



Pete the Cat

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2024-25 Sensory-friendly programming



One Act (1 Hour)

Join Pete the Cat on a groovy adventure at Dallas Children's Theater!

Pete the Cat and his bandmates, Grumpy Toad and Gus the Platypus, are rocking out in a backyard. A cat-catcher approaches the group and catches Pete. His punishment for making such a racket: a week long time-out as a house cat for the Biddle family.

Jimmy Biddle is busy studying for end-of-second-grade tests when his mom, dad, and sister, Olive, tell him they are getting a cat. The family is surprised when they meet Pete (he's not exactly what they expected), but everyone welcomes him. Unfortunately, Olive starts sneezing in Pete's presence, and Dad declares Pete will have to stay in Jimmy's room.

In Jimmy's room, Pete learns that Jimmy has a LOT of rules. Although Pete can't quite remember all the rules, he does find a comfy spot to sleep and the new roommates go to bed. The next day at school, Jimmy's teacher welcomes Pete to their class and changes the testing plans based on their new classmate. Jimmy is dismayed to learn the rearranged art test does not have any rules; they can paint anything. Pete and the rest of the class happily paint whatever they choose, but Jimmy is stuck and doesn't know what to paint. He copies one of his classmates and gets in trouble.

At home, Mom, Dad, and Olive inform Pete and Jimmy that the doctor has confirmed Olive is allergic to cats. Before long, Jimmy's teacher calls and tells his mom that Jimmy is in trouble for copying. Jimmy hides, and at Pete's urging his parents go to look for him. Olive tells Pete that, even though she's allergic to him, she loves him. Trying to escape Olive, Pete finds Jimmy under the couch. Jimmy doesn't want to get out from under the couch, but his family reassures him that everyone makes mistakes.

Jimmy is feeling ready to try painting again, but still needs some encouragement. Pete calls for his VW bus, and he and Jimmy set off to be inspired. They travel to the bottom of the ocean, the moon, and even back in time to the Renaissance. But, Jimmy is frustrated by his inability to make the most beautiful painting himself, and the bus returns them home. Pete tells Jimmy magic sunglasses might help; the bus takes them to find the magic sunglasses at Jam Café in Paris (with Olive tagging along this time). At the café, Gus the Platypus and Grumpy Toad are jamming. Pete puts on the magic sunglasses and tells Jimmy all about the beautiful things he can see. When Jimmy puts them on, he sees beautiful things, too. But, Pete soon reveals the magic isn't really in the sunglasses but in Jimmy. Jimmy paints all the things he's seen on his adventure with Pete.

Back at school, Jimmy turns in his painting to his teacher and gets an A+. Olive runs in, shares that she is getting allergy shots, and wants to have a slumber party with Jimmy and Pete. Pete reminds her it's against Jimmy's room rules, but Jimmy changes the rule to allow it. Jimmy proclaims that Pete is his best friend!

- This show is one act and has no intermission.
- This is a musical.
- At times, the actors will be moving through the audience.

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