



Information for Blind or Partially Sighted Explorers of Archipelago

By Teatro Telaio

First, let us tell you a little bit about the show and the space.

Around you there are 20 little tents placed on the floor throughout the space. They are made of soft fabric and are all the same beige colour. Most of them have sand on the floor inside, except for the tent with the pillow (which usually sits in the centre of the space).

Some tents are bigger and some are smaller, but none of them are large enough to walk into. To explore them, you will need to bend down or kneel near their openings. In the bigger tents, you can put your head and hands inside and have enough space to do the activity. In the smaller tents, you can explore using your hands.

We call these tents “islands”. Together, all the islands form an archipelago.

At the beginning, when you enter, Sofia, the actress who will accompany you during the experience, will already be sitting on the floor in front of the archipelago, beside one of the islands. Sofia is an Italian woman with dark long curls in a pony tail and she wears a flowy white linen dress. Everyone will be guided to sit down in front of her (on cushions or small mats) and listen to the beginning of the journey together.

During the introduction, Sofia will show everyone the instruction scrolls that you’ll find in every island, and the small white microphones that will be in some islands. If you would like, you can meet Sofia before everyone else comes inside and she will let you feel one of the microphones and answer any questions you have.

At the end of the introduction, Sofia will wish you a good journey. You can then stand up and enter the archipelago to explore the islands. We want you to explore as independently as possible. You are welcome to explore all on your own, but if you would prefer guidance, that is also completely okay. If you would like someone to guide you, please let us know before the show begins.

In any case, if you need anything or would like support during the exploration, you can simply raise your hand and Sofia, or another guide, will come to you.

Inside each island you will find instructions together with one or more objects to explore and interact with. The instructions are printed on a piece of paper, we also have braille versions, just let us know you want to use braille when you book your ticket and we will have it ready for you.

Some instructions may invite you to write. You do not have to write if you do not want to. You can also think your answer or whisper it softly. If you choose to write, it does not matter if it is difficult to read: no one will read it.

At the end of the show, everyone will sit down around Sofia again to listen to the ending of the journey.

We hope you enjoy the Archipelago experience and would love to hear any feedback you have.

Sofia and Angelo

If you would like to request braille instructions, have a sighted guide support you and or meet Sofia before the show starts, please email access@childrensfestival.ca or call + 1 778 223 7079

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Tickets: Child/Senior \$15 - Adult \$26 + s/c & GST

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Explore little tents with messages and instructions, the instructions are available in braille or you can bring someone to read them for you

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