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the egg and Travelling Light Theatre Company Snow Mouse



Visual Story

Targeted Relaxed Performance Tue 19 Dec, The Pit, 3.30pm

This visual story is to help you to prepare for your visit to see *Snow Mouse* which takes place in The Pit.

The Pit is located within the Barbican.

Information to help you find your way to The Pit from the Barbican's main entrance is contained within this visual story.

Getting to The Pit

This is a picture of the Barbican showing the main entrance which is located on Silk Street.



To get to The Pit you need to go through the main entrance and walk down the big white ramp. At the bottom of the ramp, go through the glass doors on the left which take you onto the Ground Floor. Here is a picture of the doors to the Ground Floor.



The Ground Floor can be quite busy so there may be people around. You will need to walk across the bridge to get to the lifts on the other side. The bridge has a round opening halfway along to let light in from above. You can look through this hole down onto the level below.

You will need to take the lift or the stairs to get to The Pit which is on Level -2. That's level minus two, two floors below ground level.

This is a picture of where the lifts are located.



Only two of the lifts go to Level -2. Please get into the lift and press the button to go to Level -2.



If you prefer to use the stairs, these are located to the side of the lifts. Walk down the stairs until you cannot go any further.

Both the lift and the stairs will take you to Level -2, where the entrance to The Pit is located. This is a picture of Level -2 showing the entrance to The Pit, the toilets and the box office.



The box office is where you can pick up your tickets. There may be a queue at the box office. There are toilets here and some seats if you would like to sit somewhere. When you are ready to see the play, go through the entrance to The Pit and down the red ramp and you will be shown into The Pit.



When you arrive in The Pit you will sit down either on a cushion or on a bench like the children in this picture.



The show lasts around 40 minutes. This is a story about two friends who have a magical time together in the snow. You are allowed to laugh and at times you might be asked to join in by clapping along or passing an object back to Snow Mouse, but if you prefer not to that's okay too.

Actors in the Show

There are two characters in the show.

This actor is called Frank. In the show he pretends to be a child who plays with Snow Mouse.

This is Snow Mouse, he is a puppet.





Show notes

Here is a list of things that will happen in the show.

The child plays in the snow. It makes a funny crunchy sound.

The child hears a noise which sounds like snoring. He looks around to find where the sound is coming from. But there is nobody there.

The child hears snoring again and sees something move in a big ball of snow. He moves towards it slowly and puts his hand in the snow, pulling out a white mouse in blue dungarees. Snow Mouse!

Snow Mouse looks around at all the snow. The child helps Snow Mouse to understand their surroundings.



The child and Snow Mouse play with little snow balls. Snow Mouse may throw snow balls to you. You can throw them back to Snow Mouse if you like.



The child and Snow Mouse play in the snow, bouncing around, skating on the ice and building a snowman.



When they get tired they take a little break and share some lunch and a flask of hot chocolate.



The child helps Snow Mouse to go sledding on a big snowy hill. Snow Mouse flies about the audience, coming close to you.



The sledge disappears behind a tree and the little boy joins Snow Mouse on the sledge. They are now both played by little puppets that look like this. They zoom around together before crashing into some snow. For a little while the child cannot find Snow Mouse.



The child gets out a torch and searches and calls for Snow Mouse. You might be asked if you can see him.

When the child does find Snow Mouse, his little friend is very cold. The child carefully wraps Snow Mouse up snugly in his own hat and scarf. He then takes Snow Mouse into the warmth of his home.



The child gives Snow Mouse a gift. It is a little mouse-sized scarf and hat.



The lights go down.



Lots of lovely little golden lights are revealed.

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