

La Jolla Playhouse Student Matinee Program 2023-24
REDWOOD
Performance Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 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 **Tuesday February 13, 2024 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 *REDWOOD* 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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REDWOOD

Book by Tina Landau

Music by Kate Diaz

Lyrics by Kate Diaz and Tina Landau

With additional contributions by Idina Menzel

Directed by Tina Landau

Show Description:

I hear my great escape calling.

Broadway icon Idina Menzel makes her La Jolla Playhouse debut in the world premiere of *Redwood*, a one-of-a-kind theatrical event about one woman's journey into the precious and precarious world of the redwoods.

Idina plays Jesse, a successful businesswoman, mother and wife. She seems to have it all, but inside, her heart is broken. Finding herself at a turning point, Jesse leaves everyone and everything behind, gets in her car and drives... and drives. Thousands of miles later, she hits the ancient forests of Northern California, where a chance meeting and a leap of faith change her life forever. In the presence of the magnificent, towering redwoods, Jesse finds strange and powerful connections, an unexpected sense of community, and a chance at healing.

Acclaimed writer and director Tina Landau (*Beauty*) brings this immersive and cinematic new work to life with lush visuals and a soaring score from Kate Diaz. You will travel with Jesse into an intoxicating environment of dense greenery, fractured light and dizzying heights – a place where nature can help us heal, if only we don't destroy her first.

An exhilarating new musical featuring one of Broadway's greatest stars, *Redwood* will awaken your sense of adventure and lift you higher than the treetops.

"Now underneath a canopy of stars, I call out to the night. Please keep me safe and show me this is right. I'm scared of letting go of everyone I know." Jesse, *Redwood*

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Application:

The deadline to apply for *REDWOOD* is **Monday, December 4, 2023**. Space is limited.

To apply, please visit our application [here](https://forms.gle/Xwgzeq4XZh6RkyUn9): <https://forms.gle/Xwgzeq4XZh6RkyUn9>

Questions? Please email learningandengagement@ljp.org

We will notify all schools by Thursday, December 7, 2023.