

**CONSTERS, INC.** 

## **BY DANI MORITZ**

here's something magical about the laughter of a child. And at Monsters, Inc. Laugh Floor, there's also something *powerful* about it—making this *Monsters*, *Inc.*-inspired attraction a must-do for littles who love to laugh.

### **SETTING THE STAGE**

Set in Monstropolis' one and only laugh factory, this indoor Tomorrowland attraction invites guests into the world of monsters. Here, you get to be a part of a family-friendly comedy show. Hosted by everyone's favorite one-eyed Monster of Ceremonies Mike Wazowski, this attraction is designed to make *everyone* laugh—your kids, sure, but grown-ups, too.

Throughout the interactive, "monstrously funny" show, guests will encounter some of their favorite monsters as the charming characters harness the human audience's laughs for power. The show features two *Monsters*, *Inc.* fan favorites—Mike Wazowski and the less-than-enthusiastic Roz—and some new faces, like the hypnotizing Buddy Boyle and Mike's young nephew, Marty Wazowski.

# **AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE**

One of the best parts of this laugh-out-loud show is that each time you go, you'll have a different experience. That's because the attraction has live actors performing voices behind digital screens, so that the characters can actually interact with audiences. (You'll find the same technology at EPCOT's Turtle Talk with Crush.) This is an impressive feat for adults to witness and even more amazing for kids who will truly feel like they're part of the show.

Several audience members get the chance to actually *play* a character during the show (including the "churro guy" ... if you know, you know), and the monsters often have some friendly fun with humans in the audience. Whether or not you're selected for a special role, everyone gets to play along by contributing sound effects and helping to keep the lights on in Monstropolis.



ABOVE: Scarer of the Month? Not anymore: Now, laughter's the order of the day. **PHOTO BY CLIFF WANG** 

PREVIOUS: The Laugh Floor has big laughs for little (and not-so-little) kids. **PHOTO BY LAURIE SAPP**  **PRO TIP:** If you want to get picked on, do or wear something to set yourself apart from others.

I'll never forget going myself as a kid with a huge group of family and friends. We were traveling with about 14 of us. and we all wore matching shirts. My dad was sitting on the aisle, and the monsters made a joke about how many children he had. Years later, it's still one of my favorite Disnev memories.

# JOINING IN ON THE FUN

Another way to participate before the show ever starts is by texting in your



HIDDEN

MICKEYS

Location: Monstropolis

Model; Monsters, Inc. Laugh

favorite joke while waiting in the queue. Simply listen for the instructions from Mike Wazowski on how to text in a joke that could actually get performed by the monsters on stage.

You don't have to wait for Mike's go-ahead to start brainstorming jokes. Discussing jokes to text in is a great way to pass the time as soon as you enter the queue. If your kiddos have trouble thinking of their favorite jokes on the spot, plan ahead before your trip by packing a joke book for them to consult in line (or start the brainstorming while waiting in other lines, like the nearby Space Ranger Spin).

### A GREAT BREAK

In addition to being a genuinely funny show, this attraction is also a great reprieve from the Florida heat. Both the queue and the attraction are indoors.

The line usually isn't terribly long, either, so it's a good option to take a rest while enjoying some laughs.

## LAUGHING WITH LITTLES

Another perk of this Monstropolis attraction is that it's truly for the whole family. While older kids are sure to get a laugh out of it, it's also suitable for babies and toddlers. The show has a short runtime of about 10 minutes, and it isn't the kind of attraction that will scare young children—at least, not since the factory transitioned away from harnessing screams.

No matter how old your humans are, they'll likely find this attraction to be a welcome addition to your family's itinerary.

