





## Visual Story for the Relaxed Performances Of Cinderella



Relaxed and Signed Performance: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 11am OR

Relaxed Performance: Tuesday 19th December at 14.30pm

At Castle Theatre, Wellingborough

#### **Visual Guide Aim:**

This Visual Story is provided to support children and adults with additional needs and disabilities to help prepare them in their visit to the theatre and help them to familiarize themselves with the surroundings.

Seeing a Live Show is like seeing something on TV. But the people called actors will be on the stage in front of you.

A Pantomime is a special kind of show that has talking, singing, dancing, and allows you the audience to join in by clapping, booing, hissing, cheering, and singing, if you want to.



#### **The Story of Cinderella:**

The Story of Cinderella is about a young girl whose two sisters 'Bella' and 'Donna' come to visit.

Bella and Donna are Mean to Cinderella Throughout the Show but still think they are gorgeous.

Cinderella then meets a young man in the woods where they fall in love, but she doesn't know that its Prince Charming.

Later on Cinderella and her two sisters are invited to the Princes Ball, but the mean sisters stop her from going until Cinderella's Fairy Godmother arrives to save the day.

Cinderella leaves a shoe behind and the prince searches the kingdom for the girl who lost the shoe. With the sisters still trying to stop Cinderella from having her happy ending.

When I get to the theatre there may be lots of people waiting to get in. If I don't have my tickets, I will need to collect them from the box office.

I might have to wait in a queue, but it will not take long.



There may be hand gel around the theatre so I can clean my hands as I go around the building.



While I wait for the main auditorium to open, I may want to have a drink or a snack from the bar.



My Ticket will show me where to sit in the Main Auditorium. There will be a Letter for the Row and Number for the seat.

There will be a Door Number to show me the easiest way to my seat.

**Door 1** and **Door 2** are next to the bar.

**Door 3** and **Door 4** are up the stairs on the Balcony Level (There is also a lift).



When the Main Doors open there will be a steward waiting to check my ticket and help me find my seat.



The Main Auditorium is Very Big and there may be people sitting next me throughout the show, this is Okay.

Whilst we wait for the Show to begin it may get loud in the Auditorium.





When it is time for the show to start, there will be an announcement on the loudspeaker to say the show is about to begin.

The theatre will then get a little darker, and the show will begin.

Some characters will introduce themselves on stage first.

If I listen to the actors on the stage, I will be able to hear more of the story.

During the Show it may get a little loud. If it is too loud, I can use my ear defenders if I have brought them, or I can cover my ears with my hands.



There may be some bright lights on the stage During the show. If it gets too much, I can use my hands to cover my eyes.



I can leave the auditorium at any time if I need a break and come back in when I am ready.

If I need to leave the show, there is a breakout room upstairs with cushions so I can relax.

And a TV showing the show upstairs as well.

The Breakout room is through Door 3 on the Balcony Level up the Stairs (Or the lift).





## There will be stewards and staff to help me upstairs if I need them.





Halfway through most shows there will be a break, this is called an interval.



During the interval the lights will get brighter, and people may leave the auditorium to get

a drink, an ice cream or they can go to the toilet.







Someone may ask me if I am enjoying the show, and what I think of the show.

There will be an announcement over the loudspeaker, to tell me how long is left in the interval, and when to go back to my seat in the auditorium.

#### The Interval is 20 minutes

The lights will get a little darker, and music will start so act 2 can begin

When the story is finished, all the actors will come out on stage and bow to us in the audience. This is called a curtain call.



The audience will clap a lot, so the actors know how much everyone liked the show. Some people will cheer and make loud noises to show they had a really good time.

If it is too noisy, I can cover my ears, or ask the person that came with me, to take me out of the auditorium.

### That's the end of the show. Hope to see you again soon

#### Who will I see on Stage:

All the actors on stage are playing characters and they will be wearing lots of makeup and costumes and will look very different.

Also, Two Characters in the show 'Bella' and 'Donna' will be played by a men.

**Hayley Johnston as Cinderella** 



Francesca McKean as Fairy Godmother



**Thomas Griffiths as Prince Charming** 



**Colin Hubbard as The Barron** 



**Jack Trinder as Dandini** 



**George Dawes as Buttons** 



Bella and Donna enjoy Saying "Aren't we Gorgeous" When they say this the audience says "No".

