

SOCIAL NARRATIVE



THE PiGEON

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EXTRAVAGANZA!

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I am going to see

The Pigeon Gets A Big Time Holiday Extravaganza!

at the Todd Wehr Theater.

**I can learn more about my
visit to the theater [here](#).**



The sensory friendly performance will last
for 60 minutes with no intermission.

Someone will show us where to sit in the theater.



The audience area is for all of us.



The stage is for the actors only.

When I am in the theater waiting for the show to start...



1. I can talk to my family or friends.



2. I can take a short break in the lobby.

There may be a lot of people in theater and it could get noisy.



1. I can put my headphones on.



2. I can borrow a Sensory Bag from the theater.



3. I can put my hands over my ears.

I can also leave the theater to take a break in the lobby and come back when I am ready.

Time for the show!



When it is time for the show to start, a voice will come through a speaker to tell us to get ready.

An actor may also come on stage to help us get ready for the show.

During the show I can...



watch and
listen



clap for
something I like



use a fidget to
help me focus

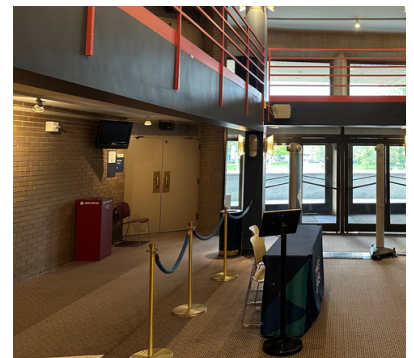
If I need to talk, I can...



whisper to a friend
or family member



write down what I
want to say



take a break in the
lobby to talk

After the show there will be a “talkback” where the audience can ask the actors questions.

**If I want to ask a
question, I will...**



Raise my hand

AND



Wait to be called on

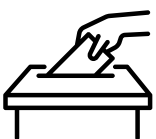
I can ask about:

- the show
- the scenery
- the costumes
- the lights
- the sound
- the books

**I don't have to ask
a question, if I don't
want to. I can...**



Sit and listen to other
audience members'
questions.



There will also be a submission box in the lobby if I have more questions or don't want to ask my question in front of everyone.

After the show is finished, I will leave the theater with my family.



There may be many people leaving the theater at the same time when the show is over. I should stay with my group or family and leave together.



WORLD PREMIERE

When Mo Willem's characters get together for the holidays, it's bound to be the biggest extravaganza ever! The Unlimited Squirrels deck the halls and Elephant and Piggie come ready to celebrate! But will The Pigeon join in the festivities, or will he run all the way to the North Pole in search of the greatest gift ever? Catchy tunes, silly stories, goofy gifts, audience antics: it's all in this brand-new musical party that sleighs!



Meet the "Cookie" Cast

These are the actors you will see at the Sensory Friendly Performance
on Saturday, December 6 at 3:30 PM.



My name is Kailey, and I
play The Pigeon.



My name is James, and
I play Elephant Gerald.



My name is Rachael,
and I play Piggie.



My name is Adyson, and
I play Zoomy Squirrel.



My name is Ramon, and
I play Zappy Squirrel.



My name is Silvia, and I
play Zoopy Squirrel.



My name is Annabelle,
and I play Flappy Squirrel.



My name is Elise, and
I play Catchy Holiday
Squirrel.



My name is Fred,
and I play Catchy
Holiday Squirrel.



My name is Lis, and I
play Catchy Holiday
Squirrel.



My name is Alice,
and I play In-
Between Squirrel.



My name is Jillian, and I
play Defining Squirrel.



Meet the "Hotdog" Cast

Visit firststage.org to view the full "Hotdog" Cast performance schedule.



My name is Kailey, and I play The Pigeon.



My name is James, and I play Elephant Gerald.



My name is Rachael, and I play Piggie.



My name is Ava, and I play Zoomy Squirrel.



My name is Jule, and I play Zappy Squirrel.



My name is Helen, and I play Zoopy Squirrel.



My name is Eviana, and I play Flappy Squirrel.



My name is Rosemary, and I play Catchy Holiday Squirrel.



My name is Bri, and I play Catchy Holiday Squirrel.



My name is Savannah, and I play Catchy Holiday Squirrel.



My name is Charlie, and I play In-Between Squirrel.



