ReelAbilities Film Festival: New York Opening Night Gala

Visual Story
I am going to the IAC Building for ReelAbilities Film Festival’s Opening Night Gala!

I should plan to arrive at the start of Reception at 6PM, or 20 minutes before the film starts at 7PM.

I will wear a mask to the Reception. Clear masks will be provided at the event.
The IAC Building is on 555 W 18th Street, New York, NY, 10011.

I will find a large gray building with revolving doors that says “IAC” on it.
I will go into the building and to the registration desk. I will give my name to check in at the registration desk.

At the registration desk, I will also show my ID and proof of vaccination. I can show proof of vaccination with a vaccination card, picture of a vaccination card, or an Excelsior pass.
There will be an access desk. It will have personal listening devices, braille materials, earplugs and fidgets. I can ask the person at the access desk for one or more of these items.

There will be more fidgets in the Sensory Friendly Room.

I will return the items after the film.
The Reception is from 6:00PM-6:45PM. During the Reception, I can explore the space, check out the PSA slides and imagery on the screens, take pictures at the step and repeat, and hang out in the Sensory Friendly Room.

The Sensory Friendly Room, bathrooms, and screening area are all on the same floor. There will be signage put up that will help me find these places.
The Sensory Friendly Room will be open during reception and during the film. I can also go to the Sensory Friendly Room if I need to take a break at any point. There are fidgets and bean bags in the Sensory Friendly Room that I can use.
I can use the bathrooms at any point as well.
At 6:40PM, actor Robert De Niro will speak at the Reception!

The reception will end at 6:45PM. I will be handed a goodie bag. Then, I will go to the screening area.
In the screening area, a trailer for ReelAbilities will play at 7:00PM.

At 7:05PM, there will be Opening Night remarks from speakers, including Opening Night Recipient Victor Calise, the former Commissioner of the New York City Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities.

I will also watch a Vimeo Sizzle reel, a video from the Mayor’s Office, and an intro from The Specials directors Olivier Nakache and Éric Toledano.
At 7:25PM, I will watch the movie *The Specials*!
After the film, I will watch a prerecorded Q+A with Reda Kateb, an actor from *The Specials*.