

Nottingham Playhouse presents

The Children



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Welcome to The Children at Nottingham Playhouse



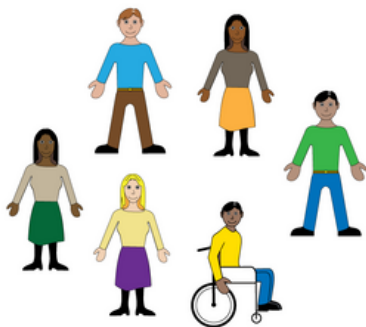
You are visiting a theatre called Nottingham Playhouse.



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



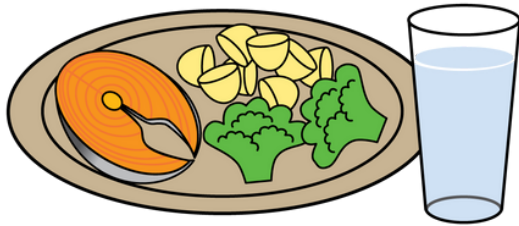
People wait to see the show in the foyers.

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.

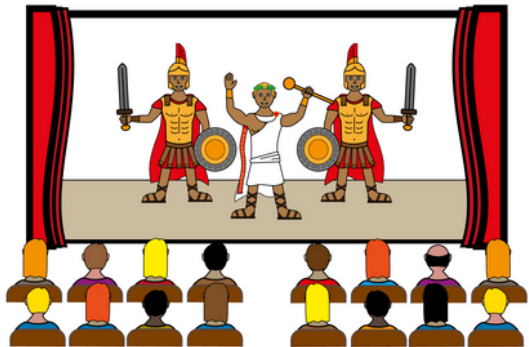
The Main Stage



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



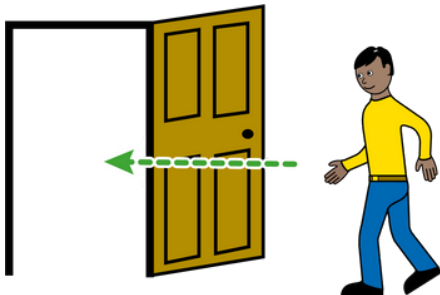
This is what the stage will look like.



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 The Children. There are only three actors in the play.

Here they are not dressed in their costumes:



Caroline

This is Caroline. She plays Hazel, who is married to Robin.



Clive

This is Clive. He plays Robin, who is married to Hazel.



Sally

This is Sally. She plays Rose, who is old friends with Hazel and Robin.

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Rose is in Hazel and Robin's kitchen, her nose is bleeding as Hazel accidentally hit her in surprise when she saw her. Rose and Hazel haven't seen each other in thirty years, since they worked together.



Hazel gets Rose a cloth for her nose, and they begin to talk about their lives. Hazel and Robin live outside of a nuclear fallout zone, and Robin is inside the zone feeding the cows.



Whilst they are talking, Hazel feels ill and Rose fetches her a glass of water, knowing exactly where the glasses are. They talk about their family, Rose has no children and Hazel has four.



Hazel tells Rose about what it was like when the nuclear plant was destroyed in a natural disaster. Her and Robin had to flee their old home. She talks about how she likes to stay fit and healthy.



Robin arrives home, with a tricycle, and says hello to the women. He is excited to see Rose, and Hazel is uncomfortable at their friendliness. Robin fetches homemade wine for them to drink.

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Hazel goes to answer the ringing phone, and Robin and Rose reveal they are having an affair. They had been meeting every year, up until five years ago. Robin discovers that Rose has had cancer, and had an operation to combat it.



Hazel returns and they all reminisce about their past working in the nuclear power plant. They also discuss Robin and Hazel's older daughter, Lauren, who was one when they last saw Rose. Rose is attached to Lauren.



Rose nips to the toilet, and Hazel asks if she went for 'a number one or a number two'. She talks about how their toilet is very easily breakable. Their house has no power due to blackouts.



Robin tells Rose about a girl who worked on their farm called Fiona, who he was attracted to. He is drunk on the homemade wine, and their trip down memory lane turns into a serious conversation about the nuclear fallout.



