

La Jolla Playhouse Student Matinee Program 2025-26

THE RECIPE

Student Matinee: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 10:30 am



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 10, 2026 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 *THE RECIPE* 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 unpack themes of the show with your students.

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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THE RECIPE

Written by Claudia Shear

Directed by Lisa Peterson

Before Julia Child became the TV personality that we all know, she was a rambunctious rebel against the privileged but bland Pasadena life expected of her. Directionless but driven, careening from Pasadena to New York to Washington D.C. to Ceylon and finally to Paris's famed Cordon Bleu cooking school, she battled long odds, too short sleeves, and her own self doubt before finding both her calling and her true love, her husband, Paul Child. Two-time Tony Award nominee Claudia Shear and two-time Obie Award winner Lisa Peterson return to the Playhouse with a funny, colorful and delicious new play about the early life of an endlessly fascinating character – Julia, a girl from Pasadena – and her path from confusion to discovery, fear to strength, failure to success.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2025

To apply, please click here to fill out the application: <https://forms.gle/yACetC6QfC15XCJ7A>

All schools will be notified by December 4, 2025

Questions? Email: learningandengagement@ljp.org