

STAGE WEST



Go West!

A buffet instead of a fixed menu makes a big difference, especially with young children. It allows them to stretch their legs, returning again and again to explore the exciting display of food. Then, they're ready to settle down to watch the show.

We remain at our table in the elegant theatre restaurant to enjoy the performance. Many seats in the large multi-level room are horseshoe-shaped booths. I love the cozy feeling of these and they were a great hit with my daughter. Covered with a long tablecloth, it made for a nice little fort to hide under with her little friend after dessert, before the play.

If you can't book a booth, don't worry. Conveniently, you'll have a good view of the stage from any of the well-padded seats.

The children's productions are lunch shows presented during the March Break and Christmas time. I've seen three different ones; they all lasted a bit less than one hour. While I found some better than others, my kids were equally thrilled by the whole experience on all three occasions.

All year round, they also produce dinner musicals and concerts, many suit-



Photo: Courtesy of Stage West

Must be the hotel's pool with a 3-storey-high water slide!

able for families such as tributes to the Beatles, Abba and other legendary singers. They look like the real thing! I suspect these would be fun for preteens.

To give you an idea of the kind of plays they produce: In 2011, they present among other things *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* Broadway musical and *Happy Days*.

Stage West is also a hotel! Their family packages are popular among local families who just want a change of scene.

Stage West Theatre Restaurant

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Schedule: Lunch normally from 12:30 pm, show at 1:45 pm. Call to confirm. **Christmas** shows on Saturdays, usually mid-November to first week of January. **March Break** shows on some Saturdays in March/April and during the March Break weekdays (except Wednesday). Check their website or call for the year-round program of concerts or plays.

Admission: Kids lunch shows around \$30/person + tax. Other dinner shows around \$60 + tax.

Directions: 5400 Dixie Rd., Mississauga (south of Hwy 401, turn west on Matheson Blvd. to access entrance).

TIPS (fun for 4 years +)

- Their **Christmas Getaway Package** for a family of 4 includes: 2 nights in a suite, 4 tickets to kids' lunch show, buffet breakfast for 4 (2 mornings), use of pool and water slide (around \$400 plus tax).
- Their **March Getaway Package** for a family of 4 includes the same and more: craft room, games room, bingo, fun classes, Children's Museum on the Go exhibit and free shuttle to **Square One** (around \$350 plus tax).

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