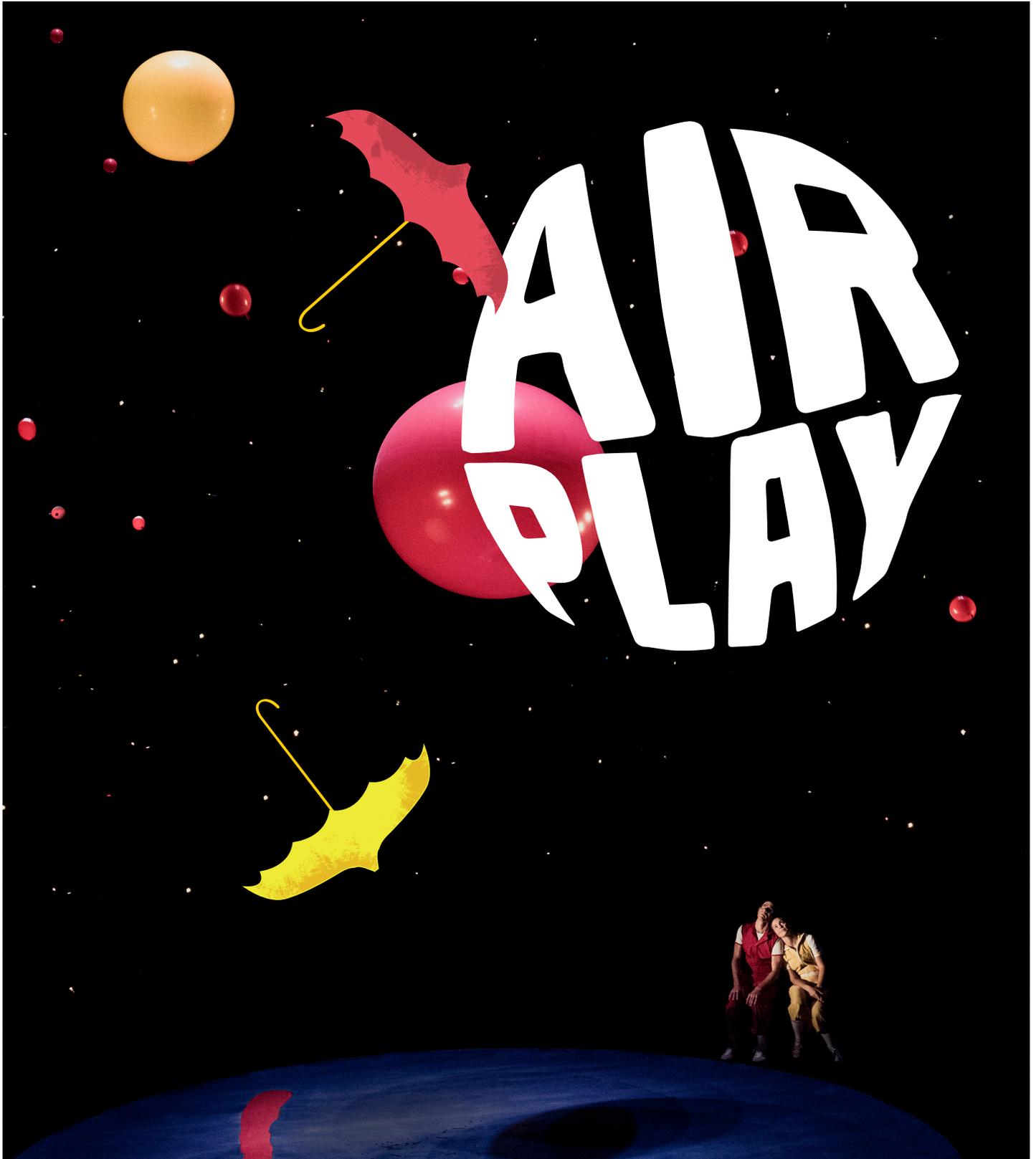


Zoellner Arts Center Autism-Friendly Performance
CHARACTER AND STORY GUIDE



The man and woman who perform in *Air Play* are named Seth Bloom and Christina Gelsone. They are called the Acrobuffos!

The Acrobuffos created the show with Daniel Wurtzel, an air sculptor who helped them make everything float in the show! An air sculptor is someone who makes beautiful shapes with objects and the help of air. You will not see him in the show.

CHRISTINA GELSONE and SETH BLOOM



When you see the show, you may have some questions.

Try to remember:

- During the show, many things will float into the audience. All of these things are soft and will not hurt you. Seth and Christina go into the audience, too, but you do not have to talk to them.
- There are many balloons in the show. Two will POP! In the middle of the show, Christina and Seth climb into balloons and Seth's balloon pops. At the end of the show, they will throw a large yellow balloon in the air. It pops to release lots of packing peanuts!

Circus shows can sometimes be a little scary!
If you're feeling scared, you can always:

Cover or close your eyes.



Hold your grown-up's hand.



Cover your ears with your hands or put on headphones.



Use a fidget tool.



Take a break from the show in our Lobby.



The story in *Air Play* is told without words.
This **Story Guide** will help you follow along!



You will know when the show begins because the lights will dim a little bit and music will begin playing.

The curtain rises to show Seth holding onto a piece of red fabric that's being blown up by a ring of fans. Seth loves the color red!



Christina joins Seth onstage. They meet for the first time. She also has a big piece of fabric, but hers is yellow. Christina loves the color yellow!

They both let their fabric go. The fans help the fabric keep flying.



Seth and Christina fight over a red feather. Throughout the show, it will seem like they are mad at each other. Don't worry, they're just acting!



Christina blows up four balloons to make Seth jealous. Seth and Christina work together to juggle all of the balloons.



Suddenly, they get tied together by a rope. They cannot make up their minds which way to go. Their juggling balloons blow away! Christina tries to get them back with a big leaf blower.



Christina has an idea! She brings out another big piece of yellow fabric to play with, instead. Seth joins her with his own big piece of red fabric.



Christina plays with a large red balloon. Seth brings a GIANT red balloon onstage.



The giant red balloon flies up into the air. They watch in wonder and add little balloons and glitter



They take off their shoes and the outer layer of their costumes. They go inside the big balloons and play!

POP!



Seth's big balloon **POPS**. Don't worry, this is on purpose! Seth acts sad.

Seth takes Christina's clothes and leaves her alone on stage with nothing to wear!



Christina is **NOT** happy. She is even more unhappy when her balloon starts to deflate. She is now inside of a teeny tiny balloon.



Seth teases Christina and makes her chase after him to get her clothes back! Christina throws umbrellas at him along with a big plastic bag. Everything flies up into the air.



Christina retrieves her shoe, but Seth is stuck in the plastic bag. After he escapes, Christina tries to apologize, but Seth is mad!



Christina wins him back by bringing in a BIG white piece of fabric. They play with it in the air.

Christina must leave. She says goodbye to Seth. They are both very sad.



POP!

As they start to leave the stage, a big, yellow balloon appears. When they play with it, it **POPS** and releases thousands of packing peanuts in the air. It looks like snow!

They are now happy and they leave the stage separately, as friends. The play ends.