

**SENSORY-  
FRIENDLY  
PERFORMANCE**



**PARENT'S  
GUIDE**

**Sunday, January 27 at 4 p.m.**



# Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt

Based on the books by Megan McDonald | Adapted by Allison Gregory

## About the show

Judy Moody takes the stage in this adventure-filled world-premiere adaptation of the incredibly popular Megan McDonald books. Judy and her brother, Stink, set sail to find Scurvy Sam's secret pirate treasure. To find the loot, they'll have to race their swashbuckling rivals, Tall Boy and Smart Girl, to see who reaches the treasure first! Come along on this high-seas adventure, matey, and help Judy Moody and Stink solve the clues and codes to find the secret treasure.

## Show sponsors

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## Special thanks



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## What to expect at a sensory-friendly performance

Sensory-friendly theatre is an approach to the audience experience that "softens" the environment. What does that mean exactly? In general, we make the theatre available to everyone, including those who may need more flexibility to help manage all of the sensory experiences that come along with attending a performance. Below are some of the adjustments Children's Theatre of Charlotte is making to create a more sensory-friendly environment tailored to each show:

- Lights in the theatre will stay low during the show, instead of turning all the way off.
- We will lower the sound levels when needed.
- We sell fewer tickets for the sensory-friendly performances so families have more room to move as needed.
- We provide fidgets, headphones and weighted toys to help children feel more organized and settled.
- Someone will be at the front of the stage with glow sticks to help give families a warning when sensory-rich moments are nearing. Raising one light means there's a smaller sensory moment coming up (like a loud sound or a change in lighting). Raising two lights means a more intense sensory-rich moment is about to occur.
- We provide a quiet room if children need to leave the theatre to feel more settled or regroup during the show.

## Support materials for you

We provide several guides to help prepare your family for your visit:

The **visit guide** that walks your family through our facility.

The **child guide** goes with each performance.

The **parent guide** like this one helps parents support their children's learning and experience in the theatre.

We want you to have the opportunity to enjoy the theatre with your family, so with that, please enjoy the show!

# Learning opportunities and sensory-rich moments in *Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt*



Meet Judy Moody and her little brother, Stink! They think it's just the first day of school, but they're about to find out about a new adventure...

*What does your family enjoy doing together?*

### **Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains a very busy transition with lots of movement, sound effects, and changes to the set.

This show includes a lot of musical transitions between scenes, fun sound effects, and lighting changes.



Judy's first day of third grade is ... well ... how do you think she feels about it?

*Sometimes, we need a little bit of encouragement to be ready for new things to happen!*

### **Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains some light changes and a big set change into the next scene.



Welcome to Ocracoke Island! Will Judy and Stink's plans match up with what their parents want to do?

*How do we include different interests while still spending time together?*

### **Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains some loud moments and lighting shifts.





## Learning opportunities and sensory-rich moments continued



Let the pirate adventure begin! But pay close attention to the rules...

*What other fun activities help us learn how to problem solve while meeting new people?*

**Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains some loud moments and a big set effect moment.



Alright, Judy and Stink have the first clue. Where will it lead them?

*Word games and clues are a great way to build vocabulary and critical thinking skills!*

**Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains some shouting, along with lots of lighting effects and music.



Well, the first clue was a little tough, but Judy and Stink aren't giving up yet!

*Teamwork isn't always easy at first - how do we figure out the best way to work together?*

**Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains a few loud moments, along with a little bit of teasing.



## Learning opportunities and sensory-rich moments continued



Even the pirate's parrot has a clue for Judy and Stink! They're halfway there, but will they be able to figure out what the bird is trying to tell them?

*Sometimes we find help where we least expect it!*

**Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains a squawking bird. :)



They're looking far and wide for the fourth clue. Where will they go next to get closer to winning the game?

*It sometimes takes a lot of perseverance to finish what we started!*

**Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains a loud banging sound.



Judy is concentrating so hard, and Stink doesn't realize he has the answer to the clue ... for once!

*Everyone brings something to the table, even by surprise!*

**Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene makes a quick transition into the next scarier scene.





## Learning opportunities and sensory-rich moments continued



Well, these clues have certainly taken the whole group into places they didn't plan on visiting...

*Being brave doesn't mean you're not afraid, it means deciding to do it anyway!*

### **Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene is scarier and contains darker lighting, spooky sound effects, and some louder moments. It also contains a quick shift into a sillier moment before returning to this scene.



They're trying to get the last clue, and apparently they need to add some begging to their list of strategies to win the game.

*We can be very convincing when we need someone's help, can't we?*

### **Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains a few loud moments.



OK, Judy and Stink finally have the last clue, and now they've recruited their dad to help them think!

*It can be really fun to jump in and play games with children!*

### **Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene includes a set change into the next scene.



## Learning opportunities and sensory-rich moments continued



Hang on, they have to stop to eat? What does that mean for the treasure hunt? Keep watching and find out...

*Do families that play together win together?*

### **Sensory-rich moments:**

This scene contains thunder and lightning, a very active pirate fighting scene with lots of sound effects, louder talking, lighting effects, and pretend sword fighting. The transition into the next scene contains some flashing lights and slow motion action.



And the winner is ... wait a minute, we can't tell you that! You'll have to watch and see how it ends! :)

*How do we show our kids how to be good sports, whether they win or lose?*

### **Sensory-rich moments:**

The end of this production contains a celebration for the winners, as well as sound and lighting effects to transition into the ending moments of the show.

Thanks for joining us at Children's Theatre of Charlotte for this special performance.

We hope to see you at our other sensory-friendly performances in the future.

For details, visit: [ctcharlotte.org/online/article/sensory-friendly-performances](http://ctcharlotte.org/online/article/sensory-friendly-performances).



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