

The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition

Q&A With Presley, Jonah, & Evelyn

Presley Jackson as SpongeBob Square Pants

What excites you the most about playing SpongeBob on stage?

I am most excited to play SpongeBob because this has been my favorite musical for years. I am so happy to play the character that I have always dreamt of playing!

SpongeBob is known for his optimism—how do you bring that energy to your performance?

Having such an amazing group of people with me on stage always makes theater fun and keeps my energy high!

What has been the most fun scene or song for you to perform?

My favorite scene and song to perform is “Chop to the Top” with Evelyn (Sandy Cheeks)

What do you hope the audience feels after watching the show?

I hope the audience feels nostalgic. So many people watched SpongeBob growing up, so I hope it's just as fun!

If SpongeBob visited St. Luke's for a day, what do you think he would enjoy most?

SpongeBob would love cooking lunch with Mrs. Cheryl and would kill it in Mr. Heltz's class.

Evelyn Cummings as Sandy Cheeks

Sandy is a scientist and an adventurer—what do you like most about portraying her?

I love her confidence in herself and the love of her friends.

How do you bring Sandy's confidence and bravery to the stage?

A little bit of method acting, when I'm acting as Sandy, I try to block everything around me and focus on my friends Presley and Jonah.

What's your favorite scene or song in the show?

I love “Hero Is My Middle Name” because I think the song and choreography are super fun!

What message do you think Sandy sends to young audiences?

I think by the end of the show, Sandy will convey a positive message about not listening to negative things people say about you and staying true to yourself, and that everything will work out.

if Sandy were at St. Luke's, what STEM+M project do you think she would create?

Sandy would definitely create a device to go through research and find the best evidence for all her AP projects.

JONAH DOMINESCY as Patrick Star

Patrick is hilarious and lovable—what do you enjoy most about playing him?

I have enjoyed his character by expanding on his down-to-earth “dumbness.” He has been such a joy to explore.

What has been the funniest moment during rehearsals so far?

When Presley and I were practicing falling, she yelled awkwardly, and it was kinda silly. We spent some time laughing about it.

How would you describe Patrick and SpongeBob's friendship?

They equally rely on each other to balance their exaggerated personalities. Patrick is more of a sloth, while SpongeBob is looking to be larger than life.

Do you have a favorite Patrick line or scene in the show?

When SpongeBob and I argue and yell at each other, saying, “square! pink! yellow!”