

An Awfully Big Adventure: Peter and the Star Catcher Preview



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An Awfully Big Adventure: Five-time Tony Award(R)-winning musical play “Peter and the Star Catcher” is coming to New Bedford’s Zeiterion theater this Friday, March 20th.

“The most exhilarating Broadway storytelling in decades! You must experience it for yourself.” -Ben Brantley *The New York Times*

The captivating stage performance tells a grown-up story of how Peter Pan became the boy who never grew up and celebrates the wisdom of childrens’ imaginations. A company of twelve talented actors will soar across the Zeiterion stage to portray over 100 characters in telling the captivating origin story. Based on *The New York Times* best-selling novel, “Peter and the Star Catchers” by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, the two-hour and fifteen minute show (with one intermission) is an experience in storytelling at its best.

The enchanted story of angst-ridden adolescence, and the mysterious, almost universal desire to fly will charm adults

and children alike with its off-beat schoolboy humor and incredible ability to pull on the heart strings, resounding with our collective desire for inventive bedtime stories.



An action-packed plot welcomes us aboard the S.S. Neverland we have all treasured, where we meet a 13 year-old orphan known only as The Boy with a glimmer in his eye and sadness in his heart. The eclectic crew and a cargo of “starstuff” embark on a troubled ocean journey, which teaches us not only how Peter learned to fly and Captain Hook lost his hand, but how to abandon ourselves to the will to believe.

Take up residence in Peter’s treasured imagination again and re-live this classic tale, retold and re-imagined for adults who never wanted to grow in the first place.

The magical story is told without tricks or gimmicks, a true example of simple, traditional stage-play at its finest, made possible by scenery, music, and directorial excellence. “Peter and the Starcatcher” received the 2012 Tony Award(R) for Donyale Werle’s set design, which is comprised of simple elements, many re-purposed from recycled material. Music for the play, created by Wayne Barker, has received a Tony Award nomination and Drama Desk award. Directors Tony Award(R)-winning actor Roger Rees and Tony Award(R) nominee Alex Timbers tied all of the magical elements together to make “Peter and the Starcatcher” one of the top 10 shows of 2012, as named by the *New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, and the *New Yorker*.

“Peter and the Starcatcher” will be at the Zeiterion Theater for one show only, Friday March 20th at 8 PM. Tickets range from \$39 to \$55.



To purchase tickets to this Friday's performance, please visit <https://ticketing.zeiterion.org/>

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