

Village Theatre KIDSTAGE

The SpongeBob Musical Casting Notice & Character Breakdown

KIDSTAGE Mission

KIDSTAGE is a youth development program focused on building “Skills for Theatre Skills for Life.” Our mission is to provide a program for young people which uses theatre arts to teach creativity and responsibility, to encourage teamwork and personal integrity, and to foster self-esteem and appreciation for live theatre.

KIDSTAGE Inclusion Statement

Village Theatre KIDSTAGE believes that everyone benefits from an inclusive, multi-cultural environment of students, staff, and programming. We welcome people of every ethnicity, race, faith, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, and ability.

Note from *The SpongeBob Musical* Author, Tina Landau:

Each production should feel free to double-cast in ways that are practical, exciting, and unique.

I would love to see a woman play SpongeBob or an Electric Skate, a trans actor play Patchy, etc. On tour, we had a woman cover for Patrick. Of course, you will have to contend with vocal ranges, but I trust you will find creative solutions! My dream would be that you mix it up and give some of the 10 “male” tracks to actors who are not cisgender men, and instead give these roles to cisgender women or actors who identify as transgender, genderqueer, or non-binary.

The most important element to consider in casting is diversity. After all, this is one of the main themes of the show. Find and celebrate diversity in body type, color, race, gender, and age. That’s what an ocean habitat looks like, that’s how our world is, and that’s the Bikini Bottom Way.

Character Breakdown

CAST SIZE: 30-35

EUGENE KRABS

Age: 40s-50s

Gender: male

Race: Any

The greedy owner of the Krusty Krab, and employer of SpongeBob and Squidward. While everyone is off panicking about Bikini Bottom's imminent doom, he decides to strike the iron while it's hot and puts on a huge "apocalypse sale" at his restaurant, exploiting the fear of his fellow fish to make him even richer.

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PATRICK STAR

Age: 20-30s

Gender: male

Race: Any

Well-intentioned but lacking common sense or skills; kind and somewhat clueless, an innocent; a big softie, who can also be prone to sudden child-like fits of rage or frustration

SANDY CHEEKS

Age: 20s

Gender: female

Race: Any

A brainy and athletic Texan squirrel who came to Bikini Bottom for a research project. She acts as SpongeBob's most trusted ally on their quest to stop the volcano from erupting, using her vast amount of scientific knowledge and brilliant inventions to aid the mission.

SHELDON J. PLANKTON

Age: 20s-40s

Gender: male

Race: Any

His personality outweighs his size- slick, scheming, nefarious; has the ability to charm; determined, he will do anything to get ahead in life; very greedy, but his heart is still open enough to rekindle a romance with his wife. This character will need to dance and rap skills a plus.

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS

Age: 20s

Gender: male

Race: Any

He is optimistic, innocent, and boyish; energetic and sometimes hyperactive. This actor should have the ability to move well and be an extremely physical actor - unafraid of climbing and being on tall objects. Additionally: Must be naturally funny and have great comedic skills and precision. Strong pop tenor.

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SQUIDARD Q. TENTACLES

Age: 40s-50s

Gender: male

Race: Any

Grumpy, cynical, dry, short-tempered, generally negative but lovable! This Actor must move well and TAP dancing skills is a plus.

KAREN THE COMPUTER

Age: 20s-40s

Gender: female

Race: Any

Glamorous, a robotic housewife of Plankton. She's been there for Plankton's every scheme and plot and has become jaded - she's been there and done that. Strong comic actress, as well as Singer and Mover.

PEARL KRABS

Age: teens

Gender: female

Race: Any

Mr. Krabs' bratty teenage daughter. This is a character role with Gospel vocal overtones.

ENSEMBLE roles include:

Hip-Hop Dancers

Mob Fish

Sardines

Security Guards

Teen Fans

Sardine Devotees

A Big Chorus of Sponges

A Fish

A Krabby Patty Fish

Another Fish

Buster Bluetang

Cowboy Fish

Gary (a puppet, voiced by actor playing Larry)

Girl Fish Trio - with rocks

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Johnny the Bartender
Karen the Computer
Larry the Lobster
Sardines
Mrs. Puff
Old Man Jenkins
Patchy the Pirate
Pearl Krabs
Perch Perkins
Plankton's Backup Dancers
Pirates
The Electric Skates
The Mayor of Bikini Bottom
Sea Anemones
Sea Creatures (Assorted)