My name is Valentina, and I play Defining Squirrel.

CONTENT ADVISORY



Recommended for families with young people ages 4-14 and festive celebrators of all ages!

Every young person is different and may or may not be ready for certain elements of each production. Read more about this show's age recommendation below.

Audiences will be delighted by this jolly story filled with singing, dancing, friendship, and familiar characters.

The sensory friendly performance is expected to run approximately 60 minutes without an intermission. Our general performances will run approximately 75 minutes including a brief intermission - very young audiences may have difficulty staying connected for the full length of the show.

The show explores relationships between friends, the pressure of the holidays, and the inescapable desire to do something you've been told you can't do; audiences may feel anxious as Gerald, Piggie, The Pigeon and the Squirrels experience these difficult situations, but will learn how to empathize and understand others along the way, and that in the end your presence is the greatest present of all.

There may be songs, sounds, instruments, and dance numbers that may be overwhelming for those with sensory sensitivities. The sensory friendly performance provides light and sound modifications, as well as a pre-show demonstration to help patrons feel more comfortable during the performance. Sensory kits are also available at every performance for patrons who may need them.

The Pigeon enters the stage and asks if he can drive the bus; don't let The Pigeon drive the bus! The Pigeon insists the show will be a hotdog party however Zoomy Squirrel assures that this show will be a Holiday Extravaganza! The Pigeon begins to freak out saying that he is NOT interested in a Holiday Extra-ganza-WHATEVER! **(A Big Time Holiday Extravaganza Opening)**

Gerald sneaks onto the stage with a present for Piggie. Piggie also sneaks onto stage with a present for Gerald! After bumping into each other, Piggie asks Gerald what he is hiding behind his back, Gerald does the same with Piggie. They both nervously claim to have nothing special or one-of-a-kind hiding behind their backs. Gerald and Piggie hug, and drop their presents! It is revealed they each have a holiday gift for each other. But what if their gifts aren't perfect and shiny and wonderful!? **(The Perfect Gift)**

The Pigeon enters hearing Piggie mention presents; The Pigeon LOVES presents! Zoomy, Zoopy, Zappy and Flappy Squirrels enter with party decorations and begin to set up. The Pigeon is excited to get the party started but the Squirrels exit saying that the party will be happening later. The Pigeon tries to be patient, but he CAN'T TAKE IT, he needs presents NOW! As The Pigeon heads to The North Pole, the Squirrels enter going over their party checklist. Once they check their list, they declare that all there is left to do is to throw a huge-mungous mega-super big party! Zappy exits to grab the traditional ginormous squirrel holiday oak tree, Zoopy exits to grab the 26 million pizzas with a side salad, and Flappy exits to get all the decorations in the whole world for the party.

The Pigeon has missed the bus and is walking to The North Pole and he starts to sing a song. Catchy Song Squirrels enter to sing with The Pigeon. **(Catchy Holiday Song)**

Piggie sneaks on stage wanting to see what is inside Gerald's present for her. Gerald enters, making sure Piggie doesn't see what his present is! Piggie jumps out and scares Gerald, she tells him that she is very curious about what is inside her present.

Piggie proposes they should shake each other's presents so that they sort of know what is inside but to not ruin the surprise. **(Shake it Up)**

The Pigeon has finally made it to The North Pole! The Pigeon starts looking around for presents and finds Santa's beautiful red sleigh. **(Me and My Sleigh)** But after The Pigeon sees a big stinky reindeer, he runs off stage.

The Squirrels gather back together after retrieving their items for their huge-mungous mega-super big party. Zoopy ordered the pizza, Flappy got the decorations and the traditional holiday oak tree. **(So Much Stuff)** Oh no! They have too much stuff!

