



# EDUCATION STUDY GUIDE

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# Introduction

The arts and theatre can benefit every student by contributing towards development in literacy, intuition, reasoning, imagination, team work, communication and many more key life skills. Learning in an interesting and unique way will hopefully show everyone that education can be fun throughout our lives. We hope this guide enhances your experience of.....

## BROADWAY CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND



# The Show



BROADWAY CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND is one of the most delightful and enchanting Christmas shows ever.

This much loved Christmas show features glittering costumes, a dazzling cast, and the highest kicking Chorus Girls this side of the North Pole.

Start Christmas in style as Santa and his merry helpers take you on an unforgettable nostalgic Christmas journey.

Songs include:

"White Christmas", "Winter Wonderland", "Jingle Bells"

"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas", "Chestnuts Roasting"

"Silent Night", "Deck The Halls", "O Holy Night"

"Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" and many more.

This sparkling Holiday Show is perfect for the whole family!





# Show Etiquette



You arrive at the theatre (on time please!) and a friendly usher takes you to your seat.

You'll feel the excitement in the air as everyone arrives and gets ready to watch the performance.

All of a sudden the lights go down on the audience and the stage becomes bright, colorful and full of life.....What do you do next???

**STAY IN YOUR SEAT ~** Use the restroom before the performance starts and during the intermission. If you have to get up then be polite to the people around you.

**DON'T USE YOUR CELL PHONE ~** Take your selfies before the performance!! Tell your friends and family you had a great time on social media but wait until after the performance.

**JOIN IN AND HAVE FUN ~** You might be asked to join in during the performance; to clap and sing along! Have fun but remember to be respectful of those sitting around you and to listen for when to join in.

**LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE WORKED HARD FOR MONTHS TO MAKE THIS PERFORMANCE HAPPEN. EVERYONE INVOLVED WANTS YOU TO HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME SO FOLLOW THE TIPS ABOVE AND ENJOY THE SHOW!!!!**



# Bringing The Show To Life



When you watch the show it's not only the wonderful singers and dancers that are working hard to make it happen. Months before the show starts a team of people start to plan and prepare all the different elements it takes to make the magic happen!!! Some of these include:

**THE PRODUCER** ~ provides the money for the production

**THE CHOREOGRAPHER & DIRECTOR** ~ creates the dance steps and coordinates all the performers and design elements

**THE DESIGNERS OF SOUND, SCENERY, COSTUMES & LIGHTING** ~ with the builders and technicians they make all the design elements come to life

**THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR** ~ helps choose the music, arrangements and teaches the songs to the performers

**THE STAGE MANAGER** ~ coordinates the backstage activity with a team of technical crew members

**THE HOUSE MANAGER AND USHERS** ~ runs the "front of house" area, the auditorium and gets the audience to their seats on time!

**MARKETING MANAGER** ~ spreads the word about the show

**THE BOX OFFICE MANAGER AND TEAM** ~ sell the tickets to the show



# Since You've Seen The Show



Here are some discussion points and activities....

## **DID YOU ENJOY THE PERFORMANCE AND GOING TO THE THEATRE?**

Who has been to a live performance before? How was the experience? Did you enjoy the show? What did you notice about the theatre? Was it a large stage? Did the audience enjoy the show? Would you go to the theatre again to see another live performance? Would anyone like to have a career as a singer or dancer?



## **INTERVIEW ONE OF THE PERFORMERS.**

Which performer would it be? What questions would you ask them?

## **WRITE A REVIEW OF THE SHOW.**

Tell others what you thought about the performance. What parts did you like? How did the audience react to the show? Would you recommend the show and why?

## **DESIGN YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS COSTUME.**

Think of all the bright colored costumes in the show. Which one did you like the best? What colors make you think about Christmas? Think about your favorite part of Christmas. Perhaps it's snowflakes or presents, maybe even Elves?? Whatever it is, design a costume based on that image. Remember that it's for a show on stage so it has to be bright and colorful to stand out and make the audience think of Christmas!!





# Since You've Seen The Show



## **WRITE A CHRISTMAS STORY, POEM OR SONG.**

Describes a fun filled magical Christmas Wonderland and what Christmas means to you. Tell the story of your favorite Christmas memory (non-fiction) or create something using your imagination (fiction). Take your favorite Christmas song from the show and change the words to tell the your own story.

## **COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS FROM TODAY!**

Now that the show has put you in the Christmas spirit, count how many days we have left until Christmas Day. Once you have the amount of days figured out try and calculate how many hours until Christmas Day!

## **HOW MANY MILES DOES SANTA HAVE TO TRAVEL TO YOUR HOUSE?**

On Christmas Eve Santa has to travel around the world in one night delivering gifts to all the good boys and girls!! Can you calculate the distance from the North Pole to your house?

## **LEARN HOW TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.**

The cast features performers from all around the world. Christmas is celebrated in many countries, with different ways to express a holiday wish to a friend or loved one. Research how to say Merry Christmas in different languages.





# Who Is This Santa Claus?



One of the most recognized symbols of Christmas is of course Santa Claus..or is his name Father Christmas, or wait..Kris Kringle..did someone say SinterKlaas??????

Saint Nicholas, was a 4th century bishop in Turkey who was respected for his charitable activities with a reputation for giving gifts of money and dropping the coin bags down the chimney. Ever since then the legend has passed from generation to generation, country to country, with his image changing throughout the centuries. However one thing remained the same....

He is still the iconic gift bearer of the season!!!

Research more on the different legends of this jolly old man who has encouraged children across the world to stay off the naughty list!!!



# Note To Teachers And Leaders



The activities and discussion ideas in this study guide provide a fun platform for your students and groups to engage in an educational opportunity beyond personally experiencing a live Broadway performance.

The activities may be adapted to meet the age appropriate level of your students and groups. The study guide will stimulate them to be creative and pique interest in their peers Christmas traditions, as well as other cultures around the world, as they use other resources, such as the internet, reference books, and good old fashioned discussion as a group.

