

Maya and Miguel

Costume Guidelines and Character Information

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MAYA AND MIGUEL CHARACTERS CANNOT BE USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES OR TO ENDORSE PRODUCTS OR COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES OF ANY KIND.

- Miguel Costume requirements: Person wearing costume should be between 5'4" to 5'5" and between 28-32 waist size.
- Maya Costume requirements: Female person wearing costume should be between 5'4" to 5'5" and between sizes 2-6.
- Maya and Miguel must be accompanied by a representative from your station or organization at all times to guide them around and answer questions.
- The costumes are extremely warm to wear! Wearers should get a water/bathroom break *at least* every 20 minutes, or more often if they are outside or in hot temperatures. Costume wearers should not wear anything heavier than light shorts and a t-shirt/tank top (and socks on their feet) inside the costume. Have plenty of water on hand- ice packs are also helpful.
- Maya and Miguel DO NOT speak.
- Maya and Miguel can wave, point in the direction they want people to go, hug people, pat the tops of their heads, hold hands, shake hands, and put their arm around people's shoulders.
- The characters should always try to walk together.
- Maya and Miguel should NEVER take their costume heads off in public. A private changing room should be secured where the public will not see a partially dressed character. Public restrooms are not acceptable changing spaces.
- Maya and Miguel are NOT allowed to endorse products or commercial businesses.
- Maya and Miguel cannot perform with other costumed characters, though they may appear in different areas of the same event.
- Maya and Miguel should NOT do anything objectionable. *Always assume a young child is nearby and watching Maya and Miguel's every move.*
- Characters should NEVER smoke, eat or drink (except water) while wearing any part of the costume.
- We discourage sharing the Maya and Miguel costumes. This can be a way to transmit illnesses and infections between people. Try to use one performer per costume if possible
- At the end of an event day hang the costumes in a well ventilated secure area. Spray the inside with rubbing alcohol to sanitize and allow it to dry completely before packing the costumes in the road case. **DO NOT PUT THE COSTUMES AWAY WET!**

- If the costumes get wet due to weather hang costumes in front of a fan and allow them to dry completely before packing them up.
- Be careful with the costumes! Gently handle the head and other parts. Lay them on a clean safe surface when not in use.

About Maya and Miguel

Lively and colorful, the series chronicles the adventures of 10-year-old twins Maya and Miguel Santos and features their family, friends and a richly diverse neighborhood. This never-a-dull-moment situation comedy revolves around Maya's well-intentioned meddling in her family's and friends' lives. The underlying message is the importance of doing good works for family and the twins' motivation comes from the philosophy that shared happiness is more than personal gain. Sprinkled throughout this hilarious series are values of friendship, family and a positive, culturally rich portrayal of Latino family, language and cultures. The TV series airs daily on PBS KIDS GO!

For more information about Maya and Miguel, visit:

www.pbskids.org/mayaandmiguel

www.scholastic.com/mayaandmiguel

WHO ARE MAYA AND MIGUEL?

- **Maya:** Maya is smart, creative, curious, ambitious, well-intentioned 10-year-old Latin-American girl who always manages to include her brother and friends into her crazy adventures. Quite simply, she is a force of nature. She isn't happy unless she is dreaming up a "Big Idea" to improve the lives of those around her. Everyone knows when they hear Maya's famous words "¡Eso es!" ("That's it!") or "Tengo una idea!" ("I have an idea!") they're in for an adventure! Her family is especially important to her. Maya, like the rest of her family, is bilingual.
- **Miguel:** Miguel is a 10-year-old Latin-American boy who is Maya's older twin (by 3 minutes) and quite her opposite – practical where she is romantic, careful where she can be reckless. He is patient, modest, enjoys playing soccer, drawing, and is very "¡Chevere!" (Cool!). When caught up in one of Maya's plans, he's often the one who gets pie in his face. Known for his phrase "Yo te conozco, Maya..." ("I know you, Maya..."), Miguel is yin to Maya's yang.

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