NORTHLIGHT THEATRE

Visual Guide

Welcome to Northlight Theatre. We are so excited to have you attend our show! This social story will help to prepare you for different elements of the production.

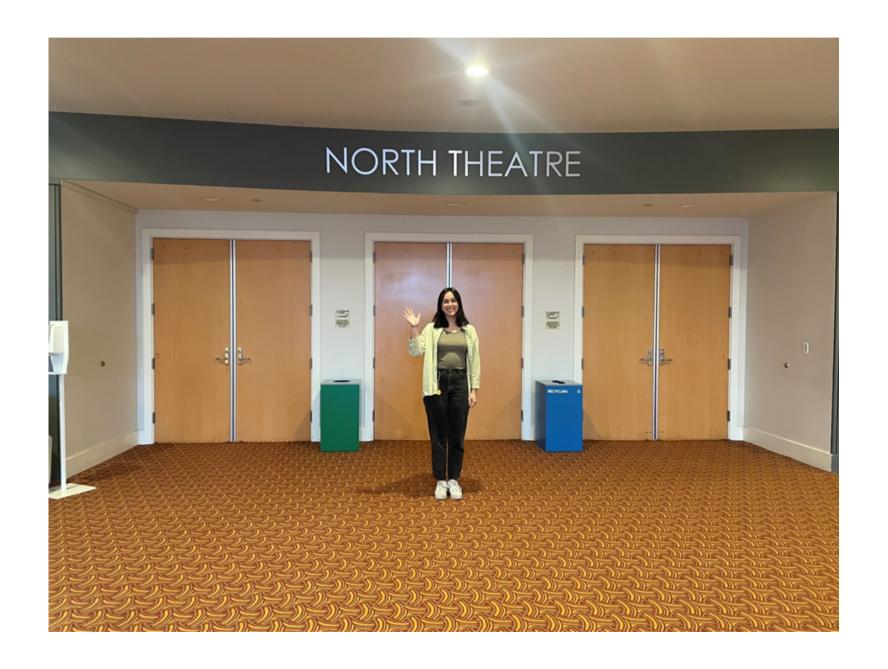


Image Description: A young woman with shoulder-length brown hair smiles and uses her right hand to wave hello to the camera in front of three sets of brown doors. She wears a light green button-down shirt and black pants. A sign above her reads "North Theatre."

Northlight Theatre is located near the corner of Skokie Boulevard and Golf Road. It is right next to the Double Tree Hotel.

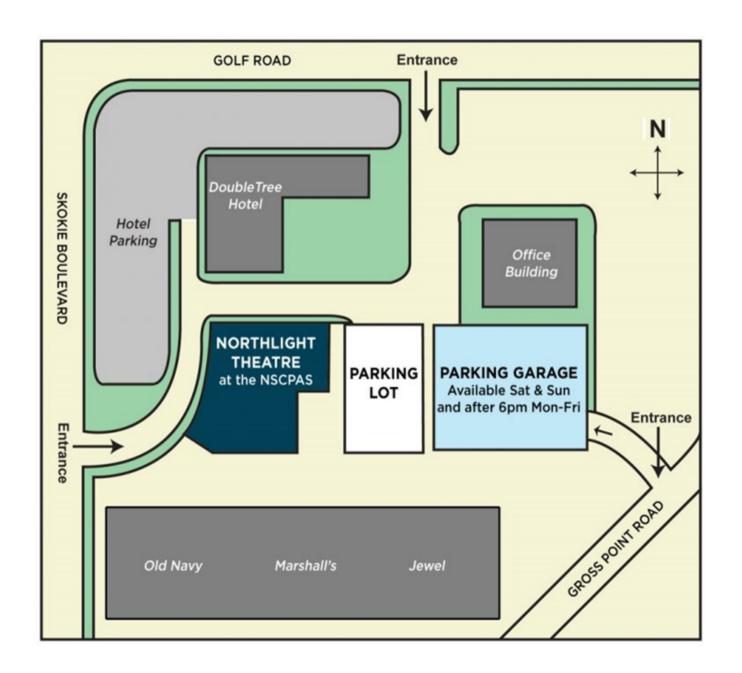


Image Description: A drawn map of the area surrounding the theatre. Northlight Theatre is marked with a dark blue color. Skokie Boulevard is to the west, Golf Road is to the north, the parking lot and parking garage are to the east, and Old Navy is to the south.

Northlight Theatre is located within the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. If you see this building with lots of windows, you are in the right place.



