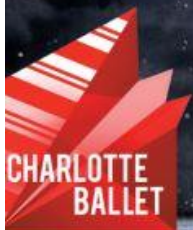


JEAN-PIERRE BONNEFOUX'S  
**NUTCRACKER**  
BANK OF AMERICA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024 | 6 PM

**SENSORY FRIENDLY  
PERFORMANCE**

Pre-Performance Social Narrative



There are a lot of fun things to see and hear at the ballet, including dancers in costumes and beautiful scenery, and classical music.

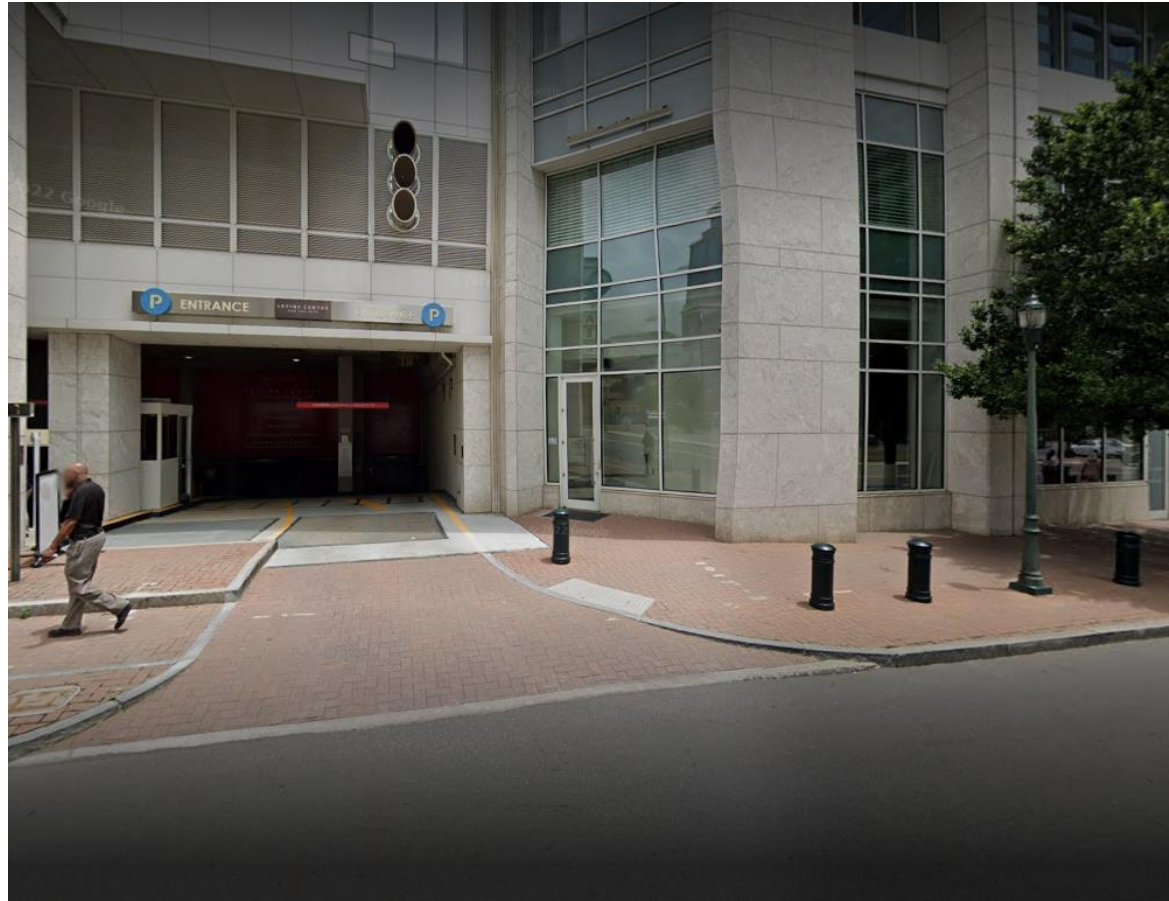


Watching a ballet is similar to watching a movie, because it tells a story.



