Rootabaga County—Sensory Audience Guide

Environmental Considerations for Rootabaga County
1. The show is approximately 67 minutes and takes place without an intermission.
2. The performance takes place in Tagney Jones Hall. Seating is stadium style, on long benches. There is an aisle on each side of the theatre. There are very tall stairs to get to the benches.
3. There is a piano at the front of the room on the right side as you face the stage.

Show Content Considerations for Rootabaga County
1. One of the main roles, Please Gimme is a pants role, a role in which a mezzo soprano female voice plays the role of a young boy.
2. A main element of the plot centers around two characters missing their mother, Alelia, who died when they were very young.
3. At times, Alelia appears in memory flashbacks, which may be confusing for some patrons.
4. The cast remains onstage the entire time, even when they aren’t singing, which may be visually distracting for some patrons.
5. Opera Singers sing loudly and at times, change vocal dynamics abruptly. Patrons who have auditory sensitivities might consider wearing headphones or other sound dampening devices throughout the opera.

Key to Symbols

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<td>- The cast enters from the back of the seating area, down the stairs on either side.</td>
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<td>Introduction to the family</td>
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<td>- The children ask why they don't have a mother. The father sings about the death of their mother.</td>
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<td>The Zigzag Railroad</td>
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<td>- The chorus sings the sounds the train makes three times. Each time they sing, as they make the noise of the train whistle, the music crescendos (get louder).</td>
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| The story of Jason Squiff | 😞 | - Jason Squiff is upset when he receives his letter.
- Blixie Bimber is upset over the state of her cistern.
- Jason Squiff is upset when all of the clothing he receives is covered in popcorn. |
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<td>- Snippo Hike’s finger is stuck to his nose. He is upset and in pain.</td>
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| The story of Henry Hagglyhoagly | 😞 😨 | - It is bitterly cold. Henry is worried and upset when the music shop asks him to pay the money he owes or return the guitar he bought.
- Both children and their father are sad, missing their mother. |