Image Description: A photograph of the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. The building's walls are made of white columns that have large glass windows between them. At the top of the theatre are alternating white panels which provide shade for the theatre. It is a sunny day, but the theatre is shaded. There is a tree poking out on the left.

Parking for Northlight is located behind the theatre. You can park your car with the valet, in the parking lot behind the theatre, or in the garage behind the theatre. You can then make your way to the entrance of the building, using stairs with handrails or a ramp just outside the doors.





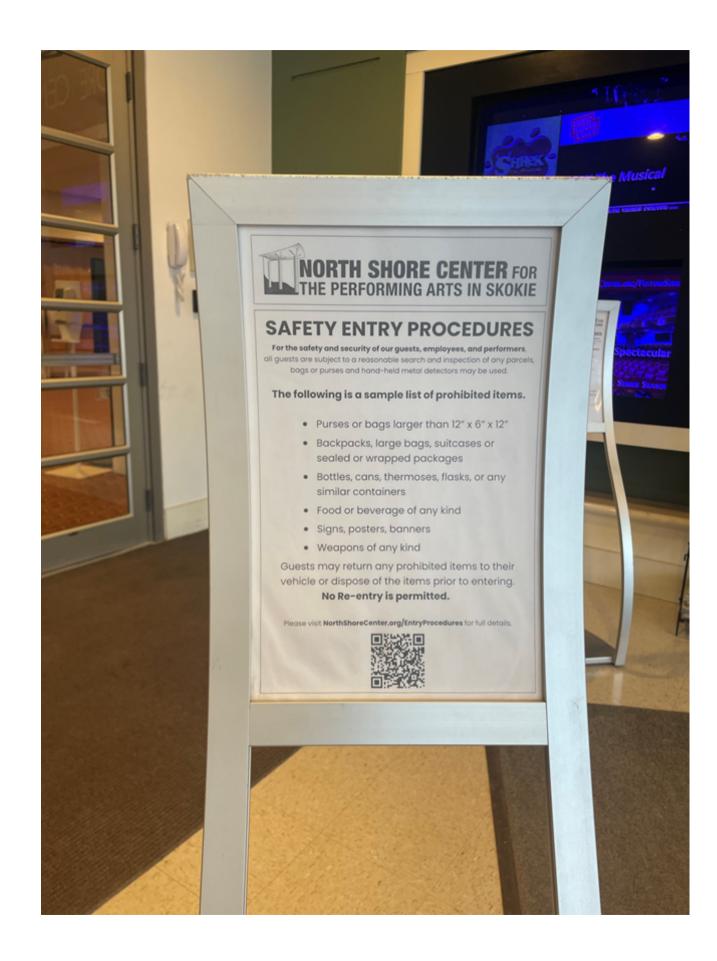
Image Description: The first photograph is of Northlight's parking lot. A brown sign which reads "Theater Parking Only" in white letters sits on a bed of red gravel. Behind the sign are several cars, the two most noticeable ones are blue. It is a beautiful day with lots of clouds in the sky. The second photograph shows the doors to the building. The doors are made of glass. There are a few concrete steps with gray handrails leading up to the glass doors, and a long concrete ramp off to the left.

Once you park your car, you are ready to enter the theatre. You can pick your ticket up at the box office, which is right inside the door of the building. We recommend picking up your ticket a half hour before the show begins.





Image Description: There are two photos on the page. The first is a wide shot of a man entering North Shore Center through the glass doors from the previous photo. The doors sit on a raised piece of concrete with four gray handrails. The second picture shows a young woman at a box office window with a microphone box. She reaches towards the window to receive her ticket. To her left, there is a second box office window.



After you pick up your tickets, you will show your ticket to the security officer at the door. They may inspect your bag if you are carrying one. Then, they will welcome you into the lobby.

Image Description: A sign displaying the North Shore Center's Safety Entry Procedures. The sign reads: "For the safety of our guests, employees, and performers, all guests are subject to a reasonable search and inspection of any parcels, bags or purses and hand-held metal detectors may be used. The following is a sample list of prohibited items: purses or bags larger than 12" by 6" by 12; backpacks, large bags, suitcases or sealed or wrapped packages; bottles, cans, thermoses, flasks, or any similar containers; food or beverage of any kind; signs, posters, banners; weapons of any kind. Guests may return any prohibited items to their vehicle or dispose of them prior to entering. No re-entry is permitted."

Before the show, you can wait in the main lobby. This is a great spot to relax before the show. You can chat with friends or get a snack from the concession stand. Northlight does not allow food and drink in the theatre, so make sure to enjoy them in the lobby.





Image Description: There are two photographs on this page. The first shows two friends sitting at a table in the Northlight lobby.

