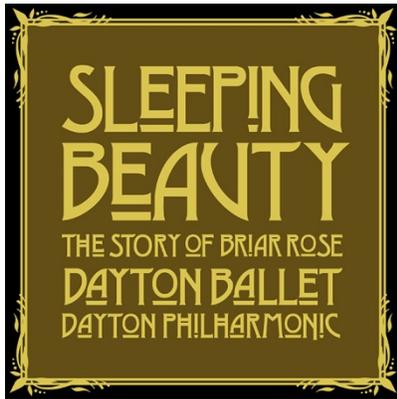


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We're so glad that you will be joining us at the sensory-friendly performance of Dayton Ballet's *Sleeping Beauty: The Story of Briar Rose* on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Schuster Center. This email will help answer questions you may have about the performance.

What makes this performance sensory-friendly?

It features a judgment-free environment for individuals and families with a loved one with autism spectrum disorder, sensory sensitivities, or other special needs. All ages are welcome! Adaptations to the performance include

- Dimmed house lights (30% brightness during the entire performance).
- Lower sound levels.
- Elimination of startling special effects and lighting.

Other ways we are making the experience special:

- Designated quiet areas
- Ushers available throughout the Schuster Center to assist patrons
- Trained and informed dancers, staff, ushers, and other volunteers to ensure a memorable experience for you and your family
- Trained interventionists to assist families
- Family restrooms

On the day of the performance the doors to the Schuster Center's Mead Theatre will open at **1:30 pm** and the performance will begin at **2:00 pm**. The performance has two acts; each act is approximately 45 minutes with a 15-minute intermission in between.

What can I expect from the performance?

Dayton Ballet's *Sleeping Beauty: The Story of Briar Rose* is a little different from traditional stories of Sleeping Beauty. The story takes place in a beautiful garden where flower fairies give Briar Rose their gifts of *serenity, beauty, harmony, humor, and love*. The villain is **Cinereous**, a vulture, who curses Briar Rose. You may want to read our version of the story with your child before the event, so your family knows what to expect. The story is available on our website: www.daytonperformingartsalliance.org/sensory.

How do we get there?

The Schuster Center is in the heart of the downtown Dayton arts district at **1 W 2nd St, Dayton, OH 45402**. Click [here](#) for directions.

Where do I park?

The best, most convenient, and most secure option is **The Arts Garage at Second and Ludlow Streets**. The cost of event parking is \$7. Metered parking is also available, as well as other nearby options. A map of all downtown parking is available [here](#) on the Downtown Dayton Partnership's parking webpage.

Where can we drop someone off?

The best place to drop off a passenger at the Schuster Center is on the Second Street side of the building.

What if I need additional accommodations?

Please feel free to bring your own booster seat, devices (tablet or laptop), snacks (no nuts, please), headphones, fidgets, and so on. Although no food is permitted in the theatre, eating is permissible in the Wintergarden and Schuster Center lobby. A limited number of headphones and fidgets will be available on site. No booster seats will be available, but you may bring your own.

There is a quiet area and a family restroom available should you need them.

Dress comfortably, but be aware that the theatre can be chilly, so a sweater or jacket may be needed.

How do we pick up our tickets?

You may have already received your tickets from [Ticket Center Stage](#) in the mail. If you have not received your tickets, pick them up at a special “Will Call” table at the Ludlow Street entrance on the day of the performance.

If you have any questions about your tickets, please contact Ticket Center Stage at 937-228-3630.

Where can we have lunch or dinner?

[Uno Pizzeria & Grill](#), right next to the Victoria Theatre, offers many delicious options. [The Spaghetti Warehouse](#) and [Table 33](#) are also near the Schuster Center. A complete list of downtown Dayton restaurants can be found on the [Downtown Dayton Partnership's website](#).

What if we arrive late?

We'll try to get you to your seats as soon as we can without disrupting the performance for other patrons.

May I take photos during the performance?

Because of a variety of reasons—including show contracts, copyright laws and performer safety—please refrain from taking photos during the performance. You may take pictures in the lobby, in the Wintergarden, or outside the Schuster Center.

What else should I know about this sensory-friendly performance?

This performance is the full length version of *Sleeping Beauty*, so there will be a 15 minute intermission in between Act I and Act II. Each act is approximately 45 minutes. This performance has relaxed theatre rules, so families are able to get up during the performance. You should also feel free during intermission to utilize the restrooms, quiet area, or bring a snack to eat in the lobby.

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