

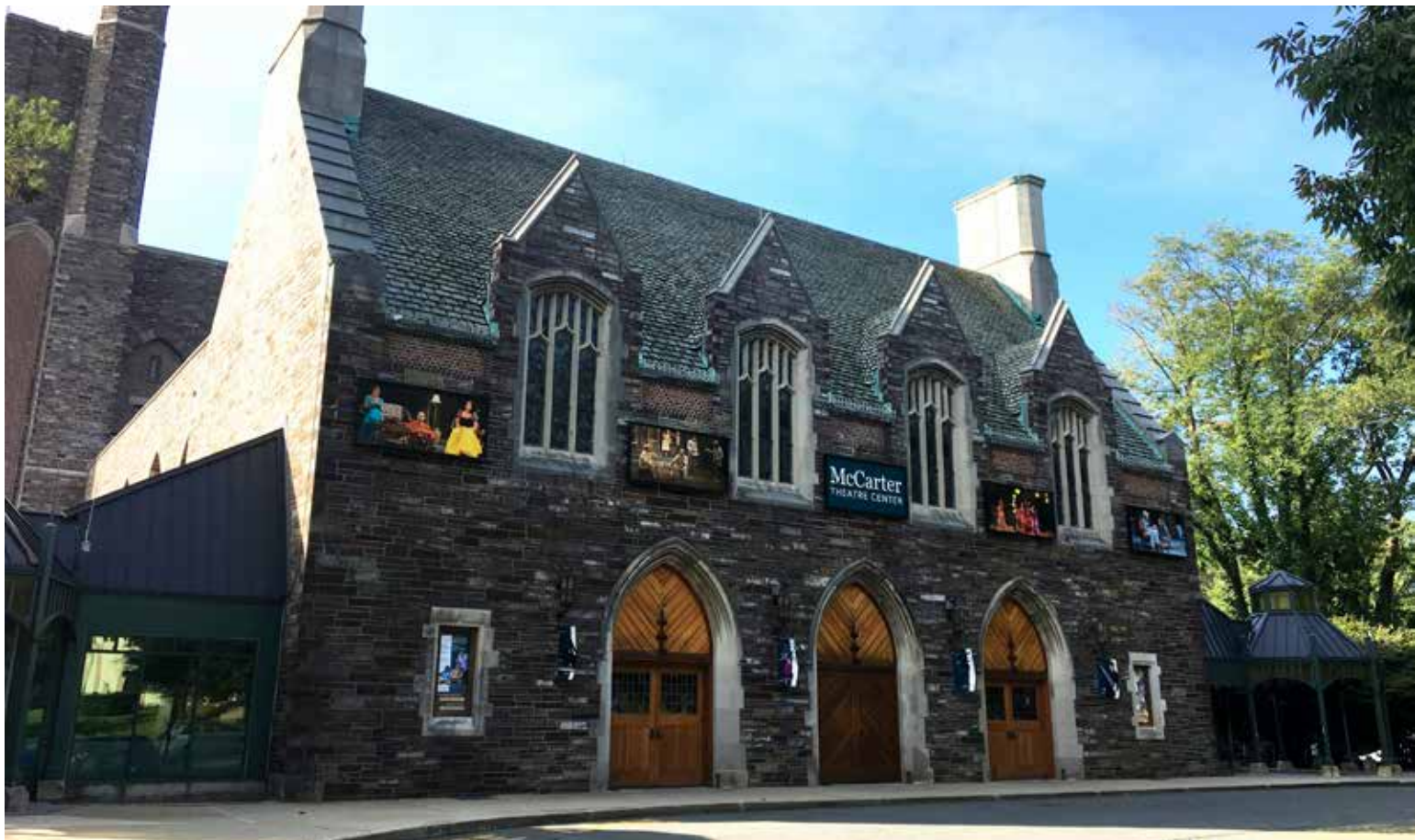
going to the

# MATTHEWS THEATRE

at

**McCarter**  
THEATRE CENTER

RELAXED PERFORMANCE PRE-VISIT STORIES



# McCARTER THEATRE CENTER

I am going to the McCarter Theatre Center.

When I get to the center, I will see big words over the building doors that say "McCarter Theatre Center."



