

Tales from the Lighthouse

VISUAL GUIDE



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WELCOME!

This pack is designed to help familiarise you and your group/family with the story, characters and events of our show. It highlights moments of sudden action, lighting/sound changes and explains the story to you as it unfolds.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our show. These notes are for you to read before coming. They tell you more about the what happens in the performance so that you will know what to expect. At times the show is fun and silly and there's lot of music all the through. There are a few scenes which might feel a bit scary and frightening but these are not prolonged. This guide will help identify these moments and anything else you might want to know before you come.



ARRIVING AT THE SHOW



The stage will be designed to look like a lighthouse. Lots of things will be covered in sheets. You will be able to hear the sounds of the sea.



This is **Oliver**. He will be playing The Lighthouse Keeper and the Storyteller. He'll also be operating several puppets at moments during the show.



This is **Cohen**. He will be playing the Stranger. He'll be playing an instrument called the concertina, and also doing lots of singing.

WHAT TO EXPECT

What is the story?

A lighthouse keeper is excited to start his new job and works hard to keep the ships safe with his light. One day, though he does everything he can, he loses a ship to the waves. He becomes very sad and distressed. He drives everyone away from the shores and shuts himself away for many years until he has become an old man. Then one day, a mysterious stranger comes to visit him, and helps him fall back in love with the ocean and it's magic, helping him to once again feel calm and happy.



What will happen during the show?

- There will be singing and live music, and puppetry
- Sometimes the characters will talk to the audience
- They might come into the audience and ask you a question
- The lights will go bright and dark at different times
- The mysterious stranger will be the first person you see and he might look a bit frightening at first, but he is very kind and gentle
- The lighthouse keeper will become very upset at one point and the lighting will go a deep red, but don't worry – the mysterious stranger will help him feel better again

Tips for families

- The show is for children aged 5 and up
- It's okay to join in when they ask questions
- If you need a break, you can quietly leave and come back
- It's a fun and friendly show for everyone

