

2025-2026 Student Matinee Series

Policies and Procedures

as of April 2, 2025 – subject to change

Payment: Registration for each Student Matinee Series show opens six (6) weeks before the show date(s). The final balance must be paid in full no later than **three (3) weeks before your show date**, or by the date provided on your invoice and confirmation email. In the instance of payment needing to be issued on the day of the show date, a signed contract, acknowledging that full payment must be made within thirty (30) days from the day of the show *regardless of the actual number of attendees on the day of the show*, must be signed and returned by the due date provided on your invoice and confirmation email. **Please note, submitting a signed contract indicates your school group's agreement to complete your payment in the amount on the contract by the date on the contract (found on page 2 of your invoice).**

After the set due date provided on your invoice and confirmation email, reservations without payment or without a signed contract submitted will be released and requested tickets will no longer be held. Payments can be made by credit card, cash, check, money order, or cashier's check and be paid to "The Orpheum Theatre Group attn: Education". Payments go directly to the Education Department and do not go through the Box Office. Specific information will be included in your invoice and registration confirmation.

Cancellations and Changes: Adjustments to ticket numbers, your invoice, and/or cancellations may be made up to three (3) weeks prior to your show date. After this date, changes are subject to availability and must be made by calling Verity Hwang at (901) 529-4242. Changes cannot be guaranteed.

Refunds: Payments toward a reservation are non-refundable. Refunds will only be issued if The Orpheum cancels an event. The Orpheum follows Memphis Shelby County School system's inclement weather policy, e.g. if Memphis Shelby County Schools close for inclement weather, The Orpheum will cancel any performance on that day.

Chaperones: One complimentary school staff admission will be provided for every ten (10) student tickets purchased. For Special Education groups, one complimentary school staff admission will be provided for every five (5) student tickets purchased. Additional chaperones and all parents/guardians will be charged \$15 each and **must** be included in the school's total reservation count and payment. Tickets to Student Matinees are not sold at the Box Office. It is highly recommended that all chaperones arrive with the school, or slightly before the school, to ensure they are seated with the group. **Each adult with admission will receive a name tag once they check-in at arrival and must wear their name tag throughout their visit.**

Tickets and Seating: Student Matinee Series shows are general admission only and groups are seated as they arrive. Doors will open at least 45 minutes prior to show time. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before the show time to be sure that your group will be seated on time. Incomplete groups may not save seats and will be seated separately if their arrival is scattered. Seating is at the sole discretion of the Orpheum Education Department. Groups arriving late may be seated in the dark.

Accessibility: The Orpheum Theatre Group strives to make the arts available to everyone. We offer many services for patrons with special needs. When you register, please indicate any accommodations your group will require (i.e. wheelchairs, listening devices, ASL interpreter, sensory-friendly quiet areas, etc.). Please contact Verity Hwang at hwang@orpheum-memphis.com or (901) 529-4242 with any questions



Parking/Dismissal: Bus parking is free for Student Matinee Series shows and Orpheum Theatre Group personnel will direct bus drivers. For those arriving in cars, we suggest parking in the MLGW parking garage, which will charge a nominal fee, located on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Front Street (entrance on Front). Several pay-lots do not allow business-day parking and will ticket or tow cars on their lots. We will dismiss schools one at a time after the show based on the location of your bus. ***Please have your bus drivers fill out the Bus Driver Contact Info Sheet provided to you via email the week of your reservation.***

Theatre Etiquette: Please make sure all cell phones are off or in silent mode and are out of sight during the show. It is unlawful to take pictures or record video during the performance. Gum, food, and drinks of any kind are prohibited in the theatre and concessions are not sold at Student Matinee Series shows. ***Please take time to review with your group our Theatre Etiquette document attached below.***

Pricing:

- ❖ Student admission is \$8 each, or \$6 each for schools that qualify for Title I funds
- ❖ Adult admission is \$15 each
- ❖ One (1) complimentary school staff admission will be provided for every ten (10) student tickets purchased
- ❖ For Special Education classrooms, one (1) complimentary school staff admission is provided for every five (5) student tickets purchased
- ❖ **Please note, for pre-arranged, day-of payments approved with a signed contract, we will only accept checks for in-person, day-of payments and will be unable to accept cash or credit cards.**

How to Book a Reservation

- 1) Details (including show title, age recommendations, dates and times) of our 2025-2026 Student Matinee Series are available on our website: www.orpheum-memphis.com/learn-engage/field-trips/student-matinee-series/
- 2) Registration for each Student Matinee Series show opens six (6) weeks before the show date(s).
- 3) Complete the registration form on the Student Matinee webpage using your contact information and your school's contact information. You will need to know how many students will attend, as well as how many school staff and additional adults will attend. These numbers can be slightly adjusted up until three (3) weeks before your show date. ***Reservations are billed and payments are invoiced for the number of tickets reserved and not the actual number of students in attendance on the day of the show.***
- 4) Reservations are processed based on a first-come, first-serve basis. We encourage groups to book early as many shows sell out quickly.
- 5) Please note, *submitting this registration form does not guarantee a reservation.* Once you submit your registration, an Orpheum Education Department staff member will be in contact with you. If your selected show has seats available for your group, we will follow up for payment arrangements to complete your reservation. Reservations without payment or a signed contract will not be held after the deadline provided in your confirmation email. If your selected show is not able to accommodate your group size, we will notify you to discuss alternate dates and/or programs.

