Visiting Please Touch Museum to see the play Underwater Birthday Ball



Know Before You Go Guide

I am going to see a play called "Underwater Birthday Ball" at the Please Touch Museum that is filled with singing and dancing.



A play is like a movie. The people on stage are called actors. They are pretending to be different characters to tell a story.

During the show, I can stand up and dance along to the songs, make noise, shake my egg shaker, move my ribbon, and clap at the end of songs.

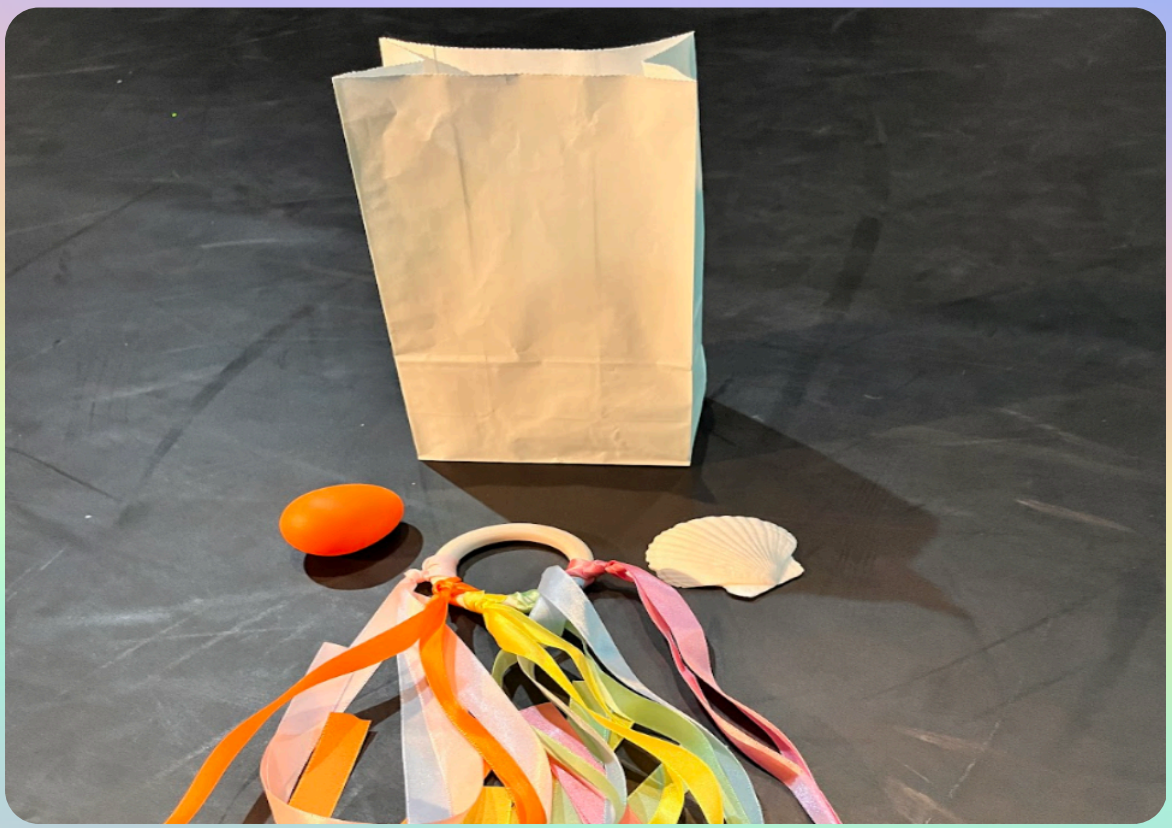


This play is about Aster the Mermaid and his sea creatures friends. Aster is turning 17 years old which in the play, is the age when mermaids leave for a week to clean up the Seven Seas. Before Aster goes, he is throwing an Underwater Birthday Ball to celebrate his birthday and friendships.



When I walk into the theater, I will get a bag filled with prop items that I will use to help to tell the story of the show.





The items in the bag are an egg shaker, a white shell, and a ribbon ring. There will be times when I am asked to take each object out to help with the show. I can choose to touch one object and not touch another. It is up to me.

Before the play starts a person will tell us how we know when to use the objects from the bag (when I hear Aster the Mermaid calling us guppies), and we will sing a hello song.



There will always be lights on during the show, and it will never be completely dark.

The actors use different props and set pieces to tell the story.
These props and set pieces cannot hurt me.



The show will have music played by musicians, Tey and Jess, who will be singing, playing keyboards, and different percussion instruments. I can move my body in my seat during these songs.



There will be a song about the sea that will include fabric gently going over the audience held on to by the actors. This will not hurt me. If I need to, I can choose to go on the side of the theatre away from the fabric.



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The next character Aster invites is Jellyfish. Jellyfish is nervous to go to the ball because of his many stingers. I will be asked to take the ribbon ring out of my bag and move it around. I can stand up and dance with my ribbon ring.



The next character Aster invites is Shark, Aster's teacher. During this song, I'll be asked to get my egg shaker out of my bag and do the "Shark Shake."



The last character Aster invites is Turtle. Turtle lives in an old turtle's home and is nervous about showing off her moves from the olden days. During this song, I can teach my grown-ups a dance move and they can also teach me one.



Finally, it is time to go to the ball!
The actors will invite me onto the stage
for a fun follow-along song!



After the show, I can exit the Playhouse Theater and tell all my friends about the awesome show I just saw.



My friends at the Please Touch Museum Playhouse Theater look forward to seeing me again!

I can also go explore the “Voyage to the Deep” exhibit upstairs to continue my under the sea fun!

