



Guide for the Experience PPAC matinee Broadway touring performance of *SpongeBob the Musical*

Thank you for signing up to attend *SpongeBob the Musical* with your students at the Providence Performing Arts Center on **Thursday, May 14th, 2020 @ 10 AM**. We are very excited to offer this experience to 10th grade students across the state of Rhode Island. There is helpful information throughout this document to answer questions that you may have.

FAST FACTS

Providence Performing Arts Center
220 Weybosset Street
Providence, RI 02903

PERFORMANCE BEGINS at 10 AM (Running time is 2:30 Minutes – with INTERMISSION)

**There will be a 30-minute Q & A with Cast and Crew following the performance. If you do not plan on staying, please let Dana Brazil know by emailing Dbrazil@ppacri.org.

LOBBY DOORS OPEN at 9:00 AM
THEATRE DOORS OPEN at 9:30 AM

*If you arrive early please stay on your bus until the Lobby doors are open, to avoid waiting in any inclement weather.

Show Synopsis

Stakes are higher than ever before SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total annihilation of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance. And just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up and takes center stage.

A legendary roster of Grammy® Award winners. A visionary director and a Tony Award®-winning design team. One of the world's most beloved characters. Turn them loose on stage and what do you get? The musical *The New York Times* declares, "Brilliant!" Broadway's best creative minds reimagine and bring to life the beloved Nickelodeon series with humor, heart and pure theatricality in "a party for the eyes and ears" (*Daily Beast*) Explore the depths of the theatrical innovation in *THE SPINGEBOB MUSICAL*, 2018 Best Musical winner of the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards, where the power of optimism really can save the world.

General Information

- This is a FREE performance with transportation provided, but a school representative must reserve seats via this link ([click here](#)).
- Each school can only register for one show per school year.
- There will be limited flexibility to add to the number of show tickets once your registration has been submitted. If your number does change, please contact Dana Brazil at Dbrazil@ppacri.org ASAP to see if accommodations can be made.
- We will be providing small bottled water for every student.
- Please have students refrain from bringing bags, backpacks/purses if possible. We have bag checks and metal detectors and it will slow down the process of entering the building.
- **Flash Photography and Videography are NOT PERMITTED** inside the theatre. We want you to enjoy the show and the experience while still respecting the show's and the theatre's policies.
- We will communicate with the registered schools for each show with specific show and/or logistic information as it becomes available. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

- **All students attending the performance must turn in a signed liability and media release form. These can be scanned and emailed, dropped off or mailed. They must be received by Thursday, April 23, 2020 @ 5 PM.**
- Students and teachers attending an Experience PPAC performance are expected to complete and return the provided assessment in the self-address stamped envelope within 3 weeks of attending the performance. Assessment forms will be distributed to each school the day of the performance by the aisle captain usher staff at PPAC.
Send Liability & Media Release Forms to:
Providence Performing Arts Center
Attn: Dana Brazil
220 Weybosset St.
Providence R.I. 02903
Dbrazil@ppacri.org

Resources

- A **downloadable study guide/show content** for you to access on our website, written specifically for this event, is available at this link ([click here](#)). We encourage you to engage your students with the material prior to attending your scheduled performance. We have found prior learning engagement helpful, to enhance the thrill and excitement of attending the live performance. The students who engage with the show concepts prior to attending the performance have said that they were more interested in attending and watching the performance because they understood the characters, relationships and storylines.
- **Additional Resources**, including a trailer video and additional tools can be found at this link ([click here](#)).

Accommodations

- **Please contact Dana Brazil with your ADA requirements no later than 4 weeks prior to the performance. All ADA requests should be made when registering for your tickets. Wheel chair seating is limited.** Contact Dana today to make sure that you have properly secured your ADA seating. Dana Brazil, Email: Dbrazil@ppacri.org.
- **If you are bringing a service animal to the performance, you must notify us in advance by emailing Dana Brazil at Dbrazil@ppacri.org**

Transportation

- Please plan to arrive no later than 10:35 AM. Bus transportation plans will be sent to you 3 weeks prior to the performance. Please review and confirm the travel times to ensure that you will arrive prior to 10:35 AM. If you cannot meet this time frame based on the bus information provided to you, please contact Dana Brazil immediately @ Dbrazil@ppacri.org to revise the travel times.
- You will not be able to leave anything on the bus as some buses may have to leave and return, but the buses will return to their drop off location for pick-up.
- Our transportation partner is First Student. They will be the bus company transporting all of the students for the Experience PPAC performances. All buses will park at designated locations within a 3-block radius of the theatre. You will be sent a map of these locations approximately 3 weeks prior to the performance. The bus will drop you off at this location and pick you up from this location. The buses will also be numbered so it will be easy for the chaperone/teacher to identify the bus for the return walk when departing.
- Each school group will need to create and submit a bus roster with names of students and chaperones/teachers for each bus. (50 people per bus) The bus roster helps the driver of each bus know who is on the bus, and PPAC will have the list names to know who is in the building that day. In the event of an emergency, we need to have a master list of names of everyone attending the performance, but we realize this information is sensitive and we will not share this information with anyone. **Bus rosters will be due with Liability & Media form on Thursday, April 23, 2020.** Email Dana Brazil @ Dbrazil@ppacri.org

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, May 14th @ 10 AM