

The Story of Seeing the Musical *Mary Poppins* at Lakeside High School

About the Show

Here is a brief description of the story.

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it."

If you want to listen to the music before coming to see the show, most of it can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3183DCE129866273>

Getting to Lakeside

Lakeside is a big public high school located at 3801 Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta 30345. We have a large parking lot close to the **Fine Arts Building** where the theater is. There will be signs to direct you to the building and show.



Before the show

When you come into the lobby you will see a Box Office table, a concession stand, and a table selling show-themed items. The lobby will also have some free child-friendly activities, as well as many fun photo opportunities. Be sure to look around!

Show Time!

When it is almost time for the show to start, everyone will move from the lobby into the theater. All seats are assigned, and we have student and adult ushers who will help you find your seats. There will be an area off to the side and also in the back of the theater where you can be if you don't want to sit in your seat the whole time.

During the show

When the show is ready to start, it will get darker in the theater. Most people will hush their voices or not talk at all. The show *Mary Poppins, the Musical* is presented in two halves, which are called ‘acts.’ After about half of the show, there will be a 15-minute intermission, which is what a break is called at the theater. During this time, you can either stay in your seats, wander around the theater, or go back out to the lobby where (as before the show) there will be activities to do and snacks for sale.

Below is a list of the musical numbers with special effects that some patrons might need a ‘heads up’ about:

- **Cherry Tree Lane-** Mary Poppins will fly in from the ceiling at the end of this scene.
- **Spoonful of Sugar-** This Dance/ Song number takes place in a kitchen. There will be some loud banging on pots and pans.
- **Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious** During this big song and dance number, there will be dancers in the audience.
- **Playing the Game** -Some kids may find this song scary. It is a smaller dance number, but the song is dark and includes life-size toys.
- **Chim Chiminey** During this song that Bert and Mary sing together, she flies off the stage.
- **Brimstone and Treacle** - Some children may find Miss Andrew, who sings this song, to be scary.
- **Let’s Go Fly a Kite** - During this song and dance number there will be kites over the audience and Mary will fly in here.
- **Brimstone and Treacle Part 2** - Mary and Miss Andrew have an argument, and their song is dark. A fog machine is used, and some kids may find this scary.
- **Step in Time** - This is a big dance number that will include fog and haze. The cast will be out in the audience and there will be lots of stomping, cheering, and louder singing.

After the show

At the end of the performance, there will be lots of noise and clapping! It might last for a while. If you want to meet members of the cast, they will join us in the lobby afterwards for photos and hugs. Be warned that it can get very loud in the lobby after the shows, because everyone is so excited.

Thank you for coming to our special performance of Mary Poppins!