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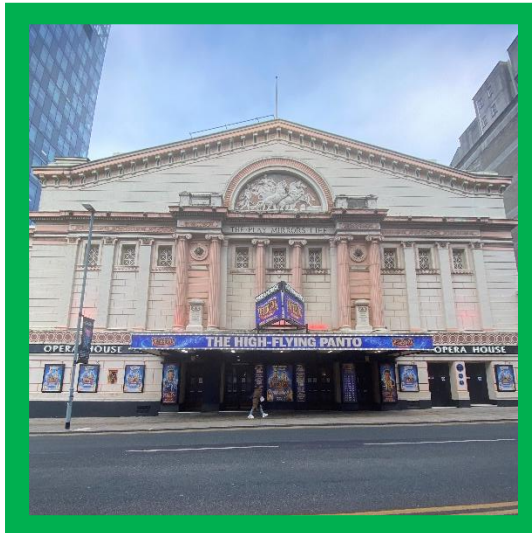
**Visual Story for *Robin Hood* at
the Opera House, Manchester**

This Visual Story aims to support and prepare visitors who are curious or maybe a little anxious for a new experience and to help them become familiar with the new surroundings and what to expect throughout their visit to the theatre.

In this visual story, you will find lots of images and information to prepare you for your visit, including:

- Photographs of the Opera House
- Information on how you find your way around the theatre
- Photographs and descriptions of some of the characters
- A description of what happens in the show

We hope you enjoy your visit!



This is the Opera House, where *Robin Hood* takes place. It is on Quay Street.



When you arrive, there will be people standing near the doors. These people are security guards – don't be scared of them, their job is to keep you safe. They look in your bag to make sure you are not bringing in any alcohol or anything dangerous.



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You will have your ticket scanned when you arrive. Your ticket might be on a phone, printed off, or a paper ticket. Once we have scanned your ticket, you can go inside.



This is the Box Office. It is in the foyer. If you need to collect your tickets, you will be sent here to pick them up.

You can also buy tickets from the Box Office. You may have to wait in a queue, and this area can sometimes be quite busy and noisy.



There are bars around the venue where you can buy drinks or snacks, and there are some seats to sit down on. You might have to wait in a queue, and it might be busy or crowded.



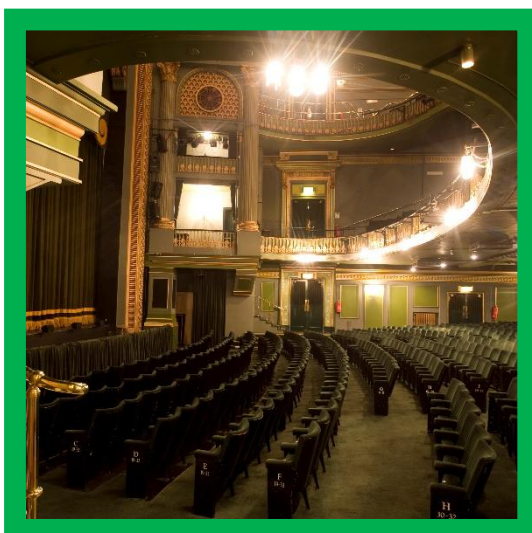
If you want to go to the toilet, you can find them by looking for a sign that looks like this. There are toilets on all levels of the theatre. If you are not sure, you can ask an usher for help.



An usher is someone who works for the theatre. They wear black waistcoats, a striped tie, and a badge that has their name on. When it is time to go and find your seats, an usher will ask you to show them your tickets so they can help you find your seat.



Your ticket will tell you which level you will be sitting in and will help you find which set of stairs you will need to use to get there. Look for the word **Stalls**, **Circle**, or **Gallery**.



This is the Stalls Level. It is on the ground floor of the auditorium. You will need to go down some stairs to get there.



This is the Circle Level. It is on the middle floor of the auditorium. You may need to go up some stairs to get there.



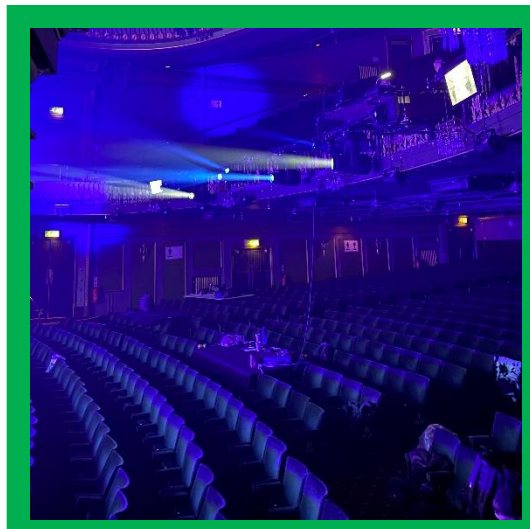
This is the Gallery Level. It is on the top level of the auditorium. You will need to go up lots of stairs to get there.



You will now be in the auditorium. This is what we call the part of the theatre where the audience sit. It is very big. You can find your seat by looking for the right letter and number. You can sit down and get comfortable before the show starts.



When everyone is in their seats, the lights will be turned down and it will get a little bit darker. This means the show will be starting very soon. Everyone will try to be quiet and sit still. Some people might make a noise, but that's okay.



