

Nottingham Playhouse presents

PUNCH



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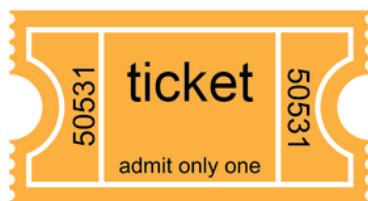
Welcome to PUNCH at Nottingham Playhouse



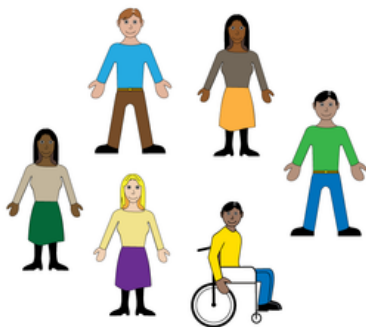
You are visiting a theatre called Nottingham Playhouse.



In the entrance you will see our Box Office.



This is where people buy or collect tickets.



Sometimes there are lots of people here.

The Foyer and chill-out space



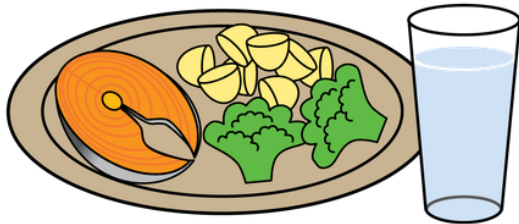
People wait to see the show in the foyers.

This is what the foyer looks like.



If you want to sit somewhere quiet before, during or after the show then you can use the chill-out space.

Refreshments



There are bars on the upper and lower foyers. There is also a bar and seating area in the room next to Box Office. You can buy food and drinks here.



This is what the bars look like.

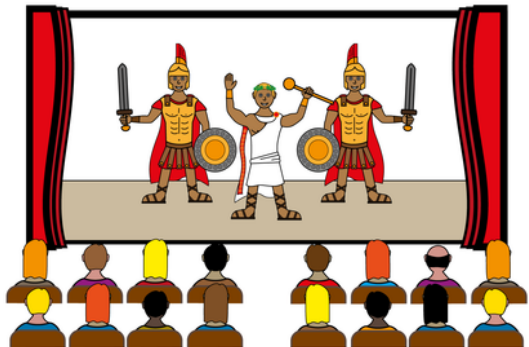
The Main Stage



The auditorium is where you will sit to watch Punch. The Welcome Team will help you find your seat.



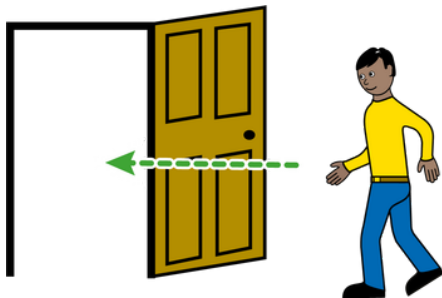
This is what the stage will look like.



When the show starts, the curtain will go up and you will see the characters performing on the stage.



It is okay to get up out of your seat if you need to move around. You can leave the room at any time and come back in when you are ready.



After the show has finished you can leave the auditorium when you are ready.

The Actors

Here are the actors in Punch.
Here they are not dressed in their costumes:



Jack

This is Jack.
He plays
Jacob.



Laura

This is Laura.
She plays
Wendy and
Jacob's Mum.



Finty

This is Finty.
She plays
Joan and
Nan.



Grace

This is Grace.
She plays
Clare and
Nicola.



Mathew

This is
Mathew. He
plays David,
Tony, and
Derek.



Elan

This is Elan.
He plays Raf
and Sam.

The Story



We meet Jacob, he is an eighteen year old young man from the Meadows in Nottingham. He is talking to the audience about the day he killed a man called James. He is talking from the future about the past.



Jacob and his friend Raf are drunk and walking from the Meadows to town on a hot July day. They bump into people who are leaving a cricket match at Trent Bridge, and pick fights with them.



Jacob and his friends drink in lots of pubs in town, before becoming separated. Jacob meets a woman called Clare, who he flirts with, before Raf rings him to tell him to join in with their fight at Market Square.



Jacob runs to join the fight, and we see him getting ready to join in. The theatre goes black.



David calls Joan on the phone to say he is at the hospital with James. He explains he got punched and dropped to the ground. He explains he is sleeping it off in the hospital.

The Story



We meet Jacob's mum and grandma. Jacob's mum tells Jacob he is her little angel. His grandma tells him that we all have to have a stake in the world in order to leave a mark.



Jacob reminisces on his happy childhood. As Jacob gets older, and he goes to secondary school, he befriends people in his year who encourage him to misbehave.



Joan rings David to tell him that James is going into surgery as he had a bleed on the brain.



The school diagnoses Jacob with ADHD, Dyslexia and Autism. Jacob and his mum start getting an allowance from the council. His mum begins to drink and Jacob starts to take and deal drugs.



