

TAPROOT THEATRE

ROAD COMPANY

THANK YOU FOR BOOKING *Rocks!*

To help you, the host, prepare for this production, we'd like to give you some information and suggestions.

Synopsis:

Rocks!, written by Melanie Godsey, is a play for elementary age children about bullying prevention and celebrating differences.

S'mores, stargazing, swimming—Jamie's family promises him that Camp Obsidian is a hidden gem. And when he makes friends with Casey on the first day, he knows this camp could rock. But when Casey's jealousy spreads like poison ivy, Jamie gets caught between a rock and a hard place. Is Jamie really being bullied? Or is it all a harmless prank? The other campers and Jasper, the down-to-earth counselor, will leave no stone unturned to make it the best summer ever.

TIME AND SPACE REQUIREMENTS:

- Provide access to the performance space 1 hour before the show. (The room should be empty at least 30 minutes before the show.) It takes 30 minutes to clear the space at the conclusion of the performance. We bring our own set and sound equipment.
- The performance runs approximately 45 minutes, and is followed with a 10-15 minute talkback.
- **THE PLAY NEEDS A LEVEL, UNOBSTRUCTED ACTING AREA AT LEAST 24' WIDE AND 18' DEEP.**

YOU CAN INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRESENTATION BY:

- Having someone available to meet the team in the office when they arrive at your school.
- Having someone available to introduce and conclude the performance.
- Setting high standards for audience behavior.
- Copying and distributing the provided "Teacher's Guide" for use in classrooms before and after the performance.
- Turning off fans or bells that might cause distraction during the performance
- Allowing time in your schedule to discuss the play after the performance. **Extended Group discussions, Q&A sessions and classroom workshops by the actors can be made available with advance notice and for an additional fee.*

PLEASE PROVIDE:

- A performance area clear and ready for use.
- Men's and women's dressing rooms. (Staff restrooms are fine, but we prefer not to use the students' restrooms)
- Electrical outlets near the performance space.

Thank you for attending to these details!
Contact our touring office if you have any additional questions.
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