I will visit the Ruth Page Theatre where I will see a play called *Mr. Chickee’s Funny Money*. This play will tell the story of a mysterious dollar bill. There will also be lots of music and dancing in this show!
I will enter the theatre through the lobby.

There may be a musician in the lobby playing guitar. I can listen to the music while I wait to enter the theatre.

I will be given a Program Book. Inside this program book are activities and information about the play.
Next, I will enter the theatre and choose a seat for the show.

I will sit in a chair and wait for the show to start.

Other children and families will also be in the theatre with me. We will all wait together for the performance to begin.

During the play, I will try to stay seated the whole time.

If I need to get up, or if I don’t want to watch the play any more, I can exit the theatre quietly with my family.

If I want a quiet space to relax for a bit, I can go downstairs to the QUIET ROOM.
When I hear an announcement and see the theatre get a bit darker, I will know the play is about to start. I will hear music play and will see some performers walk onto the stage. Here are some of the characters I will meet:

This is **Mr. Chickee**. He is a clever, old, blind man who will give Steven a case to solve.

This is **Steven**. He is inventive and adventurous, and loves using clues to solve mysteries.
This is Richelle. She’s one of Steven’s friends, and is smart, strong, and great with a calculator!

This is Zoopy, the dog Mr. Chickee gives to Steven to help him solve the case! Zoopy is really big, but also really friendly! (Don’t worry, he’s not a real dog, he’s a puppet!)

This is Russell. He loves his friends Steven and Richelle. He also really loves Zoopy, and peanut butter too!
These are Steven’s parents. His mom is named **Lynetta**, and his dad’s name is **Elmwood**. Lynetta is soft and sweet. Elmwood sometimes gets grumpy. They both love Steven very much.

This is **Agent Fondoo** and his assistants, **Agent 2** and **Agent 3**. They work for the Department of the Treasury and are trying to find Mr. Chickee’s Funny Money. They try to be very serious, but are actually quite silly!
I will watch all of these characters tell me the story of *Mr. Chickee’s Funny Money*. I will see them travel to different locations, like Steven’s house, Agent Fondoo’s Office, and the streets of Flint, Michigan. Sometimes the story will be funny and sometimes it will be serious.

When I am watching the play, if I think something is funny, I can laugh.

I will also see the performers sing many songs and dance!

If I want to, I can clap at the end of a song. This tells the actors that I think they did a great job!
When the story is over, the actors will come together on the stage and take a bow.

If I like the show, I can clap for the actors and for the band.

When I see the actors bow, I will know it is almost time for us to leave the theatre.

My friends at Chicago Children’s Theatre hope I have a great time at the show, and are looking forward to seeing me soon!