

Marty and The Party

Southbank Centre

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Image Description: Three performers are wearing spotted triangle party hats, pastel coloured purple, green and blue t-shirts, and braces. Marty is in the middle, as the two performers behind hold pink and blue balloons. They are all excitedly smiling at Marty, who holds a golden envelope and invitation, with 'Marty' handwritten on the front.

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WELCOME

This show is a party where everyone's invited to come as they are. All shows will be relaxed performances with aspects of integrated audio description. A Quiet Space (Chill-Out Space) and noise cancelling headphones will be available.

All performances are British Sign Language interpreted. There will be a BSL interpreter on the side of the stage. The content of the show will be the same, so everyone can enjoy the performance.

The performance on Saturday 8 April at 10.30am is also Sensory Adapted.

For more information, please get in touch with Southbank Centre on 020 3879 9555 or email accesslist@southbankcentre.co.uk

WHAT IS A RELAXED PERFORMANCE?

By relaxed performances, we mean that there's no need to sit still and in silence. Everyone's free to make noise, move around, leave and re-enter the space as needed. You are welcome to move around, the only place you will not be able to go on to is the stage. The house lights will stay up and there will be no loud noises, scents or bright/flashing lights.

AUDIO DESCRIPTION

At the beginning of the performance, three cats will sing a song audio describing the set and their costumes. Whilst not every character or action in the performance is audio described, each dance move will be audio described to give everyone the opportunity to join in as they wish.

In this document, there is an image description of each of the show's characters.

MARTY AND THE PARTY

SOCIAL STORY



Image Description: Four performers, playing the Fox, Flamingo, Frog and Marty are all on the stage. The stage has a light orange background, with large purple semi-circle and triangle blocks on stage. Rabbit is holding a rake, Flamingo has their arms raised above their head standing on one leg, Frog's arms are spread out as they stand on their heels, and Marty is sat on the floor looking bemused.

You are going to the theatre to see Marty and The Party.

Marty and The Party is a fun, adventurous show for young people and grown-ups.

The people you will see on stage are called actors.

These actors will tell you, the audience, the story through song, dance and characters that you will meet throughout the show.

You, the audience, get to join in.

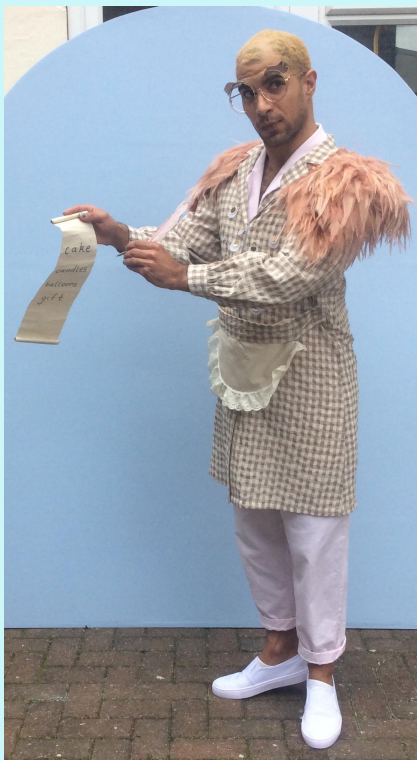
The characters will show you dance moves and make noises to join in on, where you can wiggle, bounce and shout. When it's time to join in, the characters will demonstrate and describe the dance moves. For example, they might say: *"Shall we have a little dance? Hold up your paws, and move them to one side, and now the Other."*

These are the characters you will meet in the show...



MARTY

Marty wears yellow shorts, a pastel-coloured purple t-shirt, with a darker purple pocket. They wear light purple socks and lilac strappy sandals.



MUM/BARN OWL

Mum the Barn Owl wears pastel pink trousers, white plimsolls, a brown and white checked overcoat with peach-coloured feather shoulders and a front frilly pocket. They wear large circular glasses, with wings on the frame.



CATS (Shimmer, Sashey and Shantey)

The three cats wear white plimsolls and fluffy cat ears. One wears a cream onesie with a tail, one wears a striped t-shirt and brown dungarees with a tail and one wears a pink jumpsuit with a tail.



