



Your Toys

VISUAL STORY

This visual resource is for children and young adults visiting the Unicorn Theatre to see a performance of Your Toys.

This visual story is intended to help prepare you for a new experience and help you to become familiar with the surroundings and the performance.

This performance is adventurous, musical, and funny and contains some scenes with a burping box-monster.

THEMES

The performance has themes of friendship, bravery and working things out together as a team.

SCENES TO NOTE

Brief description of any significant moments of high emotion, scary or creepy scenes, mentions of death or loss, etc.

Before the show, everyone in the audience is invited to lend a toy or an object they've bought with them to be in the show. The actors in the show will come and say hello to people in the audience and invite you to lend them a toy or an object to be in the show. If you decide not to lend your toy, that's okay. The actors have lots of spare toys with them, so if you prefer your toy to stay with you, that's okay.

At the beginning of the show, there is a big storm at sea and one person rescues another from the waves.

Later, there is a roaring monster somewhere in the distance.

Two friends bravely go into a dark cave and meet a soothsayer who seems to be scary at first, but turns out to be just a bit silly.

Three friends get stuck in a ravine and are rescued by a giant bird.

Towards the end of the story, all the main characters are swallowed by a monster, and then burped back up.

At the end of the story, everyone who lent something gets their toy or object back again.

SOUND

All through the story, you will see and sometimes hear a musician playing drums and guitar. Sometimes the drums are louder, sometimes quieter. During the story, a magician sings a jolly song. Later, when the story leads us into the jungle, there is a big samba dance. You will also hear some **sound effects**, like a dripping cave, a

dry desert, jungle birds and animals, the sea and the rumbling stomach of a monster.

Don't worry, these sounds don't last long, and you can cover your ears if you want to.

Sometimes, the performers will **ask the audience questions and the audience may answer and join in**. These moments may be **quite loud**.

We have adjusted the **volume** on all sound effects to be **lower** during relaxed performances.

LIGHTING & EFFECTS

During the performance, the lighting will change between scenes. Sometimes it is **darker** onstage, and sometimes it is **brighter**. Sometimes there is only light on **one part of the stage**, and sometimes on the **whole stage**.

The show contains a mirrorball.

We have slowed down any **flashing light effects** during relaxed performances.

The **house lights**, which are the lights in the audience seating area, will remain on at a **low level** throughout the performance.

AUDIENCE REACTIONS

During the show you might find something **funny**, you can **laugh** if you like.



During the show you might see or hear something that makes you feel **sad**. You can feel sad if you like, that's okay.



During the show, other audience members might **react** to what is happening onstage, by **laughing, shouting, screaming, clapping,** being **surprised,** or **speaking out loud**. These moments may be quite **loud**.

You can **join in** if you want to or you can cover your ears if you want to.

During the show you might feel that you need to take some time out.

If you do, don't worry about it, **find an Usher** and let them know.

They will take you to the **chill out space** where you can relax and return to the show when you feel ready.

The performance is approximately 50 minutes. There is no interval.

THE BUILDING

Welcome to the Unicorn Theatre! We are a theatre for children, young people, and adults.

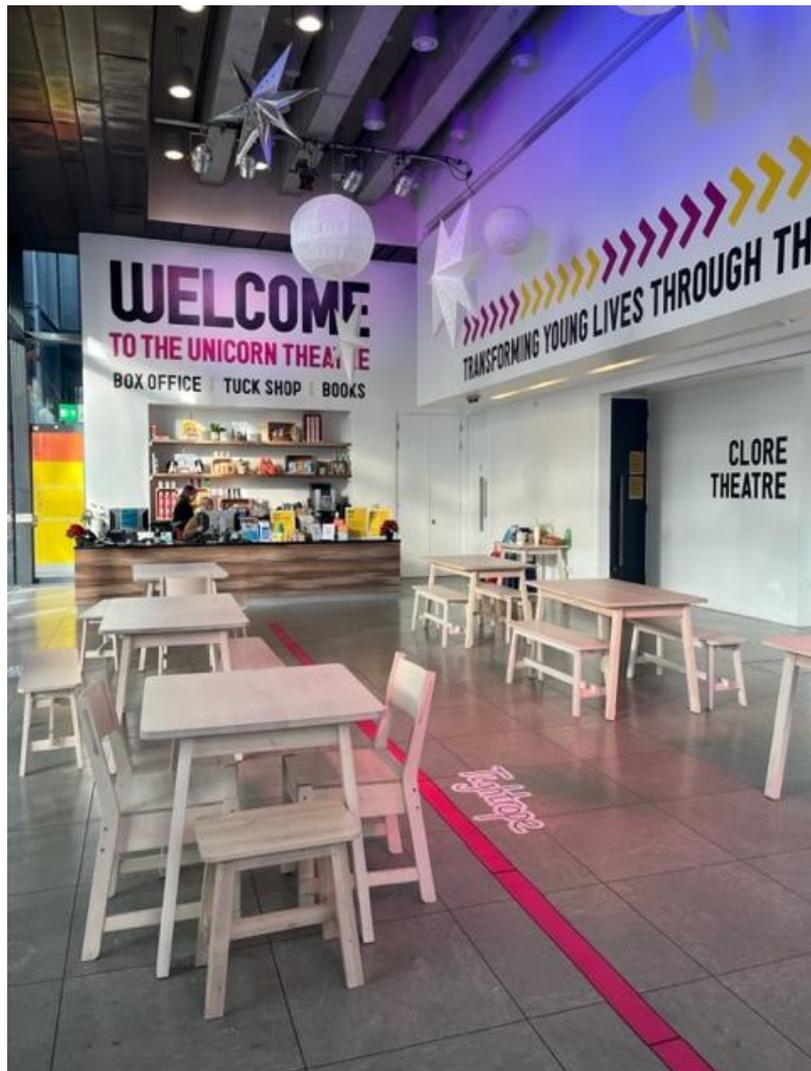
This is the main entrance of the theatre.



