



**Visual Story**  
**My Trip to the Theater**

## Traveling to the theater

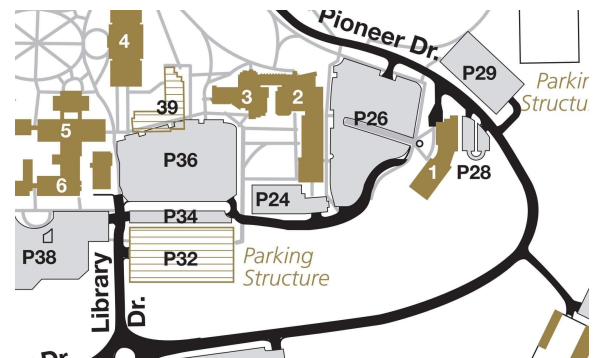
I am going to see *Yo, Vikings!*  
the musical at Oakland  
University!



I will travel to the theater  
with my parent or guardian by  
car, and I will park in parking lot  
P26 outside of the Varner  
Recital Hall.



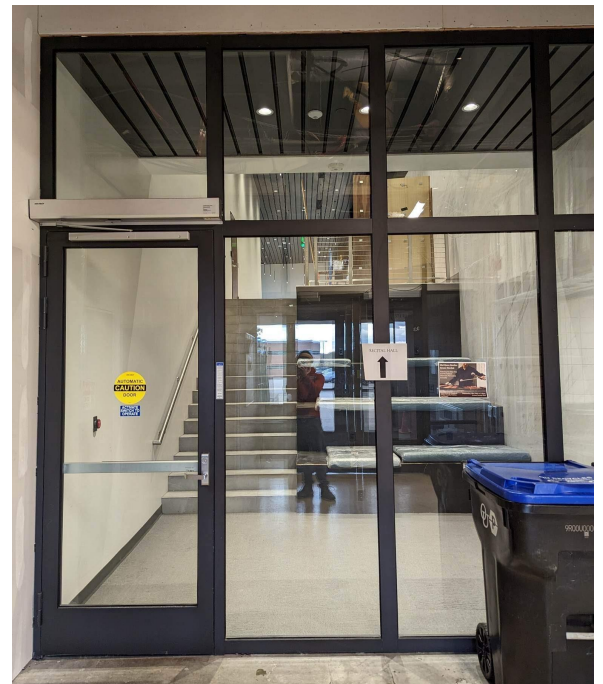
Varner Recital Hall is located at  
**371 Varner Dr in Rochester,  
MI**



I will enter the building through this door.

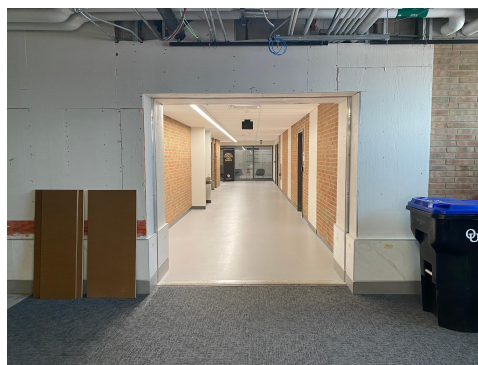
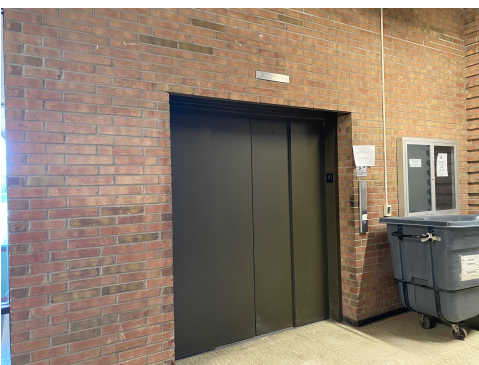


After I enter the building, I will walk through this door and up the stairs



OR

I will take the elevator to the second floor, take a right, and follow this hallway.





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If I have access needs or need to travel a shorter distance, I will enter the building through the other entrance, located next to parking lot P36.



There is construction on this side of the building where I might enter.



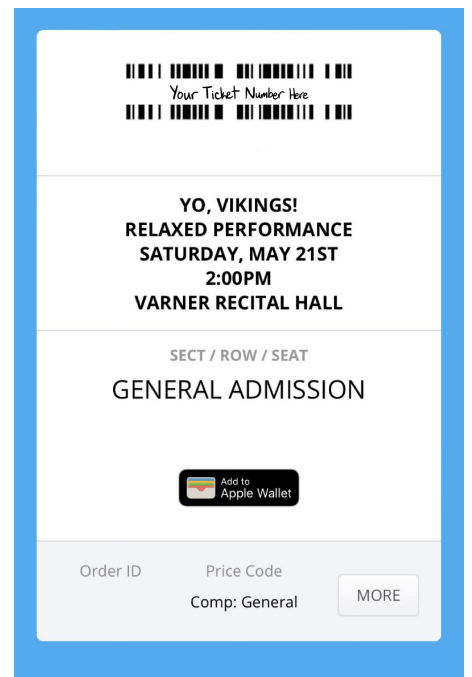


# The Theater

When I enter the theater, I will go to the **Box Office** where I will get my ticket.



