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FIRST STAGE ANNOUNCES SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2021/22 SEASON

Milwaukee, WI – January 19, 2022 – First Stage, one of the nation’s leading theaters for young people and families, is committed to broadening its reach and deepening its impact throughout the community. Families can enjoy a **Sensory Friendly Performance** with children who need sensory accommodations and they can share the experience of seeing family-friendly theater.

These performances feature a welcoming environment including modified lighting and sound, modified house rules to allow additional movement or talking during the performance, and available quiet areas staffed by educators experienced with the care of young people on the autism spectrum or with other developmental differences. A Social Story to outline the experience at the performance is also provided.

Tickets for the 2021/22 Sensory Friendly Performances are \$10 and are on sale now. Order by phone at **(414) 267-2961**, weekdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (**Please note:** tickets for Sensory Friendly Performances are only available to order by phone; no online purchase is available.) To learn more about the Sensory Friendly performance accommodations, please visit: firststage.org/plan-your-visit/sensory-friendly-performances/.

2021/22 SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES:

THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM – 1963

Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Marcus Center's Todd Wehr Theater

THE DANCING GRANNY

Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Milwaukee Youth Arts Center

THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Marcus Center's Todd Wehr Theater

THE AMAZING LEMONADE GIRL

Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Marcus Center's Todd Wehr Theater

LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET

Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Milwaukee Youth Arts Center

Please contact the First Stage Box Office at **(414) 267-2961** with questions or go to firststage.org/plan-your-visit/sensory-friendly-performances/ for information.

COVID Protocols: First Stage COVID safety protocols and updates can be viewed here: [firststage.org/plan-your-visit/safety-security/ - performances](https://firststage.org/plan-your-visit/safety-security/-performances)

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About First Stage

First Stage is one of the nation's leading theaters for young people and families. First Stage touches hearts, engages minds and transforms lives by creating extraordinary theater experiences through professional theater productions that inspire, enlighten and entertain. Its Theater Academy, the nation's largest high-impact theater training program for young people, fosters life skills through stage skills and serves nearly 2,000 students each year. As Wisconsin's leader in arts-integrated education in schools, First Stage's dynamic Theater in Education programs promote literacy, character building and experiential learning throughout the curriculum, serving over 20,000 students each year. First Stage was selected to participate in the Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (2012), and was the recipient of the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* Eureka Award, recognizing creativity and innovation in business, education and the arts for its Next Steps program for students on the autism spectrum (2013, 2015). First Stage is a member of TYA/USA, the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, the Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education, Milwaukee Arts Partners and is a cornerstone member of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF). firststage.org.