

Nottingham Playhouse presents

HANSEL AND GRETEL

Visual Story



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We are looking forward to your visit to Nottingham Playhouse. When you are here, you are going to see a play called Hansel and Gretel. The story is about a brother and sister who go adventuring in the woods. There, they find a lonely witch who lives in a delicious house made of gingerbread. The play will last about 50 minutes.

When you walk into the performance space the lights will be on. There will be cushions on the floor and chairs to sit on. At the start you will meet the actors in their costumes and our stage manager.



MAYA

Maya is an actor and will be playing lots of different parts in the play. She will mainly be playing the part of Gretel. She will be singing and dancing during the play.



MEGAN

Megan is an actor. She will mainly be playing the parts of Hansel and Witchtastic. She will be singing and dancing in the play.



SQUIRREL

The squirrel who Gretel shares her sandwich with. The squirrel is a puppet.



FROG

This is the frog who helps Hansel cross the pond. They sing a song together. The frog is a puppet.



HOUSE NIBBLER

House Nibbler is a cheeky little mouse who nibbles little bits of Witchtastic's house. They are friends at the end. The mouse is sometimes a puppet and sometimes on a screen.



LOUISE

Louise is the stage manager and works the light and sound. She will be there at the beginning of the show.





The Story



- 1.** At Witchtastic's gingerbread house, Witchtastic is looking for a mouse who keeps nibbling her house. When she disappears, the mouse appears cheekily.
- 2.** In the forest, Hansel and Gretel are getting ready for an adventure. Their dad makes sure they are prepared with binoculars, a map, and sandwiches. Hansel and Gretel sing a song about who is the best explorer. They start arguing. Hansel wants to stick to the path at the edge of the forest. Gretel wants to go right into the forest.
- 3.** At Witchtastic's house, Witchtastic is cleaning to make sure there are no mice around. She talks to the audience and turns forest items into biscuits while singing a song. She thinks there is a mouse about and she chases after it to try and turn it into a biscuit.
- 4.** In the Sweet-Top area of the forest, Gretel is alone. She notices a tree wearing a scarf. A squirrel swings down a washing line and onto Gretel's shoulders. The squirrel tells Gretel that Witchtastic has been turning the leaves into sweets and now the trees are too cold. Gretel shares her sandwich with Squirrel. She misses Hansel.
- 5.** In another part of the forest, Hansel has an idea. He starts leaving breadcrumbs from his sandwich as a trail so he can find his way back. A duck follows him and eats all the breadcrumbs. When Hansel notices, he chases after the duck to a Jelly Pond.
- 6.** Hansel is nervous about jumping over the pond. A frog appears and helps him cross the pond. Hansel sings a song about finding his way across the pond. The frog tells Hansel about the witch. After crossing the pond, he runs into Gretel.
- 7.** Hansel and Gretel are friends again. They stumble upon Witchtastic's gingerbread house. They're very hungry and sing a song about how delicious it looks. They both take a bite.
- 8.** Witchtastic sees them. She invites Gretel inside and turns Hansel into a gingerbread. He gets trapped in a biscuit tin. The witch enters again wearing a giant birthday badge. To save her brother, Gretel suggests she and the witch play a party game.
- 9.** During musical statues Gretel helps Hansel escape but the witch catches him again and accuses Gretel of ruining her birthday. Gretel apologises for eating her house and talks to her about what's happened to the forest. They talk about being respectful of other peoples' homes.
- 10.** Witchtastic admits she's lonely. Gretel talks to her about making friends. She helps Witchtastic become friends with the mouse who has been nibbling her house. Gretel then uses magic to turn Hansel back into a person. A confetti canon goes off as Hansel turns back into a human. They hug.
- 11.** Hansel and Gretel put dad's book back together so they can find the way home, helped by the duck who ate Hansel's breadcrumbs. They sing a reprise of the song about becoming explorers. They get home in time for tea.
- 12.** The show ends with Hansel and Gretel at Witchtastic's next birthday party with DJ Cheese, her mouse friend. Gretel and the witch sing a fun song that ends with bubbles.



Interactive times during the show

During the play, the actors will ask the audience to join in. This will include asking questions about what your 'fantastic thing' at the beginning of the show and taking a selfie with Witchtastic. You will also be asked to help Witchtastic do some magic and knit clothes for the trees with Gretel. At the end of the show, Gretel will ask you for help turning Hansel back into a human. There will be some activities in a room next to the studio before and after the show. You are welcome to use this as a quiet area any time during the show.

Keywords in Hansel and Gretel

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