They are conversing with their hands out with a large staircase behind them. The second photo shows a young man at the Northlight concession stand. He looks at a white posterboard with a menu which hangs on a wall with a TV above it. To the right of the TV is the concession stand which has brown paneling.

The bathrooms are located in the lobby outside the North Theatre. If you need to use the bathroom during the performance, you can leave and use these bathrooms. You can also use the water fountain to get a drink of water.



Image Description: A photograph of the entrances to the bathrooms at Northlight Theatre. Signs designate the bathroom on the left for "Women" and the bathroom on the right for "Men." Both bathrooms have wheelchair accessible stalls. Between the two bathrooms, there are two water fountains. The walls are decorated with posters and advertisements.

When you are ready to enter the theatre to see the show, go through the brown doors which say "North Theatre." We recommend going into the theatre 10 minutes before the show begins. This is a great time to let an employee know if you have any accessibility needs.

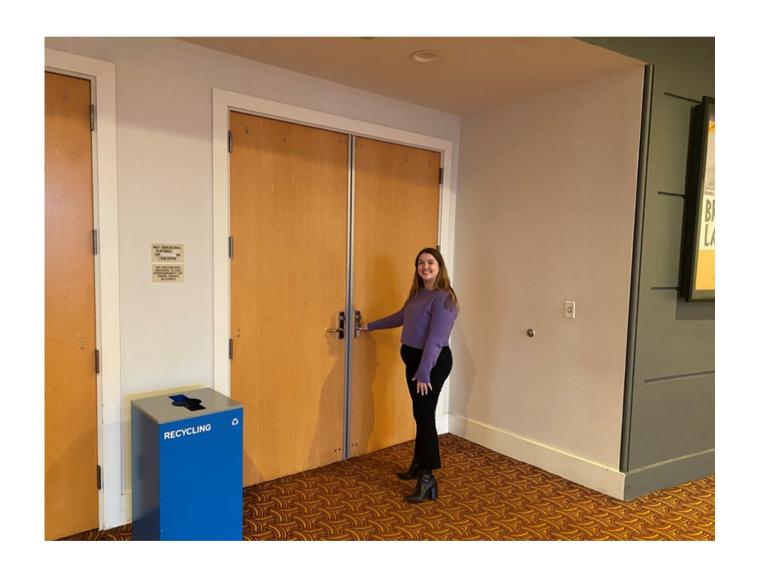


Image Description: A photograph of a young woman with a purple sweater walking into the North Theatre. She grasps the handle of the light brown doors which are surrounded by a white wall. To the left, there is a recycling bin.

Once you are in the theatre, an usher will give you your playbill which has information on the show. If you show them your ticket, they can help you find which seat will be yours for the performance. This is a great opportunity to get comfortable and relax before the show.

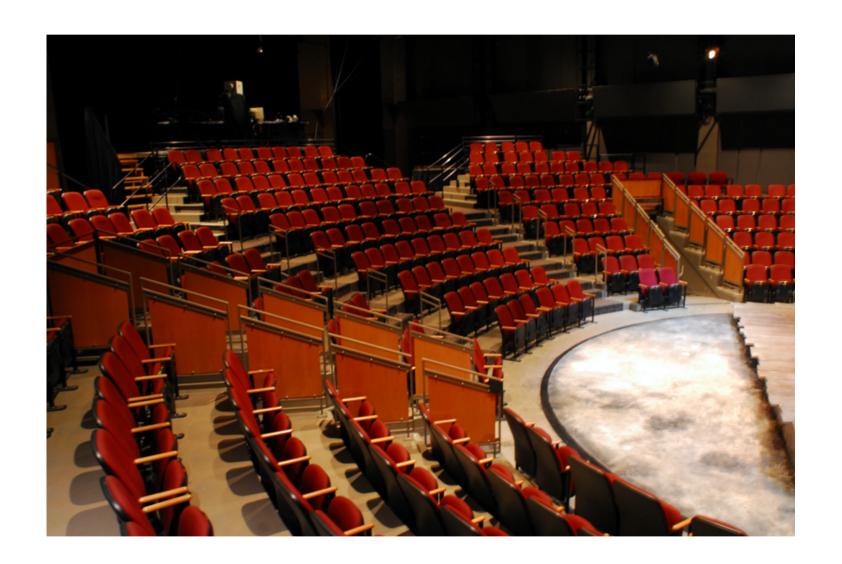


Image Description: An image of the interior of Northlight Theatre. About 300 red seats are arranged in a semi-circular pattern around a circular gray stage. There are two hallways in between the seats which the actors may use for entrances.

