



RELAXED PERFORMANCES
AT ROUNDABOUT

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at Roundabout Theatre Company

June 15, 2019

Studio 54

254 W. 54th Street, New York, NY



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Roundabout Theatre Company's *Kiss Me, Kate* is playing at Studio 54, at 254 West 54th Street New York, NY 10019.

The Relaxed Performance is on June 15, 2019.

WARNINGS:

Please note, for those who may be medically impacted, there is a brief strobe light in this performance.



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When I arrive at the theatre, I may have to wait in line at the box office.



I have a ticket which means that when I go inside the theatre, there is a specific seat for me.

I will show my ticket to a person who works for the theatre and they will scan it.



I will go into the theatre.



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I will hand my tickets to the usher and will be led to my seat.



The usher will give me a Playbill.
The Playbill gives information about the show, actors, and other current NYC shows.

The theatre will get dark and quiet.



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If the show is ever too loud or too bright, there is a Break Area which I may access at any point during the performance.

Everyone will take a break, in the middle of the performance when it is the intermission.

During intermission, I can get a drink, a snack, or use the bathroom.

After intermission, everyone will return to their seats.

The theatre will become darker.

The actors will come back on stage and continue the show

When the show is finished, we will leave the theatre.





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PLOT GUIDE

Kiss Me, Kate is the story of what happens behind the scenes and onstage in a musical performance of *The Taming of the Shrew*.

As audience members, we see the musical *Kiss Me, Kate*, which includes:

The story of actors behind the scenes in The Stage of Ford's Theatre, Baltimore

AND

The story of the characters that actors play in *The Taming of the Shrew*.



The audience members will see the same person playing two roles in *Kiss Me, Kate*.



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CHARACTER GUIDE

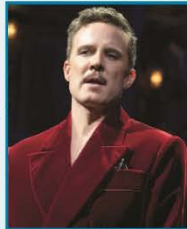
Theater Company Members

Lilli is a leading actress who plays **Katharine/Kate** in "The Taming of the Shrew." **Lilli**, a star of both stage and screen, used to be married to **Fred** (her co-star), and is now in a relationship with **General Harrison Howell**.



Lilli Vanessi

Fred is a leading man who plays **Petruchio** in "The Taming of the Shrew." **Fred**, an actor who used to be married to his co-star, **Lilli**, is interested in many women.



Fred Graham

Bill is an actor who plays **Lucentio** in "The Taming of the Shrew." **Bill** is **Lois'** boyfriend and a gambler.



Bill Calhoun

Lois is an actress who plays **Bianca** in "The Taming of the Shrew." **Lois**, a singer, has her first acting role onstage in "The Taming of the Shrew."



Lois Lane

Hattie works at the theatre as **Lilli's** dresser.



Hattie

General Harrison Howell is, a military officer and politician, is in a relationship with **Lilli**.



Harrison Howell

The Taming of The Shrew Musical Characters



Katharine/Kate

Kate needs to be married before her younger sister, **Bianca**, can be married, but doesn't want to be controlled by a man.



Petruchio

Petruchio is interested in marrying **Katharine**.



Lucentio

Lucentio is one of the men who is interested in **Bianca** in "The Taming of the Shrew."



Bianca

Bianca, **Katharine's** younger sister, has many men (**Lucentio**, Horensio, Gremio) who would like to marry her; but, her older sister must be married first.



DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. When you see a show, do you wonder about the actors' lives when they are not playing their roles onstage?
2. Do you think what happens offstage affects the actors' experience onstage?
3. Have you seen Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*?
4. Are you familiar with other musicals that are based on Shakespearean plays (e.g., *West Side Story* is based on Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*)?