Jacob talks about the different gangs in the area, and how they would get into fights. He talks about how some people would carry knives, but he didn't.

The Story



Raf calls Jacob, who then punches James in Market Square. He flees from the scene of the incident back to the Meadows. He hopes to avoid what has happened but Raf calls him to let him know that James is badly hurt.



Joan and David are at the hospital discussing how James' life support will be turned off. Joan feels James was treated improperly as a patient.



Jacob gets a call from his Mum, who says that the police are at their house. Jacob panics and denies any wrongdoing, before throwing his phone into the River Trent.



Raf has told the police that it was Jacob who hit James, and Jacob goes to court where he hears that he has been sentenced to spend time in prison for killing James.



Joan and David watch Jacob go, and are upset at his prison sentence, as they do not think it is long enough. They are angry and confused about what has happened.

The Story



Jacob is moved into prison and then to a young offenders institute. They are all angry, and talking about getting back at the people who put them in prison when they get out.



Joan and David struggle with their grief. David appeals Jacob's court sentence, wanting it to be longer. They feel like they have no support, and no answers to their questions. Meanwhile Jacob serves his sentence and gets out.



In a search for answers, Joan and David meet with Restorative Justice, who hope that opening a conversation with Jacob will help them come to terms with what happened to James.



Jacob's parole officer tells Jacob that Joan and David want to get in contact with him, and he is open to the idea but confused. He struggles after leaving prison.



Jacob sees his Mum after leaving prison. She has lost her license to be a child minder due to Jacob's crime, and is struggling with alcohol addiction. Jacob is upset to have upset her.

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Joan and David compose their letter to Jacob, asking him questions about why he attacked James. They send Jacob the letter and await a response.



Jacob writes back to them and confirms that he didn't know James. They begin a dialogue and Jacob starts to rebuild his life through work and resitting his GCSEs.



Jacob and Clare reconnect at the hospital where she looks after his mum as she is ill but passes away. Jacob and Sam rekindle their relationship and Jacob receives his GCSE results.



Joan, David and Jacob decide to meet up in person, which is the final stage of Restorative Justice. Joan and David offer to give Jacob a personal statement for his university application.

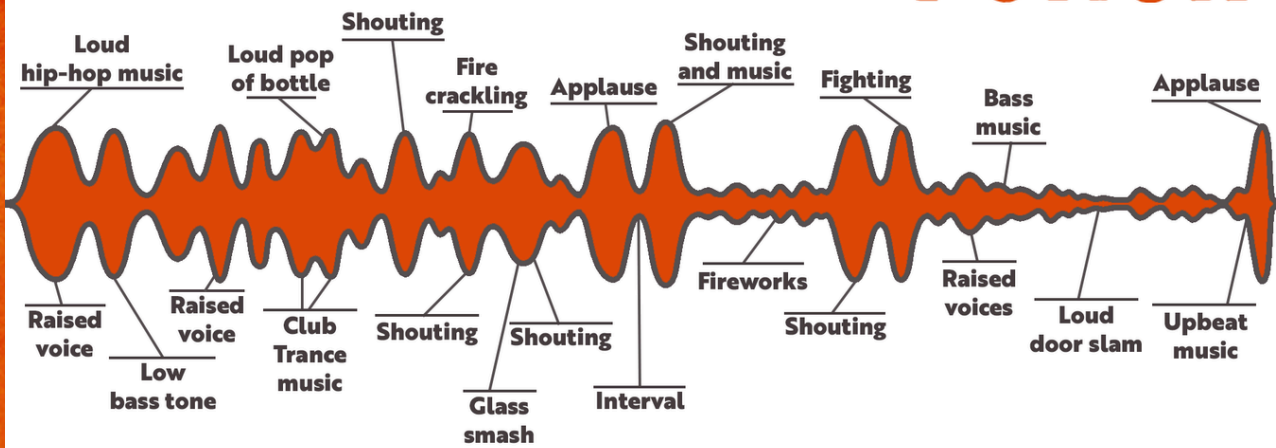


Joan and Jacob continue to talk about the benefits of Restorative Justice in the news and Jacob does a Ted talk. Jacob asks Joan and David for forgiveness.

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Key Words and Symbols



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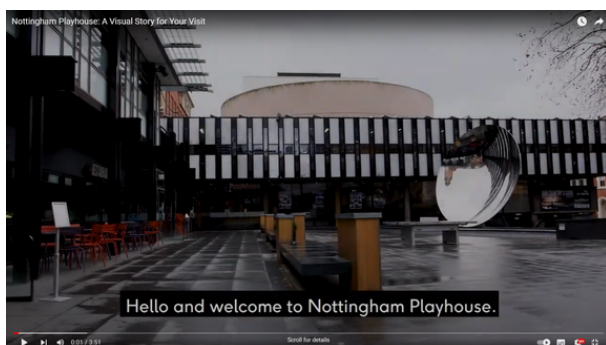


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