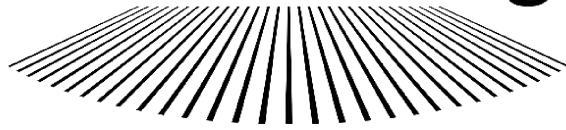


# The Western Stage



## Content Advisory

The Western Stage has a commitment to presenting diverse material that is entertaining and sometimes challenging. Content and themes may not be appropriate for all, as sensitivities vary by individuals. While TWS does not determine suitability, we offer the following inventory of content that some may consider adult in nature and of stage effects that may be of concern for patron health. Please keep in mind that the words listed, taken out of context, may seem more offensive than they would in the context of the play.

### *Merrily We Roll Along*

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by George Furth

**Synopsis:** The show tells the story of how three friends' lives and friendship change over the course of 20 years; it focuses particularly on Franklin Shepard, a talented composer of musicals who, over those 20 years, abandons his friends and songwriting career to become a producer of Hollywood movies. Like the play on which it is based, the show's story moves in reverse chronology, beginning in 1976 at the friends' lowest moment and ending in 1957, at their youthful best.

#### **Special Effects:**

#### **Language:**

- Frank & Mary say "Damn few"
- "Mary, God Damn it, that's enough!" - Frank
- "Damn Sad" - Tyler
- "I wish that God Damn thing was over" in reference to his life - Frank
- Gussie calls Meg a "Slut"
- Gussie said "God damn"
- "This whole Goddamn thing is your fault" - Charley
- "Off on that Goddamn yacht is where. And who was it who sent him off on that goddamn yacht, huh?" - Mary
- Charley sings "Damn few" x 4
- Charley says "He only knows its good if it makes a fucking fortune"
- "You're goddamn out of my life Charley" - Frank
- "Jesus Christ"

#### **Violence:**

- Gussie throws Iodine in Meg's face
- Refers to Charleys behavior as a "slaughter"
- Frank says "Shoot me down and watch me bleed"

- Gussie says she will call a surgeon to cut out her tongue
- Mary says she is going to open up her veins
- “You are all going to want to swallow poison because there will be nothing more to live for”
- Sung- “That’ll murder ‘em”

**Sex:**

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**Drugs/Alcohol:**

- Mary is drinking at a bar amidst a party
- “How about more champagne” - Frank
- Frank and Mary are called Drunks
- Mary requests a “Bottle of vodka and a straw”
- Mary suggests getting a “Humongous drink”
- Popping champagne
- Mary takes a swig from the champagne bottle
- “They’re smoking Marijuana.”
- Mary asks the waiter for “Hooch”