

Tip Sheet

for Attending Wishing Chair Production's *String City Performance*



July 13, 2016 at 10am
Country Music Hall of Fame – Ford Theater
222 5th Ave S,
Nashville, TN 37203

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and TRIAD Partnership

String City is a performance using marionettes and puppets to tell the story of country music as it relates to Nashville's development into Music City. Experience this exciting true story through more than fifty puppets, ranging from the Staple Singers to Taylor Swift. This original program was created by Wishing Chair Productions, the resident puppet theater company at Nashville Public Library, in collaboration with the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. TRIAD developed evidence-based supports for children with autism spectrum disorders and related disabilities that are available for audience members. After or before the show, participating children and up to two accompanying adults may also tour the museum at a discounted rate.

For more information please visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum event website:
<http://countrymusichalloffame.org/calendar/event/family-program-string-city-nashvilles-tradition-of-music-and-puppetry2>

For preparatory materials for this performance and supports for a general visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, please visit countrymusichalloffame.org/ContentPages/for-parents or visit <http://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/triad/ceiresource>.

Supports

1. Social Story™

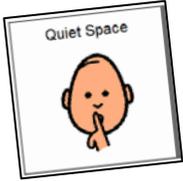
We have developed and provided three versions of a **Social Story™**, for your child's use prior to the performance. Social Stories™ describe a situation or experience in order to provide children with an idea of what to expect. Creating predictability can be reassuring for children entering a new situation and can allow children to respond to challenges in an adaptive way. We recommend reviewing this social story with your child prior to attending the performance. Social Stories™ are an evidence-based practice as identified in the autism intervention literature review, *Evidence-Based Practice for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (2014) by the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

2. Visual Schedule

We have developed and will provide a **visual schedule** for the show. A visual schedule outlines the sequence of events. Visual schedules can be used to outline what might happen in a doctor's visit, the sequence of events over a whole day, or, in this case, the sequence of events occurring within the

puppet show. Visual schedules are also an evidence-based practice identified in the autism literature review, *Evidence-Based Practice for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (2014) by the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

3. Quiet Space



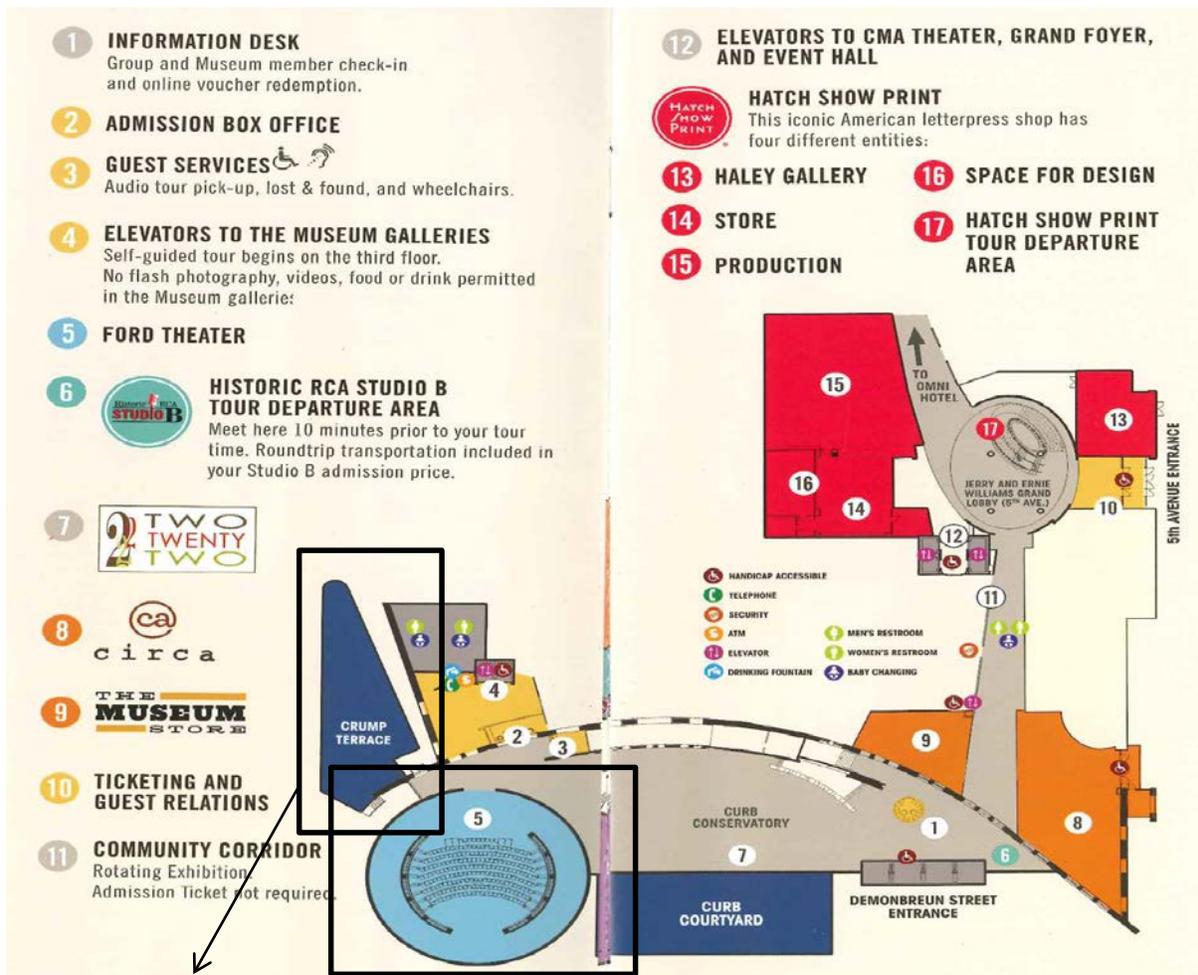
If you or your child needs to take a break from the noise and/or commotion, there will be an area designated as a "Quiet Space" to visit at the Country Music Hall of Fame. It is located on the Crump Terrace patio right next to the Ford Theater. Please feel free to visit the quiet space as needed. Visual Cue is copyrighted "The Picture Communication Symbols ©1981-2011 by Mayer-Johnson LLC. All Rights Reserved Worldwide. Used with permission. Boardmaker® is a trademark of Mayer-Johnson LLC."