Meanwhile, Elephant and Piggie are getting ready to exchange presents. But Gerald is still afraid of disappointing Piggie with his present. Gerald comes up with a plan: they will put their presents on the ground and close their eyes then walk over to the other's present, that way when they open their eyes if they don't like the present, it'll just be a 'random' present that they found! Piggie loves Gerald's idea, but when they close their eyes and begin to walk, they actually walk all the way around back to their original present. They open their presents, Gerald opens his present meant for Piggie and it's a tiny holiday cap. Piggie opens her present meant for Gerald, it's a giant holiday cap. **(The Perfect Gift Reprise)**

The Pigeon enters the stage riding Snow-Shoe Squirrel's back. Shaken up after seeing the giant reindeer, The Pigeon hops off to continue his journey when all of a sudden the Catchy Song Squirrels appear. **(Catchy Holiday Song Reprise)**

Sad and defeated, Zoomy enters the empty stage. All Zoomy wanted was to throw a big-time holiday extravaganza, but Zoomy has nothing for the party. Zoopy, Flappy, and Zappy enter with no pizzas, no decorations and no tree. In-Between Squirrel enters and wonders why everyone is so sad. Zoomy explains that the party was TOO big and now they have nothing at all. In-Between Squirrel insists that it sounds like they are all in between a mountain and a mole hill which is the sweet spot, in-between. In-Between Squirrel exits and Zoomy gets an idea!

Zoomy shares that 'in-between' is pretty great and that there must be something in-between for their party! As in, three pizzas instead of thousands and some decorations instead of all the decorations in the world. Zoomy exclaims that they will throw a big time IN-BETWEEN Holiday Party! The squirrels exit.

Meanwhile The Pigeon is so exhausted from walking trying to find his present. **(A Present for Me)** The Pigeon falls soundly asleep, completely exhausted. Gerald and Piggie enter wearing their mis-matched holiday caps. Piggie insists on switching their hats so that they fit better and Piggie was right! Gerald loves the larger hat much better. Gerald and Piggie hear The Pigeon talking in his sleep, "No present for me...Zzzz!" Piggie and Gerald decide to gift The Pigeon their holiday caps. The Squirrels enter carrying party supplies. **(A Present for Me Part 2)**

The holiday party commotion wakes The Pigeon, and he is so happy he received presents. Gerald and Piggie tell The Pigeon that seeing him happy, makes them feel happy. The Pigeon is over-loaded with happiness and sings a catchy holiday finale number. **(Extravaganza Finale)**



Song List: A Big Time Holiday Extravaganza Opening, The Perfect Gift, Catchy Holiday Song, Shake it Up, Me and my Sleigh, So much Stuff, The Perfect Gift Reprise, Catchy Holiday Song Reprise, A Present for Me Part 2, Holiday Finale

Sensory Synopsis

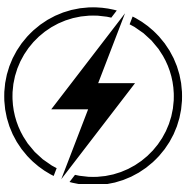
This guide is intended to help you feel safe and comfortable attending *The Pigeon Gets A Big Time Holiday Extravaganza*. It is structured to help prepare you for sounds, lights, and sudden or surprising moments throughout the show. As well as sections with heightened emotion. Below is a key for your ease of use.



This icon appears when we are alerting you to something that might be perceived as emotional.



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This icon appears to alert you of flashing lights or sudden light changes.

Please note:

-The actors use the house (where the audience sits) throughout the performance to make entrances and exits on/off stage. The actors may come near you, but they will never touch you. Please do not try to touch the actors or block their entrance/exit.

-There are times when the actors may ask for help from the audience. You can participate from your seat or you can just watch and listen.

ACT ONE

SCENE	STORY	SENSORY	EMOTIONAL
SCENE 1:	The Pigeon welcomes the audience to the show and is excited about his Hotdog Party. Zoomy Squirrel enters and corrects The Pigeon's mistake about the party. In the opening number we are greeted by our favorite Mo Willem's characters! SONG: A BIG TIME HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA OPENING	Snowflake lights shine through the audience.  <i>*This effect will be cut for the SF Performance.</i> This song is loud and will have lots of things happening all at once. 	
SCENE 2:	Gerald and Piggie have presents for each other, but Gerald is worried that Piggie won't like the gift he got her. The Pigeon enters singing about presents, while the Squirrels are busy party-planning. The Pigeon becomes impatient about waiting for presents. SONG: THE PERFECT GIFT	Gerald and Piggie startle each other, twice, and scream both times.  Gerald and Piggie yell to each other as they exit the stage.  There is a bus sound effect. 	Gerald experiences anxiety over his present for Piggie. He is worried it's not the perfect gift.  The Pigeon is frustrated at how long it is taking for the party to start. 
SCENE 3:	Zoomy leads the Squirrels through the party-planning checklist. They begin preparing for their huge-mungous mega-super big party!		
SCENE 4:	The Pigeon begins their journey to the North Pole to find presents. The Catchy Song Squirrels enter and pester The Pigeon with their Catchy Holiday Song. SONG: CATCHY HOLIDAY SONG	An announcer voice will come through the speakers to introduce the Catchy Song Squirrels. 	The Pigeon doesn't want to get a catchy holiday song stuck in his head. 
SCENE 5:	Piggie is determined to find out what is in Gerald's present to her. They agree to investigate their presents to sort of know what is inside but not ruin the surprise. SONG: SHAKE IT UP	Gerald and Piggie are loud and sometimes yell.  The song is loud and will have lots of things happening all at once.  • The Squirrels use present noise-makers. • Gerald plays the kazoo.	Gerald is still worried about his present for Piggie. 