Here is what my ticket will look like.



If I already have my ticket online, I can wait here in the lobby.



An **usher** will scan my ticket and welcome me to the theater.



Here is the door to the Recital Hall, where I will sit and watch the show!



The bathrooms are right behind  
the Recital Hall lobby,



OR

right behind the theater!





# Inside the Theater

The actors perform on the **stage**. This is where the show happens!



There are rows of chairs in front of the stage. This is where I will sit in the **audience** when the show starts!



Sometimes the theater can feel chilly. I can bring a jacket or sweater to wear if the theater is cold.

## When the show starts

I can give the actors **applause** to cheer them on! Good times to do this are before the show, after a song ends, and after the show ends when the actors take their bows.

**It's okay** if I need to fidget or move around while I watch the show!

Here is where I can go to borrow **fidget toys** and **headphones**.



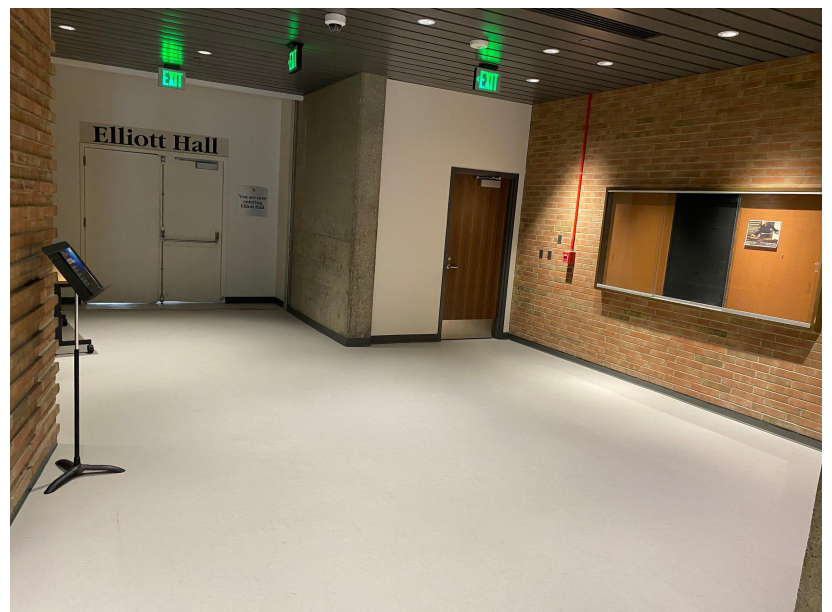
There will be a space in the recital hall for me to go if I need to move around during the show. It will be marked off with colored tape.



Sometimes the music in the show is very loud and the lights are very bright. **It's okay** to take a break during the show!

If I am feeling overwhelmed, there is a **quiet place** where I can **take a break** until I am ready to go back into the recital hall.

There will be signs posted around the lobby and an usher who can help guide you.





## What is the show about?

Emma likes to dress up as many different things so she can try to find her true calling, like a monkfish, a squash, a fox, and an amoeba! Emma's classmates don't understand her crazy costumes, and her mom and teacher worry that her outfits are distracting to the rest of the class.



Ollie, Emma's brother, loves her different costumes, but Emma's mom tells her that she needs to dress appropriately for school.



Mrs. Mukherjee, Emma's teacher, gives the class a project called World Discovery Day, where the students will pick names of explorers to study and present a report at the Swarthmore Library. Emma picks Erik the Red, Viking Explorer! Mrs. Mukherjee tells Emma to see Mr. Sigurd at the library to help her with her research.



At the library, Emma and Ollie meet Mr. Sigurd, the librarian. He loves how happy Emma is to learn about Vikings and gives Emma many books to read.





Emma begins to read, and she discovers a magical clan of Vikings led by Bothvar the Fork Splitter. They tell Emma that if she can get people to join her clan by World Discovery Day, she will become a Chieftain! Emma decides that her true calling is to be a Viking, and names herself Emma the Red!



Mr. Sigurd visits Emma's class to lend the students books for their projects, and he tells them stories about different explorers.





Emma gets so excited by the stories Mr. Sigured is sharing. She pulls out the play sword and shield she brought to class. She scares her classmates and gets scolded by Mrs. Mukherjee.



After Emma gets in trouble in class, Mr. Sigurd cheers her up by giving her a newspaper clip of a Viking longboat being sold by a man named Mr. Sindri. Emma realizes that this is what she needs to become Chieftain!