It is different from a movie, because performers are on the stage in front of you and there are no words. Dancers tell a story through their movement.

First, we have to drive to the theater, park the car and walk over to the Belk Theater.



This is what the front of the Belk Theater looks like.



Everyone needs a ticket to enter. I may have to wait in line to get my ticket scanned by an usher.



If I want, I can explore the tables in the lobby.  
There will be costumes and props for me to see.

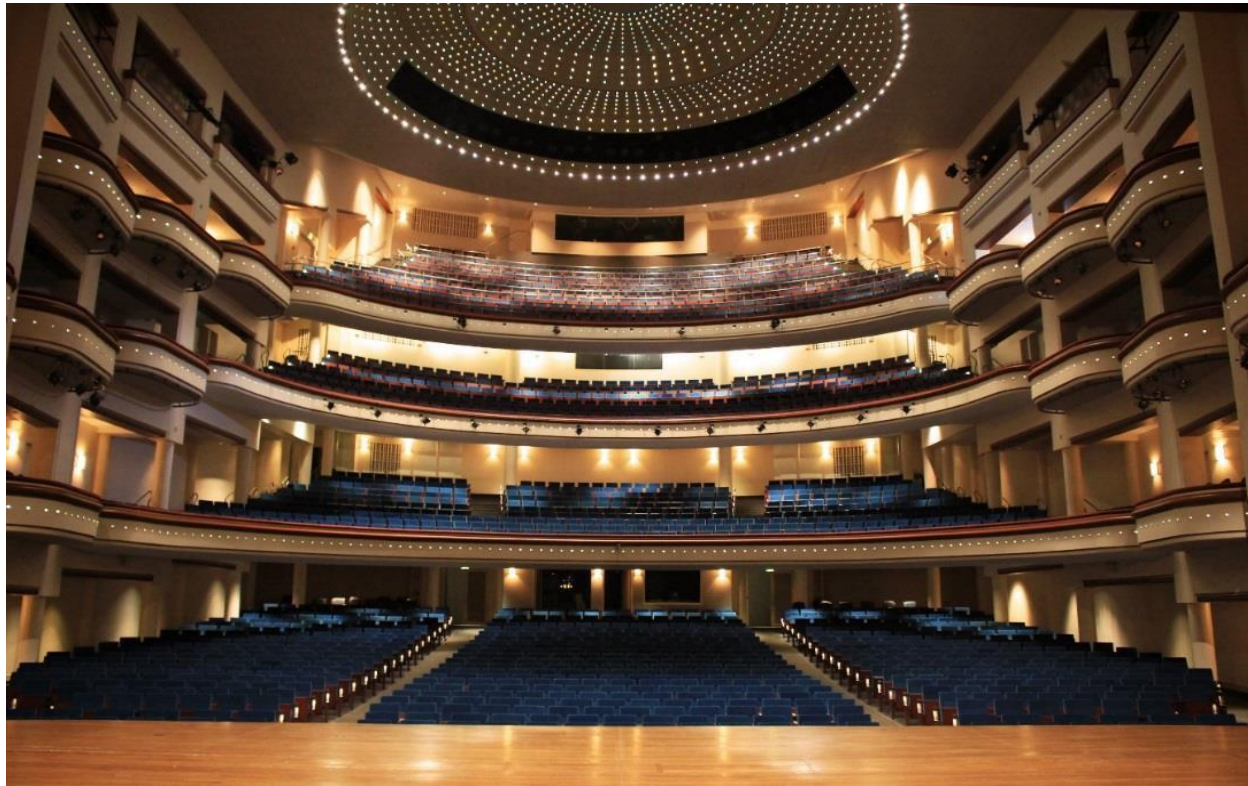


After I go through the lobby, an usher will help me find my seat in the theater.