Questions? See our FAQs or reach out to us
at education@orpheum-memphis.com or (901) 529-4242



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Frequently Asked Questions

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❖ **What do I need to have when I register?**

- When registering for a Student Matinee Series show, you will need to provide your school's address and phone, your contact information, the number of students, school staff, and additional adults, grade levels attending, any accommodations required (wheelchairs, listening devices, ASL interpreters, sensory-friendly quiet areas, etc.), and the day and time of the show you prefer. This information can be slightly adjusted up to three (3) weeks prior to your show date.
- The final balance must be paid in full no later than three (3) weeks before the show date, or by the date provided on your invoice and confirmation email.

❖ **What is your chaperone policy?**

- One complimentary school staff admission will be provided for every ten (10) students tickets purchased. For Special Education classrooms, one complimentary school staff admission is provided for every five (5) students.
- Additional adults (chaperones, parents, and guardians) will be charged \$15 each and must be included with the school's reservation and payment. Tickets to Student Matinees are not sold at the Box Office. It is highly recommended that additional adults arrive with the school group, or slightly before, to ensure they are seated with the group.
- Each adult with admission will receive a name tag once they check-in at arrival and **must** wear their name tag throughout their visit.

❖ **Our school can't write a check for parents, can they pay individually at the door?**

- ❖ All adults, including parents and guardians, must be included in the school registration. If a school is not allowed to take payments for additional adults, it is recommended that one parent/guardian representative collect payments and make one payment to the Orpheum to cover the additional adults portion of the registration. This is due fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the Student Matinee Series show and can be made by credit card (online) or mailed check/cashier's check. Payments should be paid to ***"The Orpheum Theatre Group attn. Education"*** and should all go directly to the Education Department. **Please note, tickets are not sold on the day of the show and we will be unable to accept cash or credit cards for any in-person payments on the day of the show.**

❖ **When is payment due for a Student Matinee Series field trip?**

- The final balance must be paid in full **no later than three (3) weeks before your show date**, or by the date provided on your invoice and confirmation email.
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❖ **Can I cancel or change my tickets to a Student Matinee Series show?**

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inclement weather policy, e.g. if MSCS closes for inclement weather, any performance scheduled for that day would be canceled.

❖ **Can homeschool groups attend a Student Matinee Series show?**

- Absolutely! We encourage homeschool groups to register together to simplify the process. However, if you are not affiliated with a group, you can still register with “Homeschool” as your school name. You will receive one (1) free adult admission per ten (10) student tickets purchased and all additional adults will be charged \$15 each.

❖ **Can we request specific seats?**

- No, all seats are general admission and groups are seated as they arrive. We cannot honor specific seat location requests. Groups that request wheelchair accessible seats or other accommodations on their registration will be reserved seats accordingly.

❖ **What time should we arrive?**

- Doors will open at least 45 minutes prior to show time. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before the show time to be sure that your group will be seated on time. Incomplete groups may not save seats and will be seated separately if their arrival is scattered. Seating is at the sole discretion of the Orpheum Education Department. Groups arriving late may be seated in the dark.

❖ **Where can we eat lunch after the show?**

- We are unable to accommodate lunch space requests at the Orpheum Theatre or Halloran Centre but there are several great outdoor options not far from the theatre: MLK Reflection Park, Court Square, Fourth Bluff Park, Mississippi River Park, Tom Lee Park, WC Handy Park. Please reach out to Verity Hwang at hwang@orpheum-memphis.com and we will be happy to send you other Downtown Memphis recommendations.

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❖ **Can we take pictures or videos?**

- Pictures and videos are only allowed before the show begins. Please tag us at @orpheummemois! However, we ask that you take into consideration the other groups in attendance and do not block the entryways. Once the house lights go down and the show starts, pictures and videos are strictly prohibited.

❖ **When is the best time for students to use the restroom?**

- Restrooms are available before, during, and after the show. We ask that you allow your group to be shown to their seats first before using the restrooms. Students must be supervised at all times.



Welcome To the Theatre!

We are thrilled to have you join us for a show! The building you will visit is full of history, beauty, and magic. Built in 1928, the Orpheum Theatre seats over 2,300 people and amazes theatregoers with its gorgeous décor of glittering gold and silver leaf, rich red carpets, and antique crystal chandeliers. The Halloran Centre for Performing Arts and Education features a 361-seat theatre, innovative classrooms, dance studios, and grand event spaces to host educational and community programs and welcome guests like you! On these stages, performers, artists, singers, dancers, poets, and creatives have shared their stories, talent, art, light and wonder to audiences from all over the globe.



As you prepare for your visit, to take care of this historical space and to be a respectful, attentive, and appreciative audience member, here is what we ask of you:

- Throw away or put away all food, drinks, candy, and gum before you enter the theatre.
- Walk when you are inside the theatre. Use railings when walking up and down stairs.
- Silence and put away all cell phones, tablets, and other electronics. Recording or photography of any kind is not allowed once the show begins.
- Quietly let your teacher, chaperone, or an Orpheum Theatre Group staff member know if you need to get up from your seat.
- When the lights begin to dim, it means the show is about to begin. Settle into your seats and turn your eyes, ears, and full attention to the stage!
- Stay seated with your group throughout the entire show. Please keep your feet off the seats and on the ground to protect the theatre seats.
- Be respectful of the performers and the other audience members around you. Unlike a movie theatre, live theatre means performers can see and hear you just as you can see and hear them.
- Participate in the live theatre experience. Performers love audience members who are attentive and engaged. This can look like laughing when the show is funny, crying when the show is sad, gasping when something unexpected happens, and cheering on when you see something wonderful! We encourage you to pay attention and allow yourself to feel these different emotions!
- Applaud and thank the performers at the end of the show!
- When the show ends, stay seated with your group until an Orpheum Theatre Group staff member dismisses you.