singing signal the end of the song...

At the end of the song—LOUD fireworks sound and burst into many colors on the screens.

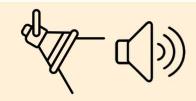
Brain mentions Arthur's "crisis" and the lights change.



Scene 6

Location: Read House "Planet Shmellaphint" Lighting and screens change when Arthur tells his story.

Arthur's family join in and sing loudly and dramatically.



Scene 7

Location: School Auditorium "Agent 355," "Worrying"



Lights/screens change when Francine begins to sing and rap "Agent 355."

Flash of light at the end of the song.

Arthur has a crisis! Lighting and music changes throughout. Everyone sings to try to help Arthur as he worries.





The television show "Arthur" ran for 25 years on PBS—making it the longest-running animated children's show in U.S. history!

Scene 8

Location: Read House "Undeniable"

Mom and Dad comfort Arthur.

Arthur proclaims loudly and happily.



Scene S Location: School Auditorium

Auditorium THE SHOW!

City Rocks"

Arthur tells his story! Listen closely!

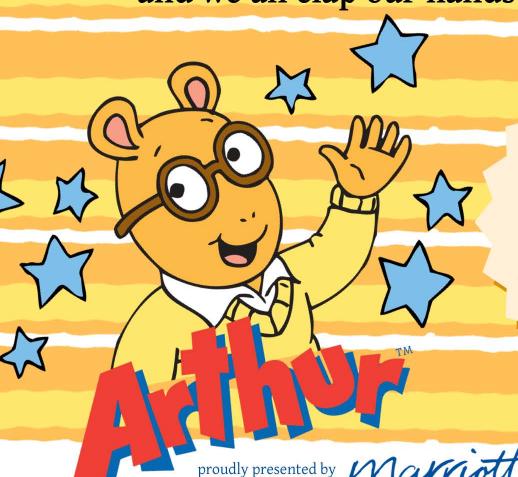
Mr. Ratburn sings a rockin' song and everyone joins in!

Flashing lights and loud music play. Disco balls descend from the ceiling.

Bubbles descend on the audience.

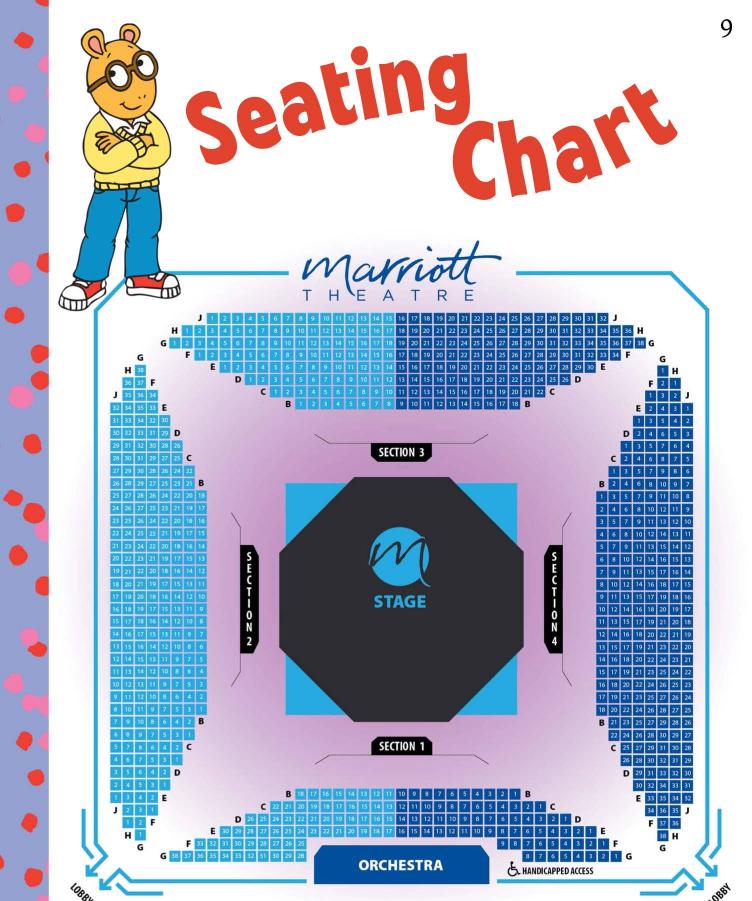


The actors bow to signal that the show is over and we all clap our hands and cheer!



Be sure to stick around after the performance for a brief Question and Answer session with the whole cast!

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