Before the show...

There are a few things we can do to get ready for the performance of *Thumbelina* at the American Repertory Theater.

We can...

• Learn about the characters and the play in the *Thumbelina Toolkit*.
• Listen to the song “Small” from *Thumbelina*.
• Watch a *Thumbelina* movie.
• Read a *Thumbelina* book.
On the day of the show, I will ride in the subway or a car to reach the theater. I should stay with my group at all times.

If we take the subway, we will use the red line to get to Harvard. The subway can be loud and crowded. I can use my headphones, tablet, or hold the hand of someone in my group.

If we take a car, we will park at a garage or a metered street parking space.

Once we park our car or arrive at the subway station, we will walk a couple of blocks to the Loeb Drama Center. I will stay with my group while we walk. It is okay to hold the hand of someone in my group.
When we get to the theater, we will enter the front lobby through big glass doors.

It can be crowded and loud in the theater lobby. If I am overwhelmed it is important to tell someone in my group.

Once we get inside, we will pick up our tickets at Will Call. A nice person will ask us our name, give us our tickets, and tell us to enjoy the show.
In the lobby before the show, I can make a paper flower that I will be able to use during the show.

There will be friendly ushers in the lobby if I need help making my flower.
Before the show, I might want to use the bathroom, which is downstairs from the lobby.

If stairs are not an option for my group, a friendly usher can help us find the accessible restroom on the main floor.

I will go down the steps with someone in my group. There are three gender neutral restrooms here. If I need more privacy, I can use the bathroom all the way to the right, which is a single stall.
During the show...

When it’s time, I will choose a seat in the theater with my group.

I can look at my program to learn more about the actors and characters in the show.

During the show, I will SEE
• Actors wearing costumes, sometimes pretending to be animals.
• The set, which is on the stage.
• Props, which the actors will hold and move.

During the show, I will HEAR
• Music.
• The actors speaking and singing.
• Noises that are a part of the show.
• Clapping, laughing, and other audience sounds.
When the show starts, the lights will change and music will play.

During the show, I may meet and interact with some characters.

I will be asked to show my flower twice during the performance.
I will see large props and set pieces like a giant book, pencil, blade of grass, and mushrooms. These are used to show how small Thumbelina and the other characters are.

I will see the actors pretend to fight. Even though they may look scared or sad, I know that the actors are just pretending and are not in real danger. If I get scared or sad, I can ask an adult for help.
If it is too loud, I can cover my ears, put on headphones, or ask an adult for help.

Between scenes and at the end of the show, I can clap my hands if I want to.

If I need a break, I can ask an adult for help. There will be quiet areas that we can reach from any exit.
After the show, I can meet the actors in the lobby.

When we are ready to go, I will leave the theater with my group.
Thanks for reading! We hope you are exited to see *Thumbelina*.