Visual Story for A.R.T./New York Theatres

This visual story is designed for visitors to the A.R.T./New York Theatres.

It contains information about the Theatres, along with images to help prepare anyone who might be curious about their visit. This document also has information to help you find your way to the A.R.T./New York Theatres where the play is performed.
How to Get to the Theatres

MAP:

*If you are travelling by subway, read the directions on pages 3-4. If you are travelling by bus, read the directions on pages 5-6.

**The 50th Street subway station is shown on this map, but there are not directions from that station included here. You may still use that station if you like.
Travelling by subway:

If you are taking the subway to come to the Theatres, you may take the A C B D or 1 trains to the 59th Street/Columbus Circle station. You may exit at the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and Columbus Circle, and you may choose to take an escalator or an elevator to the street level outside of the train station. The escalator (on the left) and elevator (on the right) will look like this.

When you exit, you will be standing at the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and Columbus Circle. This street corner will look like this.

Walk south on 8th avenue toward 58th Street and then turn right onto 58th Street. This walk may take you less than 1 minute. 58th Street will look like this.
Walk west on 58th Street for 1 block, and then turn left onto 9th Avenue. This walk may take you about 2 minutes. 9th Avenue will look like this.

Walk south on 9th Avenue for 5 blocks, and cross the street so you are standing on the south side of 53rd Street. Then, turn right onto 53rd Street. This walk may take you about 8 minutes. 53rd Street will look like this.

Keep walking on 53rd Street until you cross 10th Avenue. This walk may take you about 5 minutes. The A.R.T./New York Theatres are on 53rd Street between 10th and 11th Avenues. The street with the A.R.T./New York Theatres will look like this.
Travelling by bus:

If you are taking the bus to come to the Theatres and you are coming from south of 53rd Street, you may take the M11 bus via 10th Avenue to the 53rd Street stop. When you get off the bus, you will be on the southeast corner of 10th Avenue and 53rd Street. The street will look like this.

Cross 10th Avenue by walking west on 53rd Street. This walk may take you about 1 minute. The A.R.T./New York Theatres are on 53rd Street between 10th and 11th Avenues. The street with the A.R.T./New York Theatres will look like this.
If you are taking the bus to come to the Theatres and you are coming from north of 53rd Street, you may take the M11 bus via 9th Avenue to the 55th Street stop. When you get off the bus, you will be standing on the southwest corner of 9th Avenue and 55th Street. The street will look like this.

Walk south on 9th Avenue for 2 blocks, and cross the street so you are standing on the south side of 53rd Street. Then, turn right onto 53rd Street. This walk may take you about 2 minutes. 53rd Street will look like this.

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General Information about the Theatres

The play is being performed at the A.R.T./New York Theatres. The Theatres are located on 53rd Street between 10th and 11th Avenues. The outside of the A.R.T./New York Theatres looks like this.

This is the entrance to the A.R.T./New York Theatres. You will walk through these two sets of glass doors to enter the building.

If you need the doors opened for you, press the blue button to the right of the glass doors. Both sets of doors will open after pushing this button. It looks like this.
When you walk through the doors, you will be in the ground floor **lobby**. It can get quite busy before the show when everyone is arriving. The TV in the lobby will have information about the play being performed as well as directions to the theaters in the building. A greeter may also be in the lobby to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. The lobby looks like this.

There are two theatres in the building: one flight up from the lobby is the **Mezzanine Theatre**, and two flights up from the lobby is the **Jeffrey and Paula Gural Theatre**. To find out which theatre your play is in, you can look at the TV in the lobby.

To reach either theater, you may take the elevator or the stairs. The **stairs** will be straight in front of you along the red wall when you walk into the lobby. The **elevator** is immediately to your left when you walk into the lobby. It looks like this.
The Mezzanine Theatre

The **Mezzanine Theatre** is one flight up from the lobby. You may take the stairs or the elevator from the lobby. If you take the elevator, press the **number 2** for the Mezzanine Theatre.

The entrance to the Mezzanine Theatre looks like this. If you are coming from the stairs, this entrance will be on your left. If you are coming from the elevator, this entrance will be down the hall, on your left.

There is a **hallway** on the second floor outside of the Mezzanine Theatre. There are some chairs and benches you may sit on. This area may be crowded right before the show while people wait to go into the theatre. The hallway looks like this.
At the far end of the hallway, there is a neon sign on the wall. To the right of the neon sign, there are two **gender neutral restrooms**. A gender neutral restroom is one that any person may use, no matter what their gender is. One restroom has 6 stalls, and the other has 1 stall and 2 urinals. Next to the restrooms are 2 water fountains. The restroom area looks like this.
The Jeffrey and Paula Gural Theatre

The Jeffrey and Paula Gural Theatre is on the third floor. You may take the elevator or the stairs to the third floor. If you take the elevator, press the number 3 for the Jeffrey and Paula Gural Theatre. The stairs from the second floor to the third floor look like this.

The entrance to the Jeffrey & Paula Gural Theatre looks like this. If you are coming from the stairs, this entrance will be on your left. If you are coming from the elevator, this entrance will be in front of you.

There is a small waiting area in front of the Jeffrey & Paula Gural Theatre. There are chairs here that you may sit in. This area may be crowded before the show while people wait to enter the theatre. The waiting area looks like this.
On the far side of the waiting area, there are 2 gender neutral restrooms you may use. Each restroom is fully private and contains 1 toilet. The restroom area looks like this.

**Other Things to Know**

If you need to leave a theatre at any time, there are two chill-out areas that you may visit. The hallway outside of the Mezzanine Theatre, and the waiting area outside of the Jeffrey & Paula Gural Theatre are both chill-out areas.

You should not go into the Mezzanine or Jeffrey & Paula Gural Theatres until they are ready. When the theatres are ready, the doors to the theatres will be open.

Some areas of the A.R.T./New York Theatres may look a little bit different from the pictures in this packet. Each show decorates the spaces differently. If you would like more specific information about the show you are attending, you can send an email to theatres@art-newyork.org.