

# TAPROOT THEATRE

R O A D C O M P A N Y

THANK YOU FOR BOOKING  
***Story of On Off Brand Band***

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

**Synopsis:**

***Story of An Off Brand Band***, written by Michelle Lang-Raymond, is a play for middle and high school students about a traveling band that encounters some of the problems and polarization of the country at large.

The American dream radiates from the fantastic idea that everyone belongs, everyone matters, and everyone gets a chance to be great! *Story of An Off Brand Band* takes us on tour with The Preamble, a band living the dream, making great music, and selling out shows BUT something is throwing the harmony off and everyone knows it. The show must go on... but how?

***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 25 minutes, and is followed by a 10-25 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 student 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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