

..... Previewing Guide for Sensory and Content Sensitive Patrons

Pinocchio and the Most Valuable Lesson

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Broadway Rose's mission is to create unparalleled musical theatre experiences that invigorate audiences and enrich our communities. In addition to putting the best work possible on our stage, to us that also means making it possible for individuals to experience it as fully and comfortably as possible. Below are some advisories for sensory and content sensitive patrons that may contain spoilers for the show.



Emotional Music

The songs in *Pinocchio* can be lighthearted and fun, while other songs are slow and more like a ballad. There is some musical underscoring that mimics the “termites” or nerves in Pinocchio’s stomach crawling.



Audience Interaction

There are times when the cast enters and exits the stage through the audience. When Foxy and Catty play hide and seek with the other kids, everyone goes into the audience and hides before running away. When Signora Ree helps Pinocchio learn to control the “termites” in his tummy, she teaches the audience how to do it as well.



Fantastical Elements

Pinocchio is a wooden puppet, played by a human actor and dressed to look like a puppet. Signora Faye Ree is actually a fairy who lives in a cottage in the woods and teaches at the school.



Emotional Scenes

When Pinocchio doesn't come home, Geppetto goes out to look for him at the river. He is worried because he and Pinocchio cannot swim. Geppetto falls out of the boat and Pinocchio is able to rescue him because Pinocchio can float. The river is make-believe, and the actors are not in real danger.



Bullying

At the beginning of the show, Foxy and Catty say mean things to Pinocchio about being a puppet and are rude to Signora Ree. They also make Pinocchio lie to make fun of him when his nose grows. At the end of the show, Foxy and Catty realize that Pinocchio is nice and brave and Pinocchio convinces them to not be scared of going to school.



Lying

When Pinocchio lies, his nose grows and won't shrink back until he tells the truth. Foxy and Catty make him play the two truths and a lie game just to see him lie and have his nose grow.