There are some steps before you get to the front door.

There is also a ramp you can use to get to the front door.

When you enter through the front door, you will see a big space with lots of tables and chairs in an area called the Foyer.



In the foyer, you will see the Box Office and Tuck Shop.



This is where you can ask us any questions about your tickets. You can also buy a book, snack or ice cream before the show!

You might see some adults and children sitting at some of the tables having something to eat or drink. You can also bring your own drinks and snacks with you.



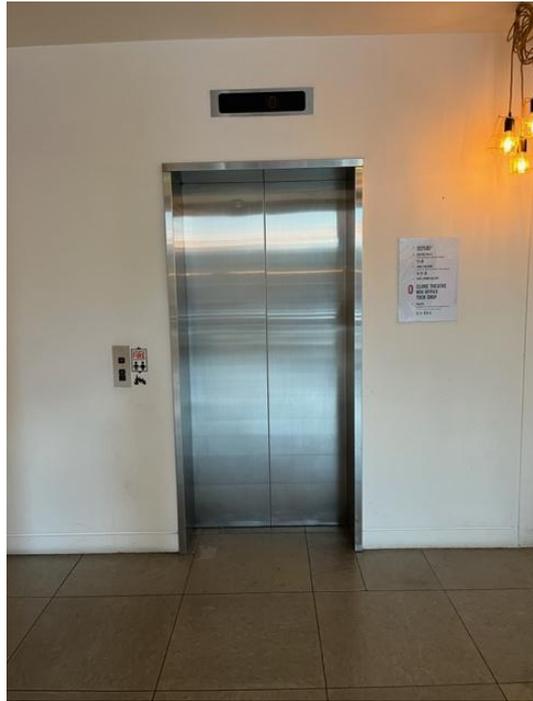
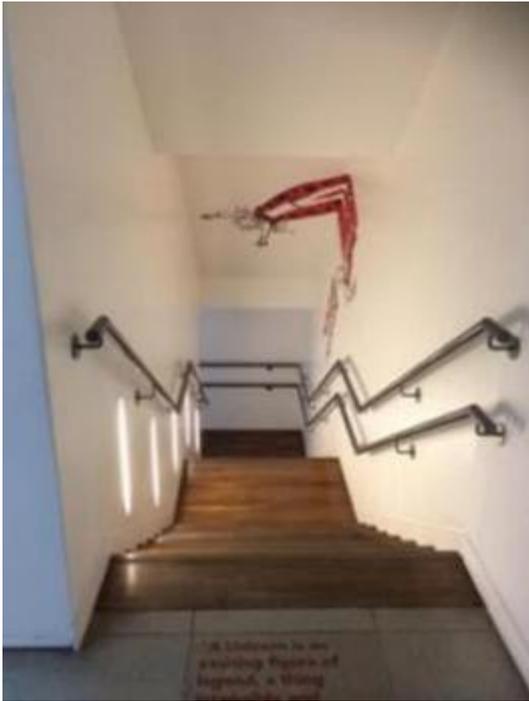


When you arrive at the theatre, you will be met by one of the Ushers, who will be wearing a dark red shirt with USHER written on the front and back like the one you see here.



You can ask an Usher if you have any questions and they will do their best to help you.

If you need to use the toilet, there are some **downstairs**. You can use the stairs going down one floor, or you take the lift to **Floor -1**.



These are the toilets downstairs.