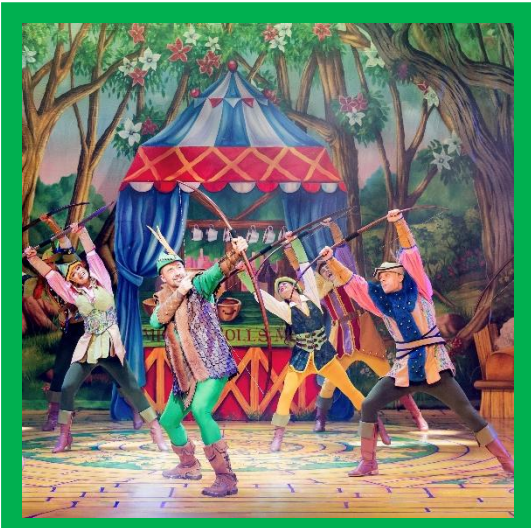
When the show starts, you will hear music and the lights will change. Some people might clap because they are excited that the show is starting. You can clap if you want to, but you do not have to. If it is too loud, you can cover your ears or wear your headphones.



The actors on stage might ask you to clap, sing and dance. You can join in, but you don't have to if you don't want to. At the end of songs, the audience might clap or cheer. You can join in, but you don't have to. If it is too loud, you can cover your ears or wear your headphones.



During the performance, some of the actors might make jokes. Some people might laugh and clap. You can laugh and clap too if you like. If it is too loud, you can cover your ears or wear your headphones.



Some people might cheer, boo, or hiss at some characters. You can join in if you like. If it is too loud, you can cover your ears or wear your headphones.



During the performance, you might see something that makes you feel sad or scared. That's okay – you can feel sad or scared if you like. Just remember that nothing in the show can hurt you.



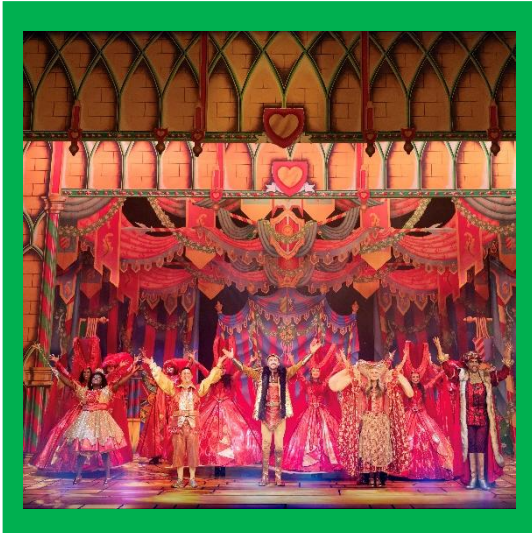
If you want to take some time out, you can leave your seat and go into the foyer or one of our bars to relax for a while. You can go back in when you want to.



Halfway through the show there is a break called an 'interval'. It will last for roughly 20 minutes. The lights will come on and you can have a snack or go to the toilet. There might be queues for the toilets, kiosks, and bars.



There will also be members of staff selling ice creams and programmes. There will be a queue here too. After 20 minutes, everyone will sit in their seats. The lights will get darker, and the show will start again. The actors will come back on stage and finish telling the story.



At the end of the show, all the actors will come on stage. This is called a curtain call. Some people will clap, cheer, boo, or hiss to show the actors that they enjoyed the show. You can join in if you like. If it is too loud, you can cover your ears or wear your headphones.



After the show, everyone will leave the theatre. An usher can help you find the way out. It might be a different way to how you came in. This is so everyone can leave quickly and so you will not have to queue for a long time. It might get a bit noisy and crowded.



If there is an emergency, the show will stop. You and your guests will need to follow signs that look like this. The ushers are trained to help you leave and will tell you where to go. You must listen to them as they are trained to keep you safe.

The Characters

Here are some of the characters in the pantomime. There are more, but you will see these ones the most during the show.



This is Robin Hood. He is the main character in the pantomime.



This is the Sherriff of Nottingham. He is the villain in the pantomime – some people call him the ‘baddie’. The audience might boo or hiss when he is on stage. You can join in if you want to, but you don’t have to.



This is Maid Marion. She is Robin's girlfriend.



This is Will Scarlett. He is Robin's friend.



This is the Spirit of Sherwood. She helps Robin, Will, and Marion on their journey with the help of some magic.

On the next page, we will tell you the main parts of the story, which is called the plot. If you don't want to know what happens, skip the next page!

The Plot

Robin Hood, Will Scarlett and Maid Marion all live in Sherwood. The evil Sheriff is trying to become King whilst King Richard is away. Robin and his friends plan to stop him, but are hiding in Sherwood Forest.

When the Sheriff tries to trick Robin at an archery competition, he is captured and has to find a way to escape. The Sheriff says he will burn down the forest to find them, but with some help from the Spirit of Sherwood, Robin saves the day, and the forest!

The Sheriff's guards capture Maid Marion, and it's up to Robin and Will to rescue her before the Sheriff makes himself King. They hear the King is coming back to England and come up with a plan to rescue her before the Sheriff's coronation ceremony.

Robin, Will, and Maid Marion fight with the Sheriff and defeat him. He is sent to prison for the rest of his life. The King returns and he makes Robin a Knight, and Robin and Maid Marion get married.

Thank you for joining us!

Thank you for joining us for this performance of *Robin Hood*.
We hope you enjoyed the show!

If you have any comments about the performance or if you want to tell us more about your experience, you can email us or write to us via the addresses below.

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