

Dear Valued Educator,

We are thrilled to partner with you and welcome your students to the Wallis. Here are some ways to work with us to elevate your student's matinee experience. Let's collaborate and make it an unforgettable day!

## **TEACHER PARTNERS**

What does being a teacher partner with GRoW @ The Wallis mean? Here are some key aspects:

- **Pre-Show Preparation:** Join GRoW-provided pre-matinee meetings to gain context about the upcoming performance. Share the background information with your students as it feels most appropriate so your class is ready to dive into the show. Discuss the themes, characters, and storyline beforehand to facilitate engagement during the show.
- **Behavior Expectations:** Communicate behavioral expectations to students before attending the performance. This includes reminding them about appropriate audience conduct, such as being attentive, not using the bathroom during the show, refraining from disruptive behavior such as talking or using their phone and respecting the performers and fellow audience members. Assist Wallis staff by having the adults sit evenly dispersed between students.
- **Active Engagement:** Encourage students to actively engage with the performance by paying attention, participating in interactive segments (if any), and responding appropriately to the content.
- **Post-Show Reflective Discussions:** Facilitate discussions or activities that allow students to reflect on what they watched. This could involve asking thought-provoking questions, encouraging critical thinking about the themes or messages conveyed, and exploring how the performance relates to their lives and studies.

Being a teacher partner with GRoW @ The Wallis involves fostering a conducive environment where students enjoy the performance, actively participate in, learn from, and reflect on the experience.

## **DAY-OF LOGISTICS**

- Please arrive no later than 1 hour before your performance so there is time to let students use the restroom and get everyone seated.
- All buses should enter the motor court in front of The Wallis from **N. Canon Drive**.
- We will meet you in the motor court 1 hour before your performance and let the bus driver know where to park. Please do not exit your bus until dismissed. Your group may not be seated first, even if you arrive first. The House Manager sets the order before the event based on the number of students each school brings.

- Self-parking is available in the underground garage with entrances from Crescent Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard. Parking is \$1 per hour for the first 2 hours and \$3 per every 30 minutes after this, with a daily maximum of \$22. We do not validate parking.
- Please be sure The Wallis has the cell number of someone who will be on the bus **that day** in case we need to contact you.
- If you need to contact us on the day of the show, please email [ptaylor@thewallis.org](mailto:ptaylor@thewallis.org) or call 424.284.4729. If you will be late due to traffic or other problems, please notify us so we can estimate the arrival time.
- If you're eating lunch at The Wallis, we suggest you bring lunches in bins for ease.
- No photography, bags, food, or drink will be allowed in the theater. We suggest that students do not bring backpacks or water bottles on the field trip; if they do, all items must be left in the vehicle.
- **IN THE THEATER:**
  - Before the show, ushers will bring groups of no more than five students to the bathroom at a time.
  - Please refrain from using the bathroom during the show.
  - If students must use the bathroom, a chaperone must accompany students to and from in groups of no more than two at a time.
  - Chaperones will be in charge of whiteboards given to distinguish school's seating section.
  - Chaperones should disperse themselves amongst students to ensure student observation.
- **AFTER THE SHOW**, please wait to be dismissed by the person on stage.
  - If your class is staying for lunch, please consider using the public restrooms in Beverly Garden Park to avoid bottlenecks in the lobby.
- We love to hear from you and your students. Please send any letters, drawings, or thoughts to:

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Warmly,  
GRoW @ The Wallis!