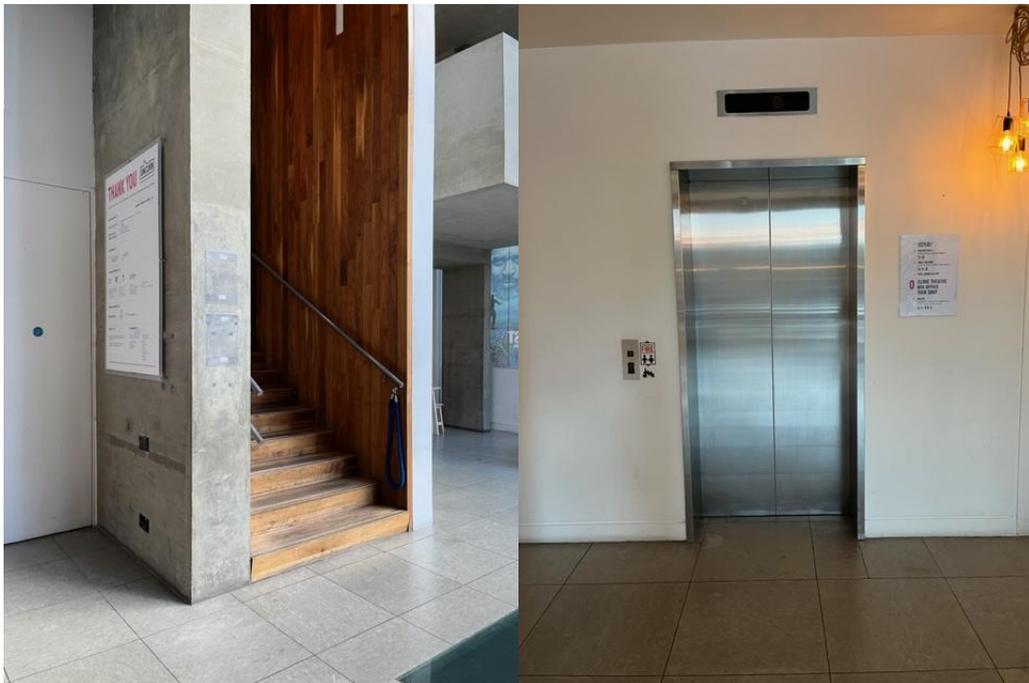


There are also some toilets upstairs, on Level 2 and 3. You can use the lift if you want to, or take the stairs up. These toilets are **family and all-gender**, so anyone can use them.



When it's time to see the performance, you will hear a **loud bell ring.**

That means it's time to go inside the theatre, which is upstairs on **Floor 3**. You can use the stairs, or take the lift.



When you get to Floor 3, you will go inside the Weston Theatre.



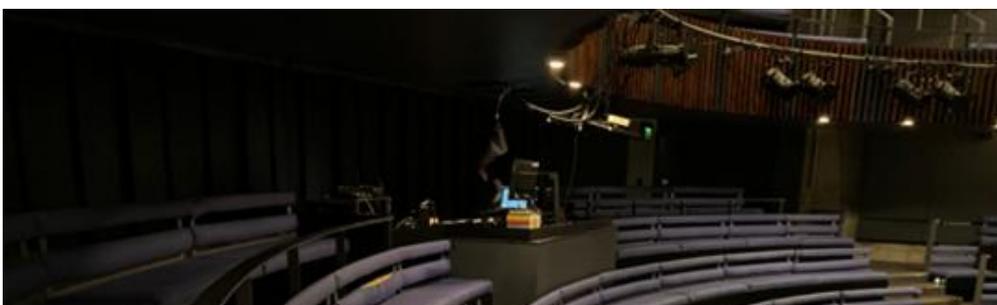
When you enter the **theatre**, you will see the **stage** where the actors



stand and act.

The stage has of cardboard boxes in big piles, and a musician with their drum kit.

The rest of the room is full of purple seats.



You can find your seat and make yourself comfortable. An usher can help you find your seat.

You will hear gentle guitar music all around the space when you first come in.

There are five actors and two musicians in the show. Different actors are in the show on different days. This is because some of the actors have young children, so they share the days between them.

This actor plays lots of characters



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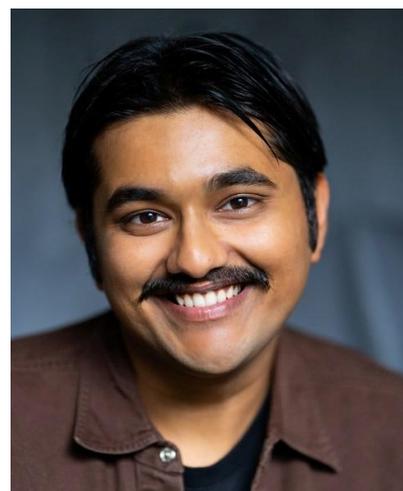
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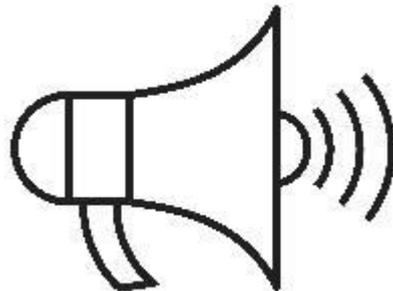
This musician plays the drums and guitar



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The **lights** will start to get **darker** onstage and you will hear an **announcement**.



The **announcement** will ask you to turn off your phones and save your snacks until the end of the show.



You will hear other people **clap**. You can **clap** if you want to.



The actors will all **smile and bow**.

All the toys who have been in the show will **bow**.



That's the end of the show.

Thank you for coming to the Unicorn Theatre!