Rose suggests that they should be the ones cleaning up the nuclear waste, not the younger generation, as they have lived their lives. Robin agrees, but Hazel is very upset at this idea and storms out.

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Robin and Rose discuss their previous relationship, revealing that Robin was seeing Rose and Hazel at the same time until Hazel got pregnant with Lauren. Rose claims Hazel did it intentionally.



They begin to dance, and shout Hazel down to join them. Hazel comes down to show them moves to an old dance she made up. Again, Rose asks Hazel to join them in closing the power station. Hazel gets angry again.



Robin laughs at the situation, but he begins to cough blood. He has been made sick by the nuclear fallout. He agrees to go to close the plant with Rose.



Hazel and Rose begin to argue, and Hazel goes to fight Rose but instead pulls off her wig and reveals her cancer diagnosis. Hazel rings for a taxi to take them to the plant, without confirming if she will join them in helping.

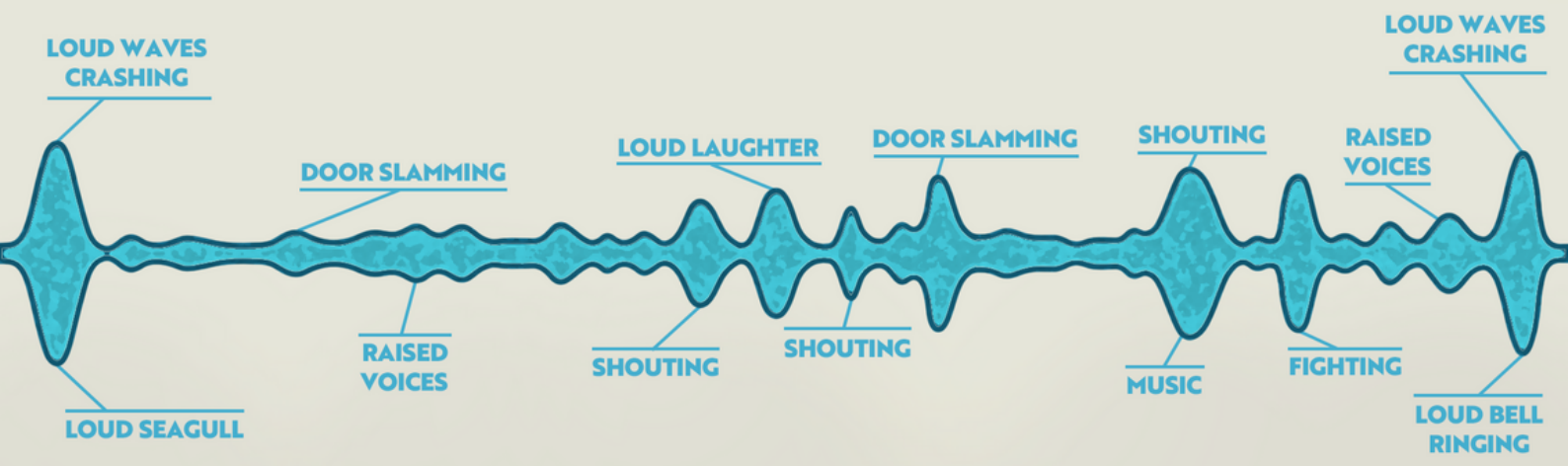


Robin rings Lauren to say goodbye, and Hazel and Rose do Hazel's regular yoga routine. They wait for the taxi, and their uncertain future. The stage goes bright, with a sudden flash of yellow light.



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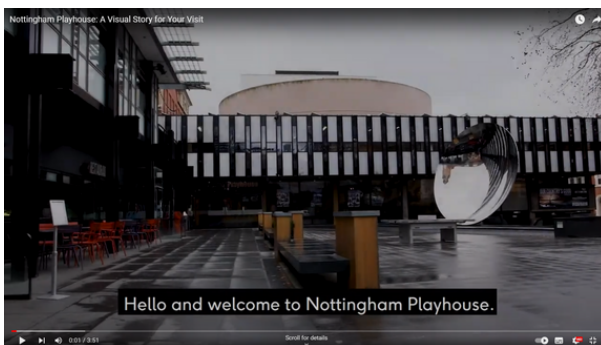


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Older Generation

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