

The Children's Theatre  
OF CINCINNATI



**SENSORY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 1 PM**  
AT THE TAFT THEATRE

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## SENSORY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES

Macy's is proud to partner with Cincinnati Children's Starting Our Adventure Right (SOAR) program to make these productions accessible to more children and families. SOAR is made possible by Macy's support.



At The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati, we believe theatre is for everyone. That's why we are so excited to present the sixth season of MainStage Sensory-Friendly performances at the Taft Theatre.

**These are special performances intended for individuals with developmental disabilities including those on the autism spectrum who may benefit and their classmates and families, not for the general public.** Only a limited number of tickets will be sold. This season we are happy to present one performance during the weekday for school groups and families.



### ABOUT THE SHOW

The stakes are higher than ever in this dynamic stage musical, as 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. The power of optimism really can save the world!

### To create a "sensory-friendly" performance:

- The show is performed in a welcoming, supportive environment for those with sensory challenges.
- Slight adjustments to lighting and sound are made for the performance. Effects such as fog, strobes, and lights that extend into the audience are minimized.
- In the theater lobby, there is an area staffed by specialists in the field where patrons and families can take a break from the performance if needed.
- A downloadable Social Narrative (in Word format) with pictures of the theater and the production are available on our website, designed to personalize the experience for individuals wishing to prepare for the show. These will be posted one week prior to each production.
- Additional resources for the performance, such as a Character Guide, and a Guide to Attending the Show will also be available one week prior to each production.
- A committee of experts in the field was created to aid TCT with these performances, including staff members from Theatre Development Fund's Autism Theatre Initiative—the organization that implements sensory-friendly performances on Broadway, along with members from CCHMC/Cincinnati Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program, Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati Occupational Therapy Institute, Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati, The Point/Arc of Northern Kentucky, The Children's Home of Cincinnati and Q102.

### HOW DO I BUY TICKETS?

Tickets will be available mid-September.

Tickets to sensory-friendly performances may sell out, so we encourage you to order in advance.

1. Visit [www.thechildrenstheatre.com/accessible-performances/](http://www.thechildrenstheatre.com/accessible-performances/)
2. Select BUY SENSORY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE TICKETS and continue through the ticket purchasing process

Questions about weekday shows?

Call Pam Young at 513.569.8080 ext. 13 or email [pam.young@tctcincinnati.com](mailto:pam.young@tctcincinnati.com).

### WHERE WILL THESE PERFORMANCES TAKE PLACE?

All MainStage performances will be held at the Taft Theatre, 317 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Conveniently located at the corner of 5th and Sycamore in downtown Cincinnati.

### HOW LONG ARE THE SHOWS?

The shows last approximately 60 minutes without intermission.

### HOW MANY PEOPLE MAY ATTEND?

We limit attendance to 500 people.

### ADDITIONAL TIPS

**Wheelchair locations:** Wheelchair locations and companion seats are simple to purchase, clearly labeled, but limited. We will not have extra wheelchair locations to move you to if you buy in another location that is not designated wheelchair seating. For wheelchair accessible seating contact the box office at 513.569.8080X10

### IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

or need further assistance, please contact Krista Katona Pille at [krista.katonapille@tctcincinnati.com](mailto:krista.katonapille@tctcincinnati.com) or call 513-569-8080 x15