

Village Theatre

KIDSTAGE

Production Preview Guide for



Performances: April 7-23, 2023 at the Cope Gillette Theatre, 2730 Wetmore Avenue, Everett.

Parents Note: Only parents are qualified to determine what is appropriate for their children. This Production Guide is available on our website and at the Village Theatre Everett Box Office to help you make the decision that is right for you and your family.

Versions available to preview: A script is available at the Everett Performing Arts Center Box Office. Call (425) 392-2202 to arrange to read a copy at the theatre.

Production length: The show will run approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes with one 15 minute intermission.

Why did KIDSTAGE decide to produce Disney's *Descendants*?

Disney's *Descendants* is this year's Spring Production.

This production program is designed for new and younger aspiring theatre artists. Led by a team of professionals who value mentoring and teaching, this program is the most pedagogically oriented production that KIDSTAGE offers and takes place during the spring semester of the school year. Students who participate in this program begin to learn the fundamentals of character development, choreography, staging, and vocal technique. They also experience a full production process from rehearsals, technical and dress rehearsals, to performances. This program focuses on the performer and the development of their artistic process as they learn to create and collaborate with directors, music directors, choreographers, and designers, as well as each other. This program also gives opportunities to students in our Technical Theatre Program to develop and practice their craft in various backstage disciplines, such as sound, lights, and backstage crew. The goal of this production program is to instill the fundamentals of theatre artists and to help students find and hone their passion for theatre.

Based on the wildly popular movie franchise, Disney's *Descendants* expands the world of characters we know and love from the Disney canon as we learn about the fate of infamous villains and the heroes who won the day as they all work to create a new world, full of joy, peace, and prosperity. This musical adaptation challenges audiences to be open minded to how anyone can learn and grow from mistakes and become all the better for it and, most importantly, that no one is born evil, nothing is preordained, and that we alone have the power to make our own choices on who we want to be and how we handle situations.

Synopsis

Based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies, Disney's *Descendants: The Musical* is a brand-new musical jam-packed with comedy, adventure, Disney characters, and hit songs from the films!

Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous villains who ever lived – the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island...until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good? *-From Music Theatre International*

Script Content Details

Please Note: the following contains plot spoilers.

Violence: There are multiple instances of wrestling between characters, as well as several instances where characters refer to violent intent – carving out hearts, decapitation, et cetera. A magic wand is wielded as a weapon.

Language: There is very little vulgar language. One character exclaims how their friends should “screw plans”.

Sexual Content: One character is bewitched into falling in love with another. There are several chaste kisses between characters.

Drug/Alcohol References: There are no instances of drug or alcohol use.

Other: None.