



Ware Center for the Arts

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO GUIDE

A TRIP TO THE WARE

to see

a *sensory-friendly* performance of



Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 3:00 P.M.

(with free creative activities for kids beginning at 2:00)

**Watching a show is like watching TV
except the performers will be with us personally,**



**right in front of us up on a stage
with surprises we'll love – no matter our age!**



**The show will be playing at the Ware Center.
The fun will begin soon after we enter.**



**We'll come in the doors to a neat lobby space,
and be greeted there by a nice friendly face.**



**There are girls' and boys' restrooms if we need to go
before, during, or even after the show.
Water fountains, too, if we want a drink.
Helpers, called ushers, can help us find them, I think.**



**If we arrive early there are fun things to do.
We can even get our very own fidget, too!**



**An usher will tell us when it's time for the show.
Then it's into Steinman Hall that we go!
There's one big stage and lots of seats in the Hall –
plenty of room for one and for all!**



**The usher will hand us a little book.
It's about the show, so we'll take a look.**



There may be a crowd to see *Cirque du Canines* today,
but we'll wait 'til everyone's seated
before we get underway.

So we can take our time finding our seat;
it'll be soon enough that we get off our feet.



During the show, we will sit with people we know.
But there will also be new people in every row.



**Before the show, someone will say “Glad you are here.”
He’ll thank us for coming and then disappear.**



**As the show then begins, the lights may dim just a bit.
That means it’s time for everyone still standing to sit.
And all around us people will start to be quiet.
We’ll hear the show best if we also try it.**



**There may be things that make us nervous -
like some sounds or some sights.**



**But we can just cover our ears and eyes
if we're feeling such frights,**



**or just hold the hand of our mom or our dad,
or play with our fidget, to help us feel glad.**

**When we see something we like,
we can laugh, clap & cheer.**

**These are the sounds performers sure like to hear!
Others in the Hall might laugh, clap, and cheer, too.
If it gets too loud, we know just what to do.**



**And if we start to feel a little bit stressed,
we can go to the “Chill-Out” room for a rest
where there’ll be a TV for us still watch the show
and a K-PETS therapy dog to get to pet and to know.**



We can also borrow one of the Ware's Sensory Kits containing: headsets, ear plugs, sunglasses, fidgets.



We'll pick one up at the front desk ahead of the show and return it later when we're all ready to go.

At the end of the show, the canines will take a bow.
We'll clap for them; that's our way to say "Wow!"
(or "BOW-Wow!")



After the bow, it's time to exit the Hall.
We will all take our time so nobody will fall.

But before we do leave still all aglow,
we'll meet the pups to say "Hey, *dog-gone* good show!"



We had fun today, so we'll come back again.
Now we'll say "Goodbye, thanks. We'll see you then!"

