SENSORY GUIDE







GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Duration:

Act I: 1 hour and 12 minutes
Intermission: 20 minutes
Act II: 1 hour and 3 minutes

- **Note:** The decibel levels in this guide include moments of applause. Sound levels may vary based on the audience present.
- About this Guide: This Sensory Guide was created following an audit conducted in March 2025 at the Orpheum Theater by a neurodivergent staff member from O-PA. The information is specific to this venue and should not be used as a reference for performances elsewhere.

SENSORY IMPACT KEY



Auditory Impact



Visual Impact



Emotional Impact



Strobing Effects

COMMON DECIBEL (DB) LEVELS

70	Office/classroom chatter
80	Busy traffic, dog barking
90	Hairdryer
100	Lawnmower, construction site
110	Concert, night club
120	Police siren, airplane taking off

ACT ONE

SCENE	DESCRIPTION	SENSORY
Scene 1 The Hottest Speakeasy in Chicago	 Disembodied voice (pre-show announcements) Complex noise Complex movement (ensemble dance number) Up to 102.7 dB 	
Scene 2 The Street "Whew! Now that was a close shave!"	Tap dancingUp to 98.2 dB	
Scene 3 The Cheetah Club "Wow, Jerry, the Cheetah Club!"	Complex noiseUp to 99.4 dB	
Scene 4 Spats's Office "Someone to see you, Spats"	Loud yellingGun propsGunfire sound effectsUp to 99.7 dB	
Scene 5 Backstage "I told you this was a mistake."	Gunfire sound effectsScreamingUp to 104.0 dB	

ACT ONE

SCENE	DESCRIPTION	SENSORY
Scene 6 Union Station Train Platform "Minnie! Minnie!"	 Train whistle (2 times during the scene) Complex noise Loud voices Up to 103.6 dB 	S
Scene 7 A Train Car "Settle down."	• Up to 91.4 dB	S
Scene 8 On the Road "A sax is like a siren"	Fast moving scenery/propsLoud brassy musicTap dancingUp to 103.4 dB	
Scene 9 A club in Denver "Stellar show, ladies!"	 Emotional impact Loud voices Transition from dim to bright lights at the end of the song Up to 95.6 dB 	
Scene 10 The Baggage Car "Feelin' blue?"	• Up to 102.4 dB	

ACT ONE

SCENE	DESCRIPTION	SENSORY
Scene 11 The Hotel del Coronado "Hotel Del Coronado, may I help you?"	 Bright light enhanced by bright sparkly scenery Echo sound effect Hotel bell dings Blackout at the end of scene Up to 97.6 dB 	
Scene 12 Room 226 "How old do I look?"	YellingEmotional impactBlackout on stageUp to 90.4 dB	
Scene 13 A Hallway in The Hotel Del Coronado "How do you just lose"	YellingUp to 88.6 dB	
Scene 14 The Cheetah Club "Talk fast."	 Blackout as scene transitions Up to 102.4 dB 	
Scene 15 The Ballroom at The Hotel Del Coronado "Hello San Diego!"	 Tap dancing Bright moving lights over the stage Up to 105.2 dB 	

ACT TWO

SCENE	DESCRIPTION	SENSORY
Scene 1 The Ballroom at The Hotel Del Coronado	 Music starts and audience lights stay at half level Color on curtain onstage changes to red/yellow and then goes to full blackout Tap dancing Bright light Up to 90.4 dB 	
Scene 2 Room 226 "Josephine! Who do you"	 Handheld fan cracks open Complex noise Up to 96.4 dB 	
Scene 3 The Caledonia Seven "Goodness, Kip, how fun."	 Sound of glass bottle breaking Tap dancing Up to 101.0 dB 	
Scene 4 The Cantina in Mexico "Osgood?"	 Handheld fan cracks open Up to 101.3 dB 	
Scene 5 Room 226 "Good mornin'!"	 Handheld fan cracks open Bright lighting shifts Sustained high notes Up to 106.6 dB 	

ACT TWO

SCENE	DESCRIPTION	SENSORY
Scene 6 The Ballroom at The Hotel Del Coronado "SOME LIKE IT HOT" (REPRISE)	 Sudden light sifts during dance break Lights shift from pink to white Up to 91.0 dB 	
Scene 7 Adjoining Dressing Rooms "Osgood!"	Complex noiseScreamingSlap across faceUp to 98.8 dB	
Scene 8 Hotel Hallway "TIP TAP TROUBLE"	 Complex movement (chase sequence with moving scenery) Gunfire sound effects Tap dancing Surprised screams Door slams Color changing/moving lights Up to 109.0 dB 	
Scene 9 The Hottest Nightclub in Hollywood "Welcome to Daphnecita's"	 Bright pink curtains and lights Up to 105.3 dB 	

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