In her imagination, Emma shows the picture of the boat to Bothvar's clan and they travel to Jotunheim to try and get the boat. They come face to face with a frost giant with two heads. The frost giant tells Emma she can't buy her longboat because it's too expensive.



Emma writes a letter to Mr. Sindri asking for the longboat, offering all of her money and some of her favorite things, like her baseball cards.





On World Discovery Day, the entire class presents their research at the library. When Emma presents her report dressed as a Viking, Emma's classmates pick on her and turn into Nidhogg, a fire-breathing dragon! Mr. Sigurd tries to fight the dragon, but he can't fend it off because he has battles of his own. He announces to the class that the library will be closing for good.



Emma tells her mom that she wishes she could help Mr. Sigurd, and all she wanted was a real adventure. Emma's mom tells her that the real adventure is discovering who she's meant to be.





In class, everyone rallies together to write letters to Mr. Sindri to get Emma's Viking longboat in an effort to save the library. Then, on Emma's birthday, a moving man shows up and reveals that Mr. Sindri sent Emma the boat after all! The whole class throws a fundraiser to save the library where people can board the longboat and listen to stories from Mr. Sigurd. Emma's efforts may not work, but she realizes that bringing her community together for a cause they believe in is the adventure that really matters.



# Actors and Characters



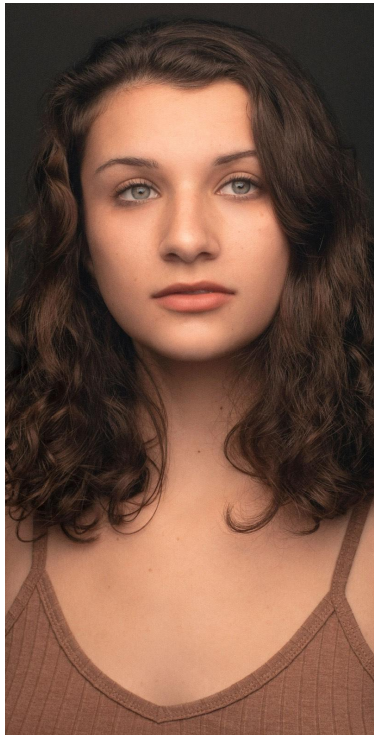
Emma Katz



Judy Katz



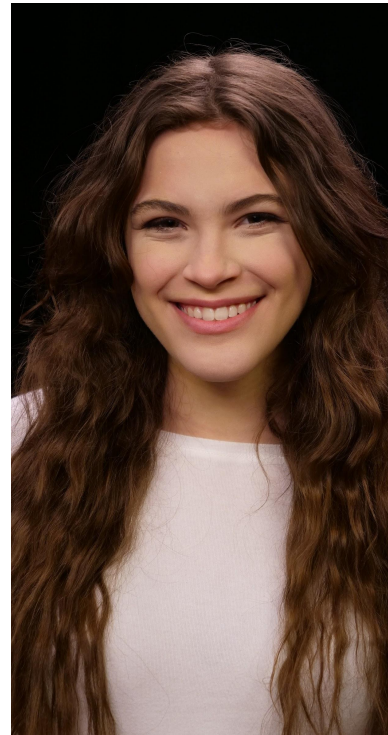
Sigurd Thorvaldsson



Mrs. Mukherjee



Bothvar/Moving Man



Ollie Katz





Nikki Tibbles/Gunnhild the She Bear



Zinzi Ferdinand-Muñoz/Helga the Clang-Fist



Sebby Ferdinand-Muñoz/Olaf the Boorish



Murphy Bean/Thorkle the Traveler





Pasha/Viking



Phyllis/Viking



Gunther/Viking



Simon/Viking

## After the Show

As I leave the theater, when the show is done, I can wave and say hi to the actors outside the auditorium.

I will return my fidget toys and headphones to the place I borrowed them from.

There will be a **post-show survey** available both on paper and online for me to fill out outside of the theater.



## Other Information

Run time: 60 minutes with no intermission

There might be some surprising moments in the show, such as:

When we are first introduced to the Viking clan, they appear in the midst of the library. They may seem scary at first, but they are really just brave adventurers!

Emma imagines her mom as a frightening frost giant, but it turns out to be just her imagination and her mom is back to normal in no time. The frost giant's voice will be louder than usual.

At the end of the show, Emma's classmates transform into a big dragon that teases her and says mean things to her. This makes Emma sad and scared, but Mr. Sigurd steps in to help her defeat the dragon and feel better.

It is important to remember that the actors on the stage are using their imaginations to tell a story, just like Emma does! They use props to create some of the scary creatures you see. That means that all the scary moments are just pretend, and everyone is safe.

## **Contact Information**

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