

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

## ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical***

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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 music of *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* is from the catalogue of Carole King and fellow songwriters Gerry Goffin, Barry Mann, and Cynthia Weil. The music spans two decades and is comprised mostly of rock and roll hits.



### **Mild Language**

*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* contains some mild adult language throughout the performance.



### **Loud Sounds**

In Act 1, when Carole, Gerry, Cynthia, and Barry go to a ski chalet in Vermont, Gerry gets angry and slams his fist on the table. There is a loud bang that occurs when he does so. In Act 2, when Carole discovers him at Marilyn Wald's apartment, they get into an argument and begin to yell at each other.



### **References to Drugs/Alcohol and Smoking**

At the top of the performance, Carole's mother Genie enters smoking a prop cigarette. No actual smoking occurs onstage. During the "1650 Broadway" medley, many of the songs mention drinking. In Act 2, when Carole is telling Cynthia about Gerry's affair with Janelle Woods, she mentions that Gerry had been "smoking a lot of grass."



### **Mild Adult Themes**

*Sexual Innuendo and Mentions of Pregnancy:* Throughout the performance, there are instances of mild sexuality. After Carole and Gerry meet for the first time at Queen's college, they "kiss passionately." Six months after, Carole tells Gerry that she is pregnant. They later have a daughter named Louise. When Barry and Cynthia first meet, Barry calls multiple women to cancel dates and then later he and Cynthia are described as "kissing like mad" in his office. When the group goes to Vermont for a skiing weekend, Gerry suggests playing strip poker. After Cynthia refuses to marry Barry, he tells her that he still "wants the sex" in their relationship.

*Infidelity:* At the beginning of the performance, Genie tells Carole that her ex-husband (Carole's father) is dead to her because he was unfaithful to her. Later, Genie suggests that Gerry is cheating on Carole due to his constantly being home late after work. At the end of act 1, Gerry tells Carole he wants to form a relationship with singer Janelle Woods while staying married to her. Gerry later calls his affair off and goes back to Carole but ends up having an affair with singer Marilyn Wald in Act 2.

*Mentions of a Mental Health Crisis:* In Act 2, when Barry asks Cynthia to move in with him, he mentions that while they were briefly broken up, he was "searching for ways to kill himself that didn't involve dying." This is meant to be interpreted in a humorous light. In the next scene, Gerry suffers what is classified as a "nervous breakdown," leading to his hospitalization and subsequent reconciliation with Carole.