

SENSORY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE  
CHILD'S GUIDE



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## 2025-26 season - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Based on the animated television special “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” adapted from the story by Robert L. May and the song by Johnny Marks | Music and Lyrics by Johnny Marks  
Script Adaptation by Robert Penola | Developed by Character Arts Creations, LLC  
Originally produced, directed and conceived by Jeff Frank and First Stage with scenic and puppet designs by Brandon Kirkham | Arrangements by Timothy Splain  
Orchestrations by William C. White | Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI

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## Follow along the performance of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*



Happy Holidays, and welcome to “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer!” We hope you enjoy this most-loved story as we bring the North Pole to life!



Meet Sam, our beloved snowman narrator! He will guide us through the story, and he’s going to start with introducing us to some very special folks from the Christmastown....



Woah, that was Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus! But wait, here come more friends that live at the North Pole...





Awww, look, it's Baby Rudolph!! His parents and Santa are so proud of him, until something strange happens with that nose?



Time for Rudolph to learn to....reindeer... But he also has to learn about some of the dangers that come with being a reindeer!



Let's head back to Santa's Castle to see what the elves are up to now!





Meet Herbie - he's an elf, but does he want to be just like the other elves?



Rudolph's parents are worried about how he will fit in too. What kind of solution do his parents want to try?



It's time for Rudolph to be introduced to the world. He's ready to make friends, even a special one!





Coach Comet is ready to train these young reindeer, but are they ready for the challenge?



Oh no, Rudolph's heart is broken!



The elves have been practicing a special song for Santa. But what does Santa think about it?





Oh dear, Herbie wanted to help and fit in, but how did that work out?



These two might be unlikely friends, but wait to see what happens next....



Oh no, Rudolph is lost! His family must go find him, but it's not going to be easy....





Meet Yukon Cornelius - he's a character for sure!  
They don't get too far before Rudolph's nose gives them away....



Whew, they made it! These 3 are about to learn more about what they really want in life....



Silver and gold, is that the ultimate goal?





Did you know there was a whole place in the North Pole for other "misfits?"



Of course the Island of Misfit Toys has a King, but do you think these 3 will be surprised by what he has to say?



Rudolph decides to go out on his own so he can keep his friends safe! But what will he find when he runs into Santa at home?





Yikes! It's the Storm of the Century, and Rudolph ends up right in the cave of the Abominable Snow Monster! Time to be brave....?



It's time to try to defeat the Monster - can they do it??



The elves give their final performance for Santa, and the "misfits" all get some really good news! Wait until you see who makes a fantastic return....





Oh no, Santa gets bad news about a storm! But Rudolph is about to be the most surprised of all...



Look, Santa kept his promise after all! Looks like it is the Merriest of Christmases after all! There's one more surprise coming your way during the curtain call....be sure to cheer extra loud.....

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.



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