

Beauty and the Beast STUDENT MATINEE CHECKLIST for Schools, Homeschools and Groups
 February 23, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Pre-Performance Information for Teachers and Students		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Performance Length	The performance will begin <u>promptly at 11 a.m.</u> and will end at 12:30 p.m. There is one intermission.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaving Before the Performance is Over	We hope and expect that you will stay for the entire performance. If your group needs to leave early for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible at lauel@pittsburghballet.org .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lunch Arrangements	Food and beverages are <u>not</u> allowed in the Benedum Center auditorium. Concession stands will not be open, and students will not be allowed to leave the theater or eat lunches in the lobby during the intermission. We recommend that students eat a hearty breakfast before coming to the theater and have bag lunches available on the buses for eating immediately after the performance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Devices	Please inform your students that the use of electronic devices is not allowed in the theater. Patrons are not permitted to take photos or videos of the performance. We recommend that all devices—cell phones, tablets, etc.—be left at home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Students with Special Needs	If you have a student(s) who needs special accommodations, please contact lauel@pittsburghballet.org as soon as possible specifying the accommodation needed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational Materials	Check out our wealth of educator resources on our website: https://www.pbt.org/learn-and-engage/programs-for-schools/resources-for-educators/bbmat/
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Flyer	An informational flyer for parents is linked on our resource page . Please copy and distribute to your students to take home!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs	A bundle of 20 programs will be reserved in the Benedum lobby for each group. Please pick up the programs as you enter. You may distribute to your students in the theater or at a later time. Please contact lauel@pittsburghballet.org if you would like additional programs.

Logistics for Performance Day		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrival Time in Cultural District	Please plan ample travel time to allow for parking the buses, walking to the theater, and finding your seats. Arrange your schedule so that you arrive in the Cultural District between 10 and 10:30 a.m. Motorcycle police officers will escort buses to parking spaces on Ft. Duquesne Blvd.; students and teachers will walk from parked buses to the theater. No buses will be allowed to disembark passengers in front of the theater (unless you need special accommodations: please let us know in advance if this is the case).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Features	The Benedum Center now requires all patrons to pass through metal detectors. This may mean a little bit of a wait outside the theater. Students should not bring backpacks or tablets. Students should not bring purses, if possible, as all purses will be checked. Bags /purses must not be larger than 16 x 16 x 8 - you will not be able to bring larger bags into the building. Please check the Benedum Center website for detailed information: https://trustarts.org/pct_home/visit/welcome-to-the-cultural-district/safety-security
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Benedum Center bus sign is linked on the logistics page on our website. Place in the bus window before arriving in Pittsburgh so police know you're attending the PBT matinee. • Please make sure you have your bus driver's cell phone number for contacting him/her if the need arises.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking for Patrons driving cars to the performance	The Theater Square garage is closest to the Benedum. It sometimes fills up, so before you arrive downtown, consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • downloading an app that shows you up-to-the-minute parking availability in downtown lots: www.parkpgh.org. • checking out the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership's parking reservation request at www.downtownpittsburgh.com/getting-around/parking/reservation. You can reserve no more than 24 hours in advance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seating in the Theater—Color-coded Seating Sheets	You will receive a color-coded seating sheet by email, which indicates where you're sitting in the theater. Please print 2 copies and bring to the theater. More info about seating is on our logistics page . IMPORTANT: Enter the <u>actual total</u> number of students, teachers, and chaperones attending at the bottom of both seating sheets. Give one of the colored seating sheets to PBT staff immediately inside the theater. Keep the second seating sheet to help you find your seating area. PBT staff and ushers will assist you. To view where you are sitting, go to the Benedum Center website and download a seating plan: https://trustarts.org/pct_home/events/seating-charts/
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Surveys	PBT Education may ask your students to complete a survey about their experience. Please stay tuned!

Don't forget...Post-Performance To Do's		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher Evaluations	A teacher evaluation survey will emailed after the matinee. We'd appreciate your feedback!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Thank-You letters and artwork (optional)	PBT dancers love to hear from students after the performance! Students may write thank-you letters, reviews, or create artwork that reflects their experience of attending the ballet. Send to PBT Education at 2900 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE'S STUDENT MATINEE!