SCENE	STORY	SENSORY	EMOTIONAL
SCENE 6:	The Pigeon is searching for presents in the North Pole and finds Santa’s beautiful red sleigh. SONG: ME AND MY SLEIGH	There is a reindeer snort sound effect.  The Pigeon yells as he runs offstage. 	The reindeer puppet will look very big on the screen.  The big, stinky reindeer scares The Pigeon away. 
INTERMISSION: A 15 minute break in the performance for you to go to the restroom, stretch your legs in the lobby, or visit the concession stand. <i>*There will be no intermission for the Sensory Friendly Performance.*</i>			

ACT TWO

SCENE	STORY	SENSORY	EMOTIONAL
SCENE 7:	The party supplies are on their way and the Squirrels are so excited for the biggest, timest, most huge-mungous extravaganza ever! SONG: SO MUCH STUFF	This song is loud and will have lots of things happening all at once.  • The actors clap to the rhythm of the song. • There is a helicopter sound effect. A helicopter light shines through the audience.  <i>*This effect will be cut for the SF Performance.</i>	
SCENE 8:	Gerald and Piggie finally get to open their presents! SONG: THE PERFECT GIFT REPRISE	The tissue paper in the presents is noisy. 	
SCENE 9:	The Pigeon returns riding Snow-Shoe Squirrel’s back. Shaken up after seeing the giant reindeer, The Pigeon hops off to continue the journey home on his own with a catchy song stuck in his head. SONG: CATCHY HOLIDAY SONG REPRISE		The Pigeon doesn’t want to get a catchy holiday song stuck in his head. 

SCENE	STORY	SENSORY	EMOTIONAL
SCENE 10:	The Squirrels are sad that they have nothing for the big time holiday extravaganza. But In-Between Squirrel helps them come up with a new idea.	The Squirrels cry loudly. 	The Squirrels are sad about the party. 
SCENE 11:	The Pigeon is exhausted from his journey and sad he has no presents. SONG: A PRESENT FOR ME		The Pigeon feels all alone in the world. 
SCENE 12:	Gerald and Piggie find The Pigeon sleeping and decide to give him a present. The Squirrels arrive to start their In-Between Holiday Party. SONG: A PRESENT FOR ME PART 2	Gerald uses a loud voice several times.  The cast cheers in celebration.  This song is loud and will have lots of things happening all at once.  • The actors clap to the rhythm of the song.	
SCENE 13:	The Pigeon is overwhelmed with happy feelings that he feels like singing a catchy holiday song! Everyone joins in! SONG: EXTRAVAGANZA FINALE	This song is loud and will have lots of things happening all at once.  • The audience is invited to sing along. • The cast cheers in excitement several times. • The cast will come into the house to dance.	The Pigeon feels big, happy feelings. 
SCENE 14:	Bows: The actors will take a bow. I can clap, cheer, use ASL, or celebrate however I'd like to show the actors my appreciation. The cast will sing one more song that the audience will be encouraged to sing-along and dance to. SONG: SHAKE IT UP	This song is loud and will have lots of things happening all at once.  • The actors clap to the rhythm of the song. • The audience is invited to sing and dance from their seats. • Shakers made in the pre-show activities may be used by the audience in this song.	

We'd love to hear from you! Please contact the Academy Team at (414) 267-2940 or academy@firststage.org with any comments or concerns regarding this social narrative or the sensory friendly performance.