

DAYTON PERFORMING ARTS ALLIANCE

Opera Philharmonic Ballet

We're glad that you will be joining us at the sensory-friendly performance of the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance's **Magic Carpet Concert: Hansel and Gretel** on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Masonic Center. This document 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 area
- Ushers available throughout the Masonic Center to assist patrons
- Trained and informed staff, ushers, and other volunteers to ensure a memorable experience for you and your family
- Trained intervention specialists to assist families

On the day of the performance the doors to the Masonic Center's Theatre will open at **11:10 am** and the performance will begin at **11:30 am**. The performance is approximately 45 minutes long. There is no intermission.

What should we expect when we arrive for the performance?

The Masonic Center is a large building with many hallways and doors. We will have ushers and staff available throughout the building to help direct you.

Additional information that will be of help on your trip to the theatre can be located on our website. It contains a **Social Narrative, Written** and **Visual Checklists**.

How do we get there?

The Masonic Center overlooks the beautiful Miami River and is located at **525 W Riverview Ave, Dayton, OH 45405**. Click [here](#) for directions.

Where do I park?

Parking at the Masonic Center is located in a lot behind the building off of **Belmonte Park N**. The parking lot is across the street from the parking lot of the Dayton Art Institute. There is no cost for parking.



Where can we drop someone off?

The best place to drop off a passenger is at the entrance off of the parking lot. That entrance is also wheelchair accessible.

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 Quiet Area. A limited number of headphones and fidgets will be available on site. No booster seats will be available.

There is a quiet area should you need it.

Dress comfortably, with layers. The theatre temperature can be inconsistently chilly one day but warm and toasty the next day.

How do we pick up our tickets?

The ushers will have a list of names who are attending this performance and there are assigned seats, but if needed we can change your own seats. You will not need a physical ticket to attend.

If you have any questions about your tickets, please contact Jackie Griffin at jgriffin@daytonperformingarts.org or at 937-535-5447.

Where can we have lunch or dinner?

Downtown Dayton is a short drive from the Masonic Center. There are many restaurants open for lunch including W. Social Tap & Table, Tony & Pete's, or let the lunch-o-matic pick for you at [Downtown Dayton Partnership's website!](#)

What about snacks?

Concessions will not be sold at this performance, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks (no nuts, please) and bottled water. Snacks are allowed in the Quiet Area.

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.

What if it snows?

If the cast and crew are already at the theatre, performances will go on as scheduled except in the event of a [Level 3 Snow Emergency issued by the county sheriff](#). If the cast and/or crew cannot make it here because of weather or other emergencies, performances may be canceled. If a performance is canceled because of weather, full refunds will be provided.

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 inside or outside the Masonic Center, but please do not take photos during the performance.

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

This performance has relaxed theatre rules, so families are able to get up during the performance. You should also feel free to utilize the restrooms, quiet area, or bring a snack to eat in the quiet area.