FROG

Frog wears green-turquoise leggings, a green buttoned waistcoat with large circular sequins, and green goggles on their head.



FLAMINGO

Flamingo wears a bright pink ruffle skirt with baby pink feathers, over a pastel jumpsuit. They wear tall pink chunky heels and pink-feathered bracelets and headband.



RABBITS

One of the rabbits wears brown trousers, a rainbow tie-dyed t-shirt and silver waistcoat, with a black hat and brown rabbit ears. The other rabbit wears a pink jumpsuit and denim jacket covered in large badges with carrots, rainbows and smiley faces on. They wear a blue and white hat with pink bunny ears.



GLOW WORMS

Three glow worms wear a shiny silver, purple and blue metallic sleeping bag with a hood over their heads. They all hold a colourful glowing ball.



FOX

Fox wears brown trousers, a khaki green waistcoat, a checkered shirt and orange scarf. They have a large fox tail and fox ears. They hold a green rake.



BULL

Bull wears a cream calf-length onesie, a brown fur coat, red sparkly tutu and a bulls-head with a satin pink nose, white fur and gold horns.



COUSIN CUTHBERT

Cousin Cuthbert is a bright orange human-like puppet with spiky orange hair, large googly eyes and a gold and white patterned bib.

WHAT IS THE STORY OF MARTY AND THE PARTY?

Marty and The Party, is an adventurous story about fun, friendship and finding your groove.

Marty is invited to their cousin Cuthbert's party. Cuthbert asks Marty to bring a list of items to the party.

On the way to the party, Marty meets new friends, who dance and sing. Along the way, you will meet all of Marty's new friends... The fox who foxtrots, the Flamingo who flamenco's, the Frog who leap-frogs, and the Raving Rabbits and Glow Worms.

Marty's friends help them find the items to bring to the party, and also help Marty find their groove too. So get your dance moves ready, and help Marty get to the best party there has ever been in the history of ever!

ARRIVING AT THE THEATRE...

You are going to Southbank Centre to see Marty and The Party. This will be taking place in the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Here is a photo of Queen Elizabeth Hall from the outside...



Image Description: A photo of the outside of the Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall building. A stone and brick-work building, with a large square walk path in front. There are yellow stairs to the left of the entrance.

When you arrive at the theatre, there might be people waiting to go in.

If you do not already have your ticket, you can collect them from the Box Office.

If you need to borrow Ear Defenders, you can ask about these at the Box Office.

