

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

AUDIENCE CONTENT GUIDE

West Side Story

SUGGESTED AGE RANGE

This show is recommended for ages:	13+
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RUN TIME (approximate)

Act 1:	1 hour, 20 minutes
Intermission:	20 minutes
Act 2:	47 minutes
Total Run Time:	2 hours, 30 minutes

KEY

This show contains:

	STROBE LIGHTS	FLASHING LIGHTS	BRIGHT LIGHTS			
STIMULATING LIGHTS						
LOUD SOUNDS	GUNSHOTS	BANGS	EXPLOSIONS	SIRENS	ALARMS	
	✓			✓		
ATMOSPHERIC EFFECTS	HAZE	FOG	SMOKE	DRY ICE		
	✓	✓				
VERBAL CONTENT	PROFANITY	DEROGATORY LANGUAGE	ADULT SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSION OF DRUGS/ALCOHOL		
		✓	✓	✓		
PHYSICAL CONTENT	VIOLENCE/GORE	FIREARMS	INTIMACY/NUDITY	DRUGS/ALCOHOL USE	OFFENSIVE IMAGERY	DEATH
	✓	✓	✓			✓

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LIST OF CONTENT & EFFECTS TIMING

The following list is a breakdown of specific lighting, sound, or atmospheric effects that occur throughout the production, as well as incidents of verbal or physical content that may be stimulating to some viewers. Guests are encouraged to exit the theater and/or consult a member of House Management if they feel they may have an adverse reaction to any of the below moments.

Warning: *this list may contain spoilers.*

TYPE OF CONTENT	SCENE/SONG	DESCRIPTION	PRECEEDING EVENT
VERBAL CONTENT	Entire show	Swearing, insults, and language tied to ethnic prejudice	
PHYSICAL CONTENT	Prologue/Top of show	Two gangs confront each other through aggressive intimidation and physical fights	The show opens directly into neighborhood tension with little warning
PHYSICAL CONTENT	End of Prologue	A-Rab's face is slashed with a switchblade	Prologue/Top of Show
VERBAL CONTENT	"America"	Sexual innuendo and references to adult relationships	
PHYSICAL CONTENT	The Rumble	The gangs confront each other through aggressive intimidation and physical fights	"Tonight (Quintet)"
PHYSICAL CONTENT	The Rumble	Bernardo stabs and kills Riff	"Tonight (Quintet)"
PHYSICAL CONTENT	The Rumble	Tony stabs and kills Bernardo	"Tonight (Quintet)"
VERBAL CONTENT	"Officer Krupke"	The Jets sing about being teenage delinquents	
PHYSICAL CONTENT	Doc's Drugstore	Anita is verbally harassed, physically intimidated, and assaulted by the Jets	Maria asks Anita to go to Doc's to get Aspirin
LOUD SOUNDS	Final Scene	A gunshot is heard as Chino shoots Tony	Tony runs out and calls for Chino to find and shoot him