The theater is big. It has over 2,000 seats!  
I will see a stage with a curtain, lights, and speakers.  
I may be sitting next to someone I do not know.



I will sit down in the theater and wait for the ballet to start.



The lights will dim to let me know  
the show is about to start.

It will be a little darker, but some lights will still be on.



Someone will come on stage before the show and tell me about the show.



The dancers in the show are acting, which means it is all pretend.

*Nutcracker* is a classic holiday story about a girl name Clara, and her Nutcracker.



I will see dancers dressed like kids, adults, animals, dolls, snowflakes and more!

## Act 1

Clara and her family celebrate the holiday with a big party! Her Uncle Drosselmeyer gives her a wooden Nutcracker.



Following the excitement of the evening, Clara falls fast asleep in a chair with her Nutcracker. Drosselmeyer transforms the toy Nutcracker into a handsome prince, and the beautiful snowflakes dance for Clara and the Prince.



During our Snow Scene you will see the magical snow falling for five minutes until the Balloon enters to take Clara to the Land of Sweets.





After Act 1, there is a break in the show called intermission.

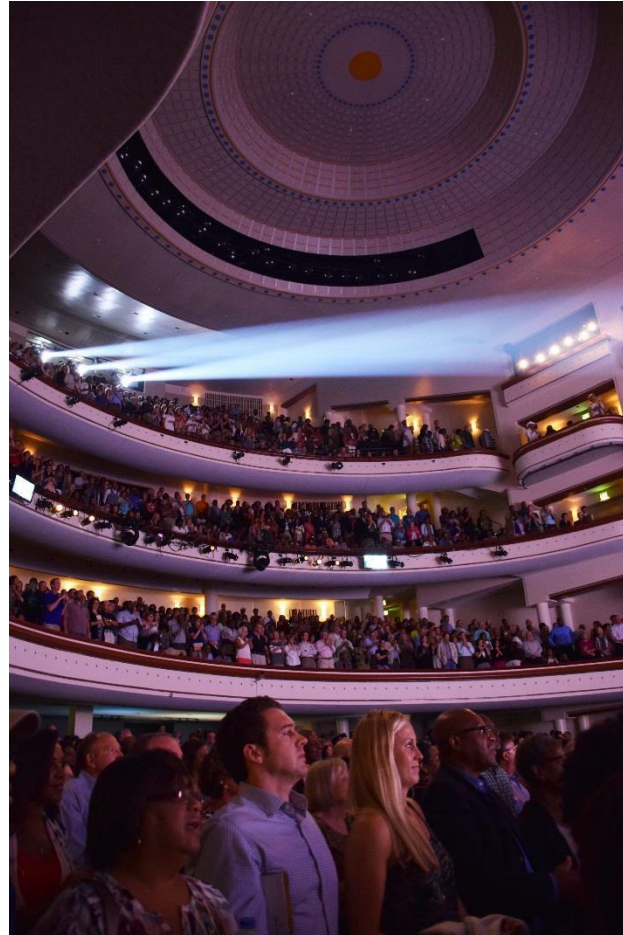


I can use this time to go to the restroom.

During intermission we hope you go visit our Sensory performance partner tables to learn about their services and pick up some information. These are just some of the partners you will see below.



When they flash the lights, that means  
I should find my seat and get ready for Act 2.



## Act 2

Clara will visit the Land of the Sweets and meet many new friends including Chocolate from Spain, Tea, Mother Ginger, her children, and Candy Canes!



The Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier will perform a grand pas.



Once the show is over I will clap for the dancers.



When everyone claps it might be loud, but  
it won't last for too long.

After they bow, I will leave the theater.  
Other people will be leaving too.  
I may have to wait my turn in line to leave.



**We hope you enjoy the performance and look forward to seeing you at the theater on Wednesday, December 11 for our 6 PM Sensory Friendly Performance.**



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