

## A Screen Reader Friendly Guide for Theatre by the Lake and Romeo and Juliet

You are visiting Theatre by the Lake: A brick wall building with glass windows and dark brown wooden window frames. There are tall green trees above the theatre that create shadows on the building and on the ground.

### Before the show

The Box Office is straight ahead as you enter the theatre.

Here you can: Collect paper tickets or Ask for directions

Our Customer Service Assistants will be around the theatre.

They will be in the foyer and inside the Auditorium.

They will be happy to help if you need assistance.

You can get to every floor of the theatre by stairs or lift.

You can ask our assistants for directions if you need to.

There are quiet spaces in the building.

You can ask staff to help you to get to the quiet spaces.

There are accessible toilets on every floor of the building.

The ground floor also has Changing Places and a Family Room.

There is a Cafe on the ground floor of the theatre.

There will be announcements over the speakers saying when the show will start.

### Watching the show

The Auditorium is where the show will take place. The Auditorium is end on. This means the stage is at the front of the room and all of the audience will be in the same area. There is also a balcony for extra seating on the first floor.

There will be a 20-minute interval in the middle of the show.

An interval means a break.

During the interval you can:

Go to the toilet

Buy food and drinks

You can stay in the theatre if you want to.

### Access Information

In the foyer there will be an access table.

At the access table you will find:

Ear plugs

Ear defenders

Visual Guide

Sensory resources

Examples of Costumes

The show is performed in a relaxed environment.

You can move around if you need to

You can leave and then come back whenever you want to

Content warnings

Sensory content warnings:

Lights will change colour

There will be some loud sounds

There is recorded music which will sometimes be loud

Emotional content warnings:

Parental Bullying

Knife Crime

Suicide

You can leave and come back at any time

This next section is information about the play

Romeo and Juliet is a play, written by William Shakespeare.

We are telling this story in a new way.

The show starts with the actors in an audition room.

They decide to act out the play of Romeo and Juliet.

In the show, the actors will sometimes be in the audition room and sometimes be in Romeo and Juliet.

For example: Cherie Gordon plays Storm in the audition room and Juliet in Romeo and Juliet.

This next section is photographs of the actors with details of the roles they play in the show.

Cherie Gordon, a Black British female with dark brown hair, who is a BSL user plays Storm in the audition room and also plays Juliet in Romeo and Juliet. Cherie performs using British Sign Language.

Ciaran Forrest, a 6 foot 3, white British male with short dark brown hair, plays Robert in the audition room and Benvolio and Romeo in Romeo and Juliet.

Kellan Frankland, a 5 foot 1, white British female with shoulder length light brown hair plays Holly in the audition room and The Servant and The Nurse in Romeo and Juliet.

Rheanon Lee, a 5 foot 4, White British Female with long brown hair plays Eleanor in the audition room and Juliet, Benvolio, Tybalt and Lady Capulet in Romeo and Juliet.

Shreya Patel a 5 foot 5, British Indian female with dark curly hair, plays Kaya in the audition room and Lady Capulet and Juliet in Romeo and Juliet.

Reece Pantry, a 5 foot 10, Black British male with black curly hair plays Anton in the audition room and Romeo, Mercutio and Father Laurence in Romeo and Juliet

Petre Dobre, an East European male with short curly light brown hair plays Lauris in the audition room and Romeo in Romeo and Juliet. Petre performs using British Sign Language.

Craig Painting, a 5 foot 8 white British cis male with brown hair plays John in the audition room and Benvolio, Mercutio and Father Laurence in Romeo and Juliet. Craig performs using British Sign Language.

Niamh Longford, a 5 foot, white British female with long ginger hair plays Kay in the audition room and Juliet in Romeo and Juliet. Niamh is a swing. This means Niamh will perform when other actors are having time off.

Irmina St Catherine, a 5 foot 6, black British female with dark hair tied up plays Maria in the audition room and Lady Capulet, Tybalt and The Nurse in Romeo and Juliet. Irmina performs using British Sign Language.

This next part includes details of the plot.

Stop listening here if you'd like to wait until the performance to find out what happens.

What happens in the show

In the first scene, a group of actors are waiting to audition for a film.

The actors and interpreters are introducing themselves.

Suddenly a script falls from above.

Holly reads the beginning of the script. The script is Romeo and Juliet.

The actors argue about the characters they want to play.

When they've decided their roles, Romeo and Juliet begins.

Romeo and Juliet is a play about two families.

Juliet is a Capulet and Romeo is a Montague, their families are enemies.

Romeo tells his cousin Benvolio that he is in love with Rosaline but she does not love him back.

The actors in the audition room do not think the scene is working and argue over who should play each role.

Juliet's mother, Lady Capulet, wants Juliet to marry Paris.

She plans a party for Juliet to meet Paris.

Romeo and Benvolio invite themselves to the party.

Romeo hopes to see Rosaline there.

Romeo, Benvolio and Mercutio are all part of the Montague family.

They get ready for the party even though they weren't invited.

The Nurse and Lady Capulet talk to Juliet about marrying Paris.

Juliet says she will think about it.

The actors in the audition room talk about the party scene.

They decide who will play each role.

Romeo arrives at the party and falls in love with Juliet.

He forgets about Rosaline.

Tybalt is angry that Romeo has sneaked into the party.

Tybalt is Juliet's cousin and a Capulet.

Romeo secretly goes to Juliet's balcony.

They say they love each other and agree to get married.

Friar Laurence agrees to help Romeo and Juliet get married.

He hopes their love will bring their families together.

Romeo and Juliet secretly get married in Friar Laurence's church.

There is a street fight between The Capulets and The Montagues.

Tybalt kills Mercutio.

Romeo kills Tybalt.

Romeo is sent away for killing Tybalt.

He wants to say goodbye to Juliet first.

Friar Laurence and the Nurse help Romeo sneak into to Juliet's house to say goodbye.

Lady Capulet does not know Juliet has married Romeo.

She plans Juliet's wedding to Paris.

Juliet does not want to marry Paris.

Juliet plans to drink a medicine that puts her to sleep.

Everyone will think she is dead.

Juliet drinks the medicine and falls asleep.

The nurse finds her and tells everyone that Juliet is dead.

Romeo is told that Juliet is dead.

Romeo rushes back to find out what happened.

Romeo sees Juliet in a coffin.

Juliet is sleeping but Romeo thinks she is dead.

Romeo does not want to live without Juliet.

Romeo drinks poison and dies.

Juliet wakes up and sees that Romeo is dead.

Juliet does not want to live without Romeo.

She kills herself with his dagger.

Romeo and Juliet is finished.

The actors in the audition room talk about the play.

Another script falls from above.

The actors decide not to do the audition.

They go to the pub to read the new script.

End of Show

The performance is finished.

The actors will take a bow. The audience may clap and cheer.

You can leave the theatre.

You can visit the access table if you would like any more information.

Thank you for coming!

If you feel upset and need to talk to someone you can call Samaritans 116 123

If you feel upset and need to talk to someone you can text, the word shout to 85258

If you feel worried about suicide you can contact Papyrus Text: 88247 Call: 0800 068 4141

Visit our Website for more information on the Show and Gray-eye.

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