

Sandler Center Foundation's Education Program FAQs:

When are your matinees released for reservations?

Our curriculum-based matinees that take place November – May are released in August. A reminder email is sent to those on our education email list a few days before the release. If you would like to be on our education email list for releases, please email education@sandlercenter.org.

Who may attend a Sandler Center Foundation Education Program matinee?

Our matinees are open to students from private schools, public schools, and homeschool groups. Tickets are not available the day of a performance; advance reservations are required.

What is the cost to attend a matinee?

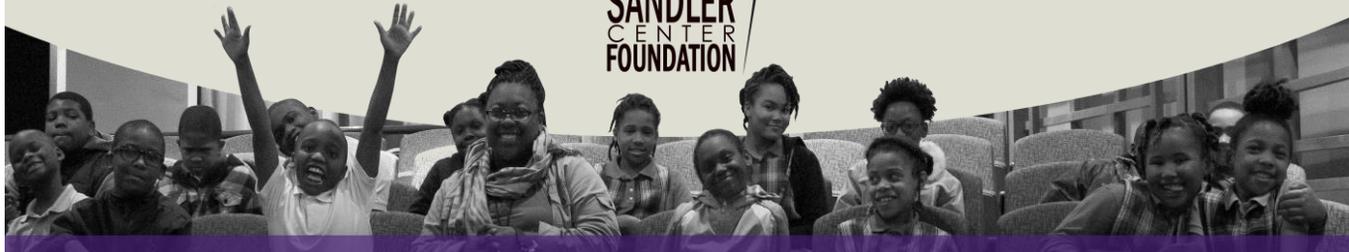
The cost is just \$10 per student. One free adult seat will be included per 10 student seats purchased. Additional adult seats above this allotment are \$20 per adult. This adult rate is discounted to \$10 for additional chaperones requested from Title I schools. Transportation and related costs are the responsibility of each school/group.

Is funding available to assist groups that have a financial need?

Through an application process, funding is available for Title I schools in Hampton Roads to attend a matinee at no cost. If you are requesting a reservation on behalf of a Title I school and seeking funding, you will have an opportunity to apply for funding consideration. Please be prepared to answer questions about the percentage of students who receive free/reduced lunch, how your students would benefit from the program, and how you would use the program to support or enhance your curriculum. Consideration will be given to all applicants, pending funding availability. A request is not a guarantee of funding, and funding is not solely awarded on a first-come, first-served. Priority may be given to populations that have not previously participated.

When will we be invoiced?

Approximately four weeks in advance of the matinee, you will receive a reminder email confirming your student and adult count. An invoice will then be emailed to you and payment is due in full in advance of the performance. Checks should be written out to Global Spectrum, L.P. If a W-9 is required, please email education@sandlercenter.org.



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How long are the performances?

Most matinees are approximately one hour in length, except for Richmond Ballet's Lecture Demonstrations which are 45 minutes, including a Q&A segment. All performance lengths are noted on our website.

If my group requires handicap accessible seating, what do I do?

On the reservation request form, you will be asked, "Do you have any special requests or special needs in terms of seating?". If you have guests requiring handicap or wheelchair accessible seating, please respond to that question with specifics on how many patrons and any unique circumstances. Christine Layne, our Director of Education and Programs, will reach out to coordinate seating and bus parking should you have such a need. The Sandler Center is equipped with accessible seating at various locations throughout the performance hall.

For transportation planning, when do we need to arrive?

We ask for you to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the matinee so that we can have everyone seated in the theater before the performance begins. Following the performance, we ask that you allow ample time for students to exit the theater, load the buses, and wait for all the buses to safely depart.

What can we expect upon arrival?

When you arrive, your bus will be greeted by a staff member or volunteer. Please do not exit the bus until you have been directed to do so and provided with your appropriate directions for entry. All buses remain parked and in the same position during the performance. While bus drivers are not required to stay with the buses, it is strongly suggested that you have their contact information should they need to be reached. Bus drivers should also be asked to be on the bus when the performance ends so that students may quickly board after exiting the theater.

What supplemental materials are available to teachers?

Study guides, a theater etiquette guide, and SOL alignments are provided for all student matinee performances. The study guides include suggestions for activities, discussion, and extension of the performances. All study guides will be made available on the Sandler Center Foundation website under 'Teacher Resources'.

