

# SummerStage 2026

## Production Content Disclosures

Please find information about the themes and content of the SummerStage 2026 productions. We share this with families so you have more information about each production that your child may be cast in. For students to audition with "eyes wide open," we want to provide clear information on the themes and actions they will be asked to portray. For specific examples of anything mentioned below, or if you would like to read the script, please contact [education@ctcharlotte.org](mailto:education@ctcharlotte.org).



## Spongebob The Musical: School Edition

The SpongeBob Musical (School Edition) is a vibrant, high-energy musical that adapts the beloved animated series for the stage. This "all-singing, all-dancing" production is a celebration of "friendship, courage, and community" and, above all, the "power of optimism".

### Central Conflict/Themes

- Families should be aware that the "School Edition" retains the musical's core high-stakes plot. Unlike the television show, the musical is not episodic but follows a single narrative: the citizens of Bikini Bottom discover a volcano is about to erupt, threatening the "total annihilation" of their world. The story follows their reaction to this "life and death" situation.

### Content

- **Portrayal of Existential Peril and Panic:** The main conflict is an existential threat. A significant part of the show requires the cast to portray scenes of mass panic, chaos, and societal collapse as the town reacts to the impending disaster.
- **Themes of Social Division:** The show is a powerful exploration of how a community fractures under pressure. Performers (particularly in the ensemble) will be asked to explore these "deeper themes" by portraying citizens who marginalize and scapegoat other characters out of fear. This "social commentary" is a key part of the story and provides the central challenge our heroes must overcome through their courage and optimism.