

La Jolla Playhouse Student Matinee Program 2023-24

BABBITT

Performance Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023 @ 10:30am



Greetings Educator!

Please read all of the information below carefully. Due to the popular nature of our student matinee performances, and in an effort to provide equitable opportunities for the students of San Diego County, all educators must apply for the student matinee program. Upon acceptance into the program, here is what to expect:

- Up to 40 FREE tickets for you and your students.
- A **mandatory** Educator Night Out on **Wednesday Nov 8, 2023 from 5:30-10:00 pm** including a teacher mixer (free food and drinks!), exciting production information to share with your students, and a ticket to the performance of *BABBITT* that night. We need you to see the show ahead of your students in order to prepare them to attend.
- Access to our online LJPeGuide with content, lesson plans, and engagement activities.
- A FREE post show workshop from a La Jolla Playhouse Teaching Artist in your classroom to engage your students between

Educators who apply must be able to commit to attending the Educator Night Out, and must be engaging their students with at least one of the pre-show lesson plans from the LJPeGuide.

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By Joe DiPietro

Adapted from the novel by Sinclair Lewis

Directed by Christopher Ashley

Show Description:

You can't always get what you want, but you might get what you need.

Multi-award-winning star of stage and screen Matthew Broderick and Tony Award-winning playwright Joe DiPietro (Diana, Memphis) join forces with our own Christopher Ashley for this comedic, unmissable theatrical event. *Babbitt* entered the zeitgeist in 1922 as a novel by white-hot satirist Sinclair Lewis, the first American Nobel Laureate. An instant literary classic, *Babbitt* has been a stalwart on 'best ever' lists for over 100 years, and is now adapted for the stage.

George F. Babbitt is a middle-aged real estate broker in the Midwestern city of Zenith. By day, he has a prosperous, respectable middle-class existence. By night, he's plagued by the thought that he has amounted to nothing. Searching for more to life than his top-of-the-line toaster and hickory golf club — more meaning — Babbitt leaps with abandon into the most spectacular rebellion of his life — one that could end up costing him everything.

"Well something's been off with me all day. It's gonna sound silly, but this morning — well there were no dry towels in the bathroom." George F. Babbitt, *Babbitt*

Application:

The deadline to apply for *BABBITT* is **Friday, Sept 29, 2023**. Space is limited.

To apply, please visit our application [here](https://forms.gle/kkvdPQoSPI4WVPBD8): <https://forms.gle/kkvdPQoSPI4WVPBD8>

Questions? Please email learningandengagement@ljp.org

We will notify all schools by Monday, October 2, 2023.

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