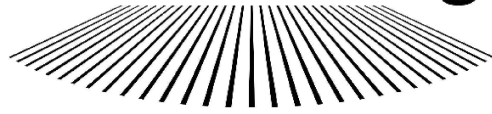


TheWesternStage



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.

Bandstand

By Richard Oberacker & Robert Taylor

Synopsis: Set in 1945, "Bandstand" follows World War II veteran Donny Novitski as he returns to Cleveland and struggles to rebuild his life. To honor his fallen comrade, Donny forms a band of fellow veterans to compete in a national radio contest. When he connects with his best friend's widow, Julia, their shared grief and love of music help them heal and find hope. This Tony Award-winning musical explores the challenges faced by returning veterans while celebrating the healing power of music.

Special Effects/Events:

- Loud music and orchestration
- Sudden loud sounds (drum beats, instrument crashes)
- Battle flashbacks with lighting effects
- Possible strobe or flashing lights during performance scenes
- Haze/fog effects
- Sound of explosions or gunfire

Language:

- Moderate profanity including "damn," "hell," "son of a bitch"
- Military slang
- Period-appropriate language from the 1940s
- References to battle and death

Drugs/Alcohol:

- Characters drink alcohol frequently
- Depictions of alcohol use as self-medication

- Scenes in bars and clubs
- References to cigarette smoking

Violence:

- Flashbacks to battle experiences
- Combat sequences (stylized)
- Physical altercations between characters
- Self-destructive behavior

Possible triggering/objectionable experiences:

- Direct depiction of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Themes of grief, loss, and survivor's guilt
- Discussion of suicide and suicidal thoughts
- References to combat deaths
- Scenes depicting veterans' mental health struggles
- Discussion of war injuries and disabilities
- Military funeral references
- Depiction of emotional trauma and flashbacks
- Themes of war's impact on families and relationships
- Discussion of difficulty reintegrating into civilian life