**Adam Borzone as Bella** 



**Gary L Johnson as Donna** 

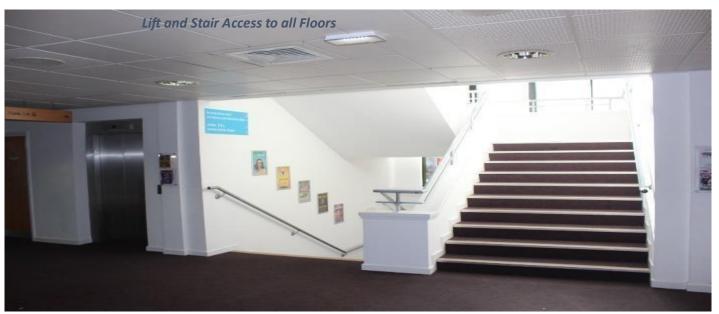


#### **Lights, Sounds and Interaction:**

- The strobe and lighting effects have been slowed, reduced, or removed without affecting the story.
- For the Relaxed performance there will be no unnecessary pyrotechnic affects.
- There is lots of times that the characters will ask for interaction, the stewards will help along the way.

#### **Areas of the Theatre**





If I need the toilet I can go upstairs or downstairs or use the lift.

There is a disabled toilet on all floors and a baby changing toilet on the Bar Level.

To access the Baby changing and Disabled toilet on the bar level, I need to ask the staff at box office or a steward to let me in.

### **Bar and Stall Level**





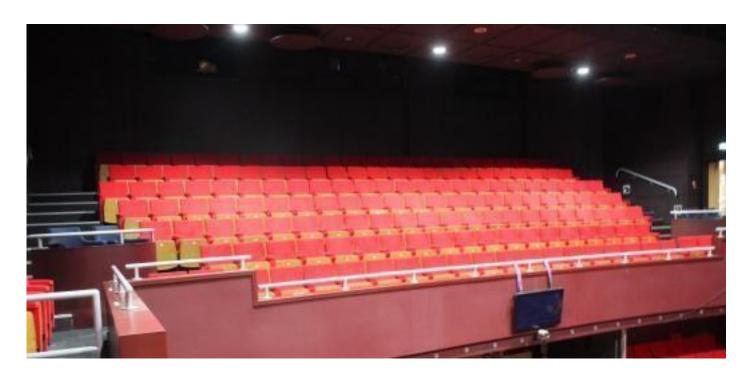


### **Balcony Level**









#### **Helpful Tips**

- Free Car Park available at the rear of the Theatre, with disabled spaces at the rear and near the front of the building.
- Arrive early to have a look around and collect your tickets, go to the toilet and have time to settle into the theatre
- Booster Seats Available
- Toilets available on all levels of the theatre, including disabled toilets on all levels
   (please ask box office for fob if you require baby changing facilities)

#### **Relaxed Performances ONLY:**

- While you wait for the show to begin, if it gets too busy, the Relaxed Room
   (Breakout Room) upstairs will be open
- The Relaxed Room will be available at least 15 minutes before the show starts
   and 15 minutes after the show ends
- There will be a screen on balcony level, showing the performance, if needed

If you require any more information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact

Castle Theatre by calling 01933 270 007

We look forward to welcoming you to Castle Theatre.





# If I come along to the Relaxed Performance, What Does this mean?

A Relaxed performance is designed to make the theatre an accessible leisure opportunity for those with a variety of needs, along with their family, friends and carers.

A Relaxed performance is a type of accessible performance, adapted to consider the sensory needs of individuals visiting the theatre. The aims are to reduce anxiety and stress otherwise caused by the average theatre going experience. It is also a good opportunity to introduce an individual to the theatre for the first time, or to allow an individual the opportunity to come to the theatre with a more relaxed atmosphere.

Our Access events have specific measures and additions, which are not available during regular shows and performances.

#### **These measures for Relaxed Performances include:**

- Relaxed Room on Balcony Level (the Breakout Room)
- Additional Screen showing the performance outside the auditorium (Balcony level)
- Auditorium lighting is kept at a higher level
- Auditorium speaker sound reduced
- Reduction and non-existence of unnecessary noises and lighting throughout Front of House
- Limited to two loudspeaker announcements (before the show begins at Act One and Act Two)
- Wheelchair spaces to accommodate a range of different wheelchair types and sizes (Wheelchair spaces are available for all shows at the Castle Theatre).





