



South Coast Repertory
Orange County's Tony Award-winning Theatre

Sensory-Friendly/ Relaxed Performance Sensory Guide

Cinderella: A Salsa Fairy Tale



Welcome!

We're so glad you're here.

This musical is an adaptation of the classic fairy tale *Cinderella*. Adaptation just means that you might recognize some parts of the original story, but there are different and exciting new parts, too. You'll see Cenicienta (the Spanish-language version of the name Cinderella), a Fairy Godfather (instead of a Fairy Godmother), sparkly sneakers (instead of glass slippers) and more!

Many of the characters, including Cenicienta, speak and sing in Spanish, so you might not understand every single word, but if you pay close attention you can still tell when they're happy or sad or angry.

You will hear a variety of sound effects and music, see several kinds of lights and listen to the actors as they tell the story. Some of the lights in the theatre will remain on during the performance so you are able to move around, enter and exit to the lobby as you need.

Cinderella: A Salsa Fairy Tale is approximately 50 minutes long and has no intermission. You are free to leave and come back at any time.

This show consists of six actors who portray several different characters, sing and dance. You can read all about them in the program, but this is what they look like!



Sophia Barajas



Joslynn Cortes



Oscar Fabela



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Sensory Breakdown

Cinderella: A Salsa Fairy Tale is a musical, which means there are lots of songs! If you enjoy a song, feel free to clap when it's over. Please note that the times listed here are approximate.

At...show start – Harps and other magical sounds. The narration that introduces the play, including “Once upon a time...” is a recording—you’ll hear voices, but you won’t see anyone. Lights will come up on Rosa and Cenicienta, but they don’t stay onstage for very long.

1 minute – The Fairy Godfather appears onstage, riding in on a comfy chair.

1 minute 30 seconds – Sound effect of a cat meow.

3 minutes – The Fairy Godfather sings “Ya Vino El Padrino.”

5 minutes – This is the first time a lot of scenery—including a turntable and a pallet—moves onstage. This happens a lot! Whenever the characters go from one place to another, scenery moves around.

6 minutes – “Ya Vino El Padrino” ends. One of the characters, Joey, is a cheerleader—he’s pretty loud!

7 minutes – Cell phone ringing.

8 minutes – Cenicienta is introduced. She only speaks Spanish.

9 minutes – Joey gets the audience to help him spell out R-O-S-A. The song “Rosa’s Rules” begins. There’s some cheerleading throughout.

10 minutes – “Rosa’s Rules” ends.

11 minutes – Magic sound effect. Cat meow sound effect.

12 minutes – Cenicienta sings “Dos Por Dos,” a song about math.

13 minutes – “Dos Por Dos” ends. The school bell rings.

16 minutes – The basketball bounces to Cenicienta. This is the first time a basketball bounces on the floor.

17 minutes – Harps and magic sparkle sounds. Significant lighting change.

18 minutes – Cell phone ringing.

19 minutes – More cheerleading! They’ll ask the audience to help spell R-O-S-A.

20 minutes – Joey and Rosa both shout variations of “CIN-DE-RE-LLA SPEAK ENGLISH” to Cenicienta.

21 minutes – Magic sound effects. A bright light shines out of Rosa’s locker.

22 minutes – The song “Zapatos Mágicos” begins.

25 minutes – “Zapatos Mágicos” ends.

27 minutes – The song “The Weekend” begins.

30 minutes – “The Weekend” ends. The school bell rings. Rosa slams the basketball down.

31 minutes – Rosa writes a mean message about Cenicienta on the blackboard.

32 minutes – Harps and magic sparkle sounds.

34 minutes – “Comparison Rap” song begins.

36 minutes – “Comparison Rap” ends.

37 minutes – Magic sound effects.

38 minutes – The next few minutes have a lot of cheerleading, pompoms and audience participation.

41 minutes – The basketball game begins. You’ll hear a buzzer, backing music and cheering, and you’ll see lots of light changes. The basketball hoop has a light on it. No basketballs actually bounce.

42 minutes – A recorded countdown begins and the lights change. The actors all move in slow motion. The buzzer goes off at the end of the countdown, and Cenicienta and Rosa begin to fight.

44 minutes – Everyone shouts at each other.

45 minutes – Cenicienta begins to sing “In Your Shoes.”

48 minutes – “In Your Shoes” ends.

49 minutes – Cheerleaders and pompoms return to stage. More cheering and audience participation.

50 minutes – “Ya Vino Finale” begins as the Fairy Godfather’s cell phone rings. You’re welcome to clap with the actors when the song starts—they want you to!

51 minutes – Blackout, then lights back up for the actors to take their bows.

The Plot

The show begins with a narrator—whose voice is recorded and played over the speakers—saying “Once upon a time...” and getting ready to tell the story of Cinderella. The only problem is, the Fairy Godmother is on vacation, and so Padrino, the Fairy Godfather, has to do the job!

Rosa is the coolest girl and best basketball player at Pumpkin Grove Middle School. Joey is a school cheerleader and Rosa’s biggest fan. He leads his class in loud cheers for Rosa every day. Cenicienta arrives at the school from Puerto Rico. She only speaks Spanish.

Cenicienta stays at Rosa’s house, and Rosa doesn’t like this one bit. She bullies Cenicienta about her clothes, her Spanish and makes her clean the house. Joey tells Rosa to give Cenicienta a chance, but she doesn’t listen.

Big news! Coach Prince is coming to Pumpkin Grove to select one girl to play in the Sooper Dooper Eastern Western Division Basketball Game. Rosa thinks he’ll choose her, but Cenicienta is GOOD at basketball.

They play basketball! There’s a lot of cheering, pompoms and cool lighting effects.

All of the frustrated feelings that Cenicienta and Rosa have both been feeling boil over, and they get into a fight. They both get sent to detention.

In detention, Cenicienta and Rosa have a heart-to-heart talk. They forgive each other and decide to be friends.

The Fairy Godfather gets his big wings for doing such a good job.