



## What to expect when attending a performance of

THE PEARL

at

HERE Arts Center

### **The Main Characters In This Show Are:**

MORVARID: A noblewoman in hiding.

QATLAQ: A Mongol soldier.

SONQOR: A Mongol commander.

### **SYNOPSIS:**

In the ruins of a conquered city, two Mongol soldiers, Qatlaq and his superior, Sonqor, hunt for a young woman, Morvarid. Morvarid has disguised herself as a man and fled with what the men believe to be a sack of priceless pearls. When Qatlaq secretly finds and shelters her, he confesses a sudden love for Morvarid and promises to protect her, but his desperation to please Sonqor gradually exposes his brutality, greed, and deceit. Cornered, Morvarid finally reveals that she handed out the pearls to the doomed captives in an act of dignity and resistance, keeping only one pearl which she admits that she swallowed. Qatlaq and Sonqor then brutally murder Morvarid to retrieve the pearl. The discovery of the single pearl drives Qatlaq into frenzy, ordering thousands of captives' bodies to be cut open in a final, horrific search.

### **MORE ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE:**

The run time, or expected length, of this show is 65 minutes.

This show will take place in the Dorothy B. Williams (DOT) Theater at HERE Arts Center.

There will be a limited number of seats reserved for Seats on the Spectrum, indicated by paper signs marked as "reserved." There will be fidget tools available for patron use. They will be located in a container in the lobby, as well as in a container downstairs in the designated break area. Please return the fidget tools to the container after the performance.

**Please note that performance is performed entirely in Farsi. The show will incorporate captions that offer English translation.**

Shows use different theatrical elements to help tell the story. In this show, you can expect:

### **Crowd Noise**

At most shows you will hear other audience members applauding/clapping and cheering at the end of scenes or at exciting portions of the show.



### **Intense Emotions**

Some of the characters will show intense emotions like sadness, fear, anger and joy. You may see the actors crying, wailing or yelling to show what the character is feeling. This is all to help tell the story.



### **Arguments**

At times the characters may argue with or yell at each other which is all part of the show.



### **Physical Fighting**

Actors will engage in what looks like physical fighting to help tell the story, but this is not real and is all part of the show.



Other sensitive content includes:

The production includes brief, non-graphic moments of physical conflict.

**What To Expect from Your Experience at HERE:**

The box office is located in the lobby at HERE Arts Center. Feel free to direct any additional questions not covered by these narratives to the box office staff.

Seating information: All seats are general admission. However, there will be a limited number of seats reserved for SEATS ON THE SPECTRUM, indicated by paper signs marked as "reserved." In order to reserve a SEATS ON THE SPECTRUM ticket, please select your desired ticket price, then select SEATS ON THE SPECTRUM as an add-on at checkout.

There are two all gender bathrooms, one containing only stalls and one with urinals and stalls, located down the stairs and to the left.

### **Venue information:**

The lobby and box office will open two hours before the show starts.

In the lobby area you can also find:

- The box office.
- Couches, tables and chairs to sit.
- A bar with alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages and snacks available for purchase.
- There will be a house manager present who can answer any questions. They will not be inside of the theater throughout the performance — should patrons need anything during the show, please exit the theater and find the house manager.

The mainstage theater is located on the ground floor. Please alert the box office manager or the house manager should an accessible entrance be needed. For reference, the accessible entrance is located on 6th ave, just around the corner from the main entrance on Dominick St.

### **Lobby activities:**

The red couch downstairs (across from the restrooms) can be utilized as a designated break area. Please note that people will likely pass through the area to use the bathrooms or file in for a show in our downstairs theater.

**If there are any questions about these elements of the show or additional information is needed, please contact the box office by calling (212) 647- 0202 or emailing [tickets@here.org](mailto:tickets@here.org).**

**We look forward to seeing you at**

THE PEARL.

