



# YOUTH

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Dramaturgical Presentation  
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# Play Setting and Structure



*Youth* is set in the “fellowship hall” of a Christian church. The story takes place over a series of youth group meetings and rehearsals. During these meetings, the young people gather to talk, sing, dance, eat pizza, and discuss their lives and faith together.



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At times during the play, the characters may break into song or speak directly to members of the audience. If someone onstage speaks to you, you do not have to respond. This is all part of the experience of the play.

**This play is approximately 80 minutes long, and will not have an intermission.**

# Passage of Time (Costumes)



- *Youth* takes place over a period of four months, from January to April.
- The characters show time passing through changing costumes.
- Each character begins in heavy layers and coats, and slowly changes into lighter clothing by the end of the play.





# Music

- The characters onstage sing several gospel songs during the play
- When they sing, watch how the characters behave:
  - Each musical performance represents some development in a character's journey. Wyatt, for example, only watches the songs in the beginning of the play. He joins in as the story continues, and near the end, he sings a song by himself
  - The direction uses the music to show Wyatt becoming more comfortable in the youth group



When Seeing the Show, Remember...



Thank You!