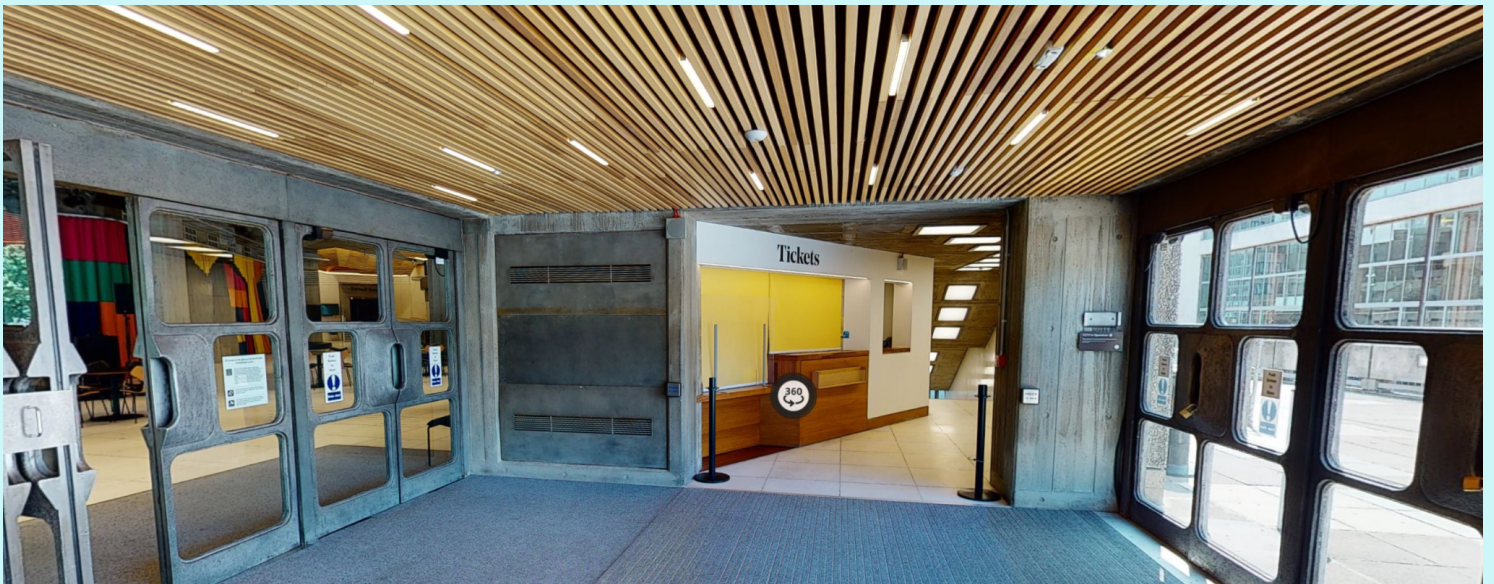


Image Description: The photo shows the entrance to the building with doors leading into the Box Office area. The Box Office is to the right of the doors, with a sign above reading 'Tickets'. There are another set of doors leading into a foyer area.

There will also be toilets you can access in the foyer.

Whilst you are waiting to go into the show, you might want to get a drink or snack from the Cafe & Bar.



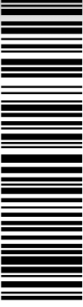
Image description: A large silver counter area with a red wall bar. There are two high tables.

When it is time to go into the auditorium, the following will be announced:

“Welcome to the Southbank Centre’s Queen Elizabeth Hall. Please take your seats, the performance is about to begin”.

You will find a person called an usher at the door to the theatre, they will ask to check your ticket.

The usher will check your ticket and help you find your seat, by checking either your paper ticket or E-ticket.

SOUTHBANK CENTRE Ticket		 99000014126225516652
Event Title		
Where		
Queen Elizabeth Hall Front Stalls		
Seat row	Seat number	
G	18	
When		
Thursday, 15 September, 2022 7:30 PM		

When you walk into the auditorium, there will be lots of seats, and other people waiting to see the show too.



Image Description: The Theatre is a large auditorium. In this photo there is wooden flooring both in the seating bank and on the stage. The seating and stage are slightly curved. The seating is raked/ on an upward slope.

You will know when it's time for the show to begin, as the CATS will come onto the stage.

During the show, there will be moments of music and song. If this is too loud, you can cover your ears with your hands, or use ear defenders or earplugs if you have these with you.

There will be no bright or flashing lights, but there will be some light and colour changes on stage. If you need, you can cover your eyes during these moments.

Here is an example of some of the light changes...



Image description: (Left) The stage has a pink background with lilac wooden shapes, the Flamingo is centre stage with their arms spread and singing, two Cats are either side of them. There are present bags on stage. (Right) The stage is dark, and three Glow worms are on the floor holding green fluorescent lights, in shimmering silver and purple sleeping bags.

Towards the end of the show, balloons and confetti will be released on stage. When the story comes to an end, the actors will be standing in front of the large triangle, holding balloons. The lights will fade darker for a moment, before coming back on again.



Image description: The stage is bright pink, there are present boxes stacked on the left side and Three performers playing Cats and Marty are standing in front of a triangle. They are all cheering and holding balloons.

Some of the audience may clap and cheer. If at any point the noise is too loud, you can freely leave the auditorium.

Useful information on the venue

- The show will last approximately 55 minutes.
- Here is a virtual 3D tour of Queen Elizabeth Hall:
<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=aUTram3Scat>
- Southbank Centre's full Access Information:
<https://southbank-centre-d8.web.app/visit/facilities-access>