

MATINEE WEEK PREPARATION GUIDE



SANTA CRUZ SHAKESPEARE

Most student matinee performances are 2 hours and 30 minutes long with a 20 minute intermission.

In preparation for your school to attend Student Matinee Week, please read to following items:

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME

Please arrive on time at The Grove. **The matinee performance starts at 10AM**, and we want to make sure you and your students are settled in for the start of the show! We recommend arriving 30 minutes prior to show time to park, check in, and find your seats. You may arrive an hour before the matinee starts to picnic in the theater as well!

POST-SHOW DISCUSSIONS

After the play, stick around for a brief, post-show conversation with the cast members from the show. Engage with the artists and learn about the production.

GROUNDLING SEATING

If you are sitting in the groundling section, please bring a hat, sunscreen, and a blanket to sit on. Coined during Shakespeare's time, "Groundling" refers to people who paid one penny in order to be able to stand in front of the stage to watch the play. Groundlings were known to be raucous and even throw food at characters they didn't like. While we don't encourage that sort of behavior, we do think being a Groundling is a fun way to watch Shakespeare!

WEATHER & ATTIRE

It is usually chilly in the mornings and warmer in the afternoons. Any seasoned Californian will tell you to dress in layers! **There will be shade cloth protecting the bulk of theater seating for the student matinee performances, but we still recommend hats and sunscreen (especially if you are sitting in the groundling section).**

CONCESSIONS

Students may bring their own food and/or beverage to the theater. Students may eat in the theater before, during, or after the performance: we just ask to open or unwrap any noisy food items before the show starts. We will also have our concessions area open for anyone who would like to purchase water, coffee and tea, cold beverages, and snacks from Pacific Cookie Company and Nut Kreations.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Assisted Listening Devices are available for rental free of charge. Please check with the box office upon your arrival to reserve a unit for the performance should any theater-goer in your group need amplified sound. If you need any handicap accessible seating, please let us know before the date of your assigned matinee performance, so that we may accommodate you.

For questions about Matinee Week please contact Alexandra Schroeder, Education Coordinator,
at education@santacruzshakespeare.org or 831-460-6396 x5.



DIRECTIONS TO THE GROVE

The Grove is located in Upper DeLaveaga Park at 501 Upper Park Rd, Santa Cruz, CA 95065

From Santa Cruz:

Take North Branciforte Avenue toward Upper DeLaveaga Park/Golf Course. North Branciforte Avenue veers to the right and uphill.

Take the first left turn, following sign to "Golf Course," onto Upper Park Road.

Continue on Upper Park Road and drive past the DeLaveaga Golf Course & Lodge located on your right.

Drive past the pond (located on the right) and take the second right past the Lodge.

From Hwy 17:

Merge onto CA-1 South from CA-17

Take exit 440 to Morrissey Blvd.

Turn right on Fairmount Ave.

Turn right on North Branciforte Avenue toward Upper DeLaveaga Park/Golf Course. North Branciforte Avenue veers slightly to the right and uphill.

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From points South:

On CA-1 North, take exit 440 for Morrissey Blvd.

Continue on Morrissey OVER Highway One to Fairmount Ave.

Turn right on Fairmount Ave.

Turn right on North Branciforte Avenue toward Upper DeLaveaga Park/Golf Course. North Branciforte Avenue veers slightly to the right and uphill.

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