# MATTHEWS THEATRE

I am going to the Matthews Theatre in the McCarter Theatre Center to see the performance.



# BOX OFFICE

I will need a ticket to see the show.

I may have to stand in line to get the tickets from the box office.





# LOBBY

When I get inside the building, I may have to wait in the lobby before the show starts.

The lobby might be crowded and noisy. There is a quiet area if I need a break from the lobby noise and crowds.

Before the show, some of the performers will be in the lobbies wearing their costumes. I can speak with them and ask them questions about the show, if I want to.



# BATHROOM

I can get to the bathrooms from the lobby.

I can use the bathroom anytime during the show.



# USHERS

Ushers wear black uniforms.

The usher will:

- 1) scan my ticket,
- 2) give me a program book about the show, and
- 3) show me where I will sit to see the show.



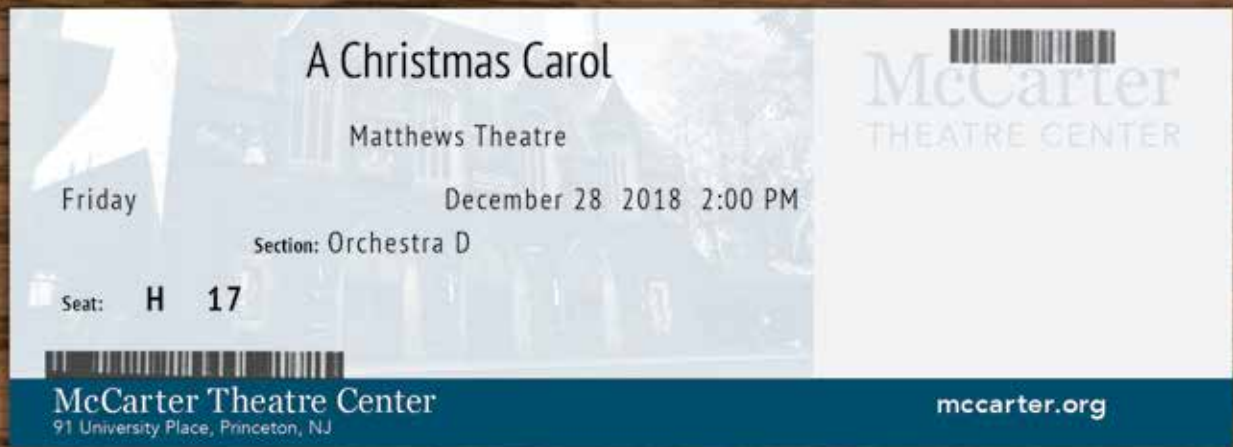
# SCANNER

I will show my ticket to the usher to enter the theater.

The usher will use a scanner to scan my ticket.

The scanner will make a beeping noise.





# TICKET

There is a letter and number on the ticket that tells me where I will sit during the show.

I will find the same number on the ticket on my seat.



# "MEET YOUR SEAT"

Want to see where you're sitting before the show?

Contact Patron Services to schedule a time to visit the theater.

**609.258.2787** or **[patronservices@mccarter.org](mailto:patronservices@mccarter.org)**



# INSIDE

When I go inside the theater, I will see a lot of red seats and the stage where the show will be performed.





# PROGRAM

The usher will give me a program book.

A program book tells me about the show and the actors in the show.





# PLAY

Seeing a play at a theater is like seeing something on TV or at the movies.

A play is a story told by people on the stage.

The people in a play are called actors.



# CLAPPING

People will clap during the play.

I can clap if I like what I see or hear.

People clap for a short time.

I can cover my ears if the clapping is too loud.



# QUIET AREA

If I need to take a break during the show, I can go to the quiet or activity areas.

I can go back into the show anytime I want to.





# INTERMISSION

There is a break during the middle of the show.

The break is called intermission.

During intermission I can leave the theater to get a drink, eat a snack, or to use the bathroom.

When the intermission is over, I will go back to my seat to watch the rest of the show.





# END OF PLAY

When the play is over, all of the actors will come on stage and bow.

This is called a curtain call.

Many people will clap a lot to let the actors know how much they liked the show.



# LEAVING THE THEATER

When the show is over, I will leave the theater.

The lobby will be crowded after the show.

I may have to wait my turn to leave the theater and the lobby.





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