



Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q)

By the Sea: A Sensory Theatre Experience

What is Old School Intergenerational Projects?

Old School is a registered charity whose mission is to connect generations through the arts and make the arts more accessible to all. To learn more, visit our website, www.oldschoolipnl.com

Who are the performers?

Claire and Erin are the co-founders of Old School. They are professional trained actor, singer, dancers and have many years of experience working with and performing for folks of all ages.

What do you need to perform the show at our venue?

To bring the show to your venue we need a large open space to perform in, ideally no smaller than 12x12. We need access to two electrical outlets for our speakers. We need 20 minutes to set up before the performance and the same to pack up after the show. We would appreciate touching base with a recreation director or staff member prior to the performance to have any special needs or aversions of audience members explained to us, to allow for the best experience possible during the show.

How many audience members can come?

As many as your space allows for. We ask that audience members are seated in two sections with an aisle in the middle and on the outsides to allow for performer movement.

What happens if a resident wanders onstage during the show, or begins to shout?

If an audience member joins performers onstage, we ask that a staff or family member shadow the participant in case they become a hazard to themselves or others. Performers are well versed in including unexpected surprises though and will ask staff/family to assist or re-seat the individual only if necessary.

If an audience member makes sound during the performance, we ask that they not be removed unless it appears they are in some kind of distress. At that point a break from the space may be recommended in case the audience member is feeling overstimulated.

Does the show involve the sense taste?

Old School is not able to provide any food during the performance, however if you would like to provide a *By the Sea* related snack after the show, performers will happily visit with audience members as long as scheduling allows. Some themed suggestions would include tea, date squares, blueberry cake, spice cake, marshmallow squares etc.

What measures are in place to prevent the spread of Covid 19?

Old School is happy to accommodate any venue mandated measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. That said, performers are not masked during the show as facial expression and vocalizing is required of them. Performers will wear masks during sensory exploration near audience members, and at all other times in the venue. All props used through the show will be sanitized after each performance.

How can we best prepare residents for the performance?

Old School is happy to provide posters to allow for residents to be aware of the upcoming event, as well as a pre-performance program which outlines what to expect during the show itself.