A couple of moments before the show starts, you will hear a curtain speech which will let you know that the show is about to begin. This might be done live by a Northlight staff member or it might be recorded. The show may start on time or they might need to wait up to fifteen minutes until everything is ready.



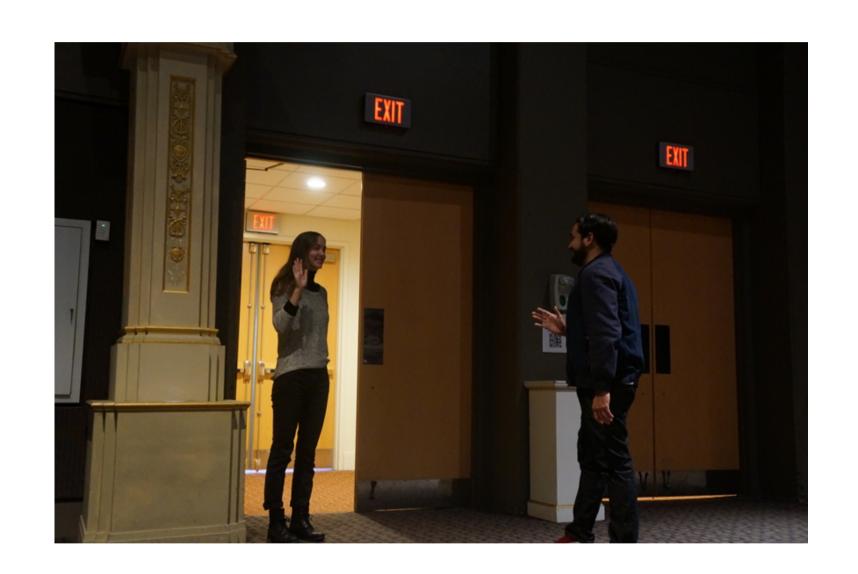
Image Description: A photograph of a young man sitting in one of the red seats from the previous photo. He has his hands on his knees and is leaning forward towards the stage.

When the show begins, the lights will fade and there may or may not be some music. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show. If you look in your playbill, you will see if the show is going to have an intermission or a break. After the show is over, you can clap for the performers to show your appreciation.



Image Description: A photograph of a young man standing in front of the same chair from the previous picture. His hands are clasped as if he has been clapping.

When the lights turn back on, feel free to exit the theatre using the same doors you used to enter. You can feel free to exit to the parking lot now.



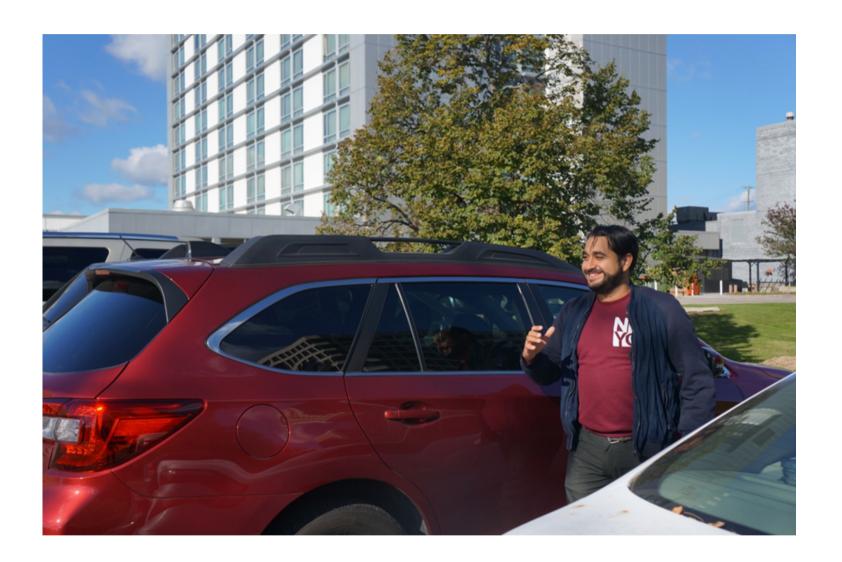


Image Description: There are two photographs shown on this page. The first one features a young man exiting the theatre with his arm outstretched as a young woman in a gray sweater waves goodbye to him. Above each door is an exit sign. The second photo shows a young man walking to his car in the parking lot. Behind him is a red car which matches his shirt

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For more information about visiting Northlight, please contact Artistic Programs Manager Kristen Waagner at kwaagner@northlight.org or 847-324-1615.