Refreshments

Visitors at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum are welcome to bring their own snacks. Drinks in a plastic bottle with a cap are allowed in the theater, and food can be eaten outside the theater. If you would like to purchase food and snacks, the conservatory café, 222, will be open.

Parking and Location of Performance Information

The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum recommends parking at Magic City Center which is a very close walk to main entrance. Parking is \$4 for the first two hours. When you enter the building, you can proceed directly to the Ford Theater for the performance (light blue circle on map). No tickets are necessary.



Crump Terrace – Quiet Space Location

Ford Theater – Performance Location

National and Local Autism Resources

- **VKC-TRIAD Community Engagement Initiative:** <http://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/triad/community/>
The Community Engagement Initiative includes the Families First and Organizational Engagement Programs. Families First is a free workshop series for caregivers of young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Organizational Engagement Program focuses on supporting organizations in building capacity for inclusion by providing training, developing supports, and collaborating on modified events.
- **Vanderbilt Autism Resource Line:** Local 322-7565 or Toll Free (877) ASD-VUMC (273-8862)
A toll-free helpline for families and professionals to access information about autism-related clinical, research, and outreach services at Vanderbilt University.
- **Tennessee Disability Pathfinder:** 1-800-640-4636 or tnpathfinder@vanderbilt.edu
The Tennessee Disability Pathfinder is a free, statewide, information and referral service for persons with disabilities, family members, service providers, and advocates.
- **National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders:** <http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu>
The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders is a multi-university center to promote the use of evidence-based practice for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders.
- **Autism Speaks** <http://www.autismspeaks.org/>
Autism Speaks is an autism advocacy organization in the United States that sponsors autism research and conducts awareness and outreach activities aimed at families, governments, and the public.
- **Autism Tennessee** <http://autismtn.org/>
The mission of Autism Tennessee is to enrich the lives and experiences of individuals on the autism spectrum, their families, and their surrounding community through support, advocacy, and education.
- **Mayer-Johnson** www.mayer-johnson.com
DynaVox Mayer-Johnson is the leading provider of speech generating devices and symbol-adapted special education software used to assist individuals in overcoming their speech, language and learning challenges.