THE LION KING



VISUAL STORY FOR DISNEY'S THE LION KING

The show lasts for 2 hours and 30 minutes including a 20 minute break (which is called an interval).



The Lion King show is at The Bristol Hippodrome. There are big signs outside the theatre which say 'The Lion King'.

You may have to wait in a queue when you get to the theatre and it can be quite busy and noisy.



You may also need to collect your tickets from the Box Office, where you may need to queue.





Most people enter the building through the main entrance.



You will need to show your tickets to an usher to get into the theatre. An usher is someone who works for the Theatre and wears a uniform.





You will then walk along a corridor or up some stairs to get to your seats for the performance.



You will walk past the 'Piano Bar', a bar where you can buy food and drinks.





The theatre has three different levels. Your seats will be on a level called the 'Stalls', 'Grand Circle' or 'Upper Circle'.



The Grand Circle and the Upper Circle are up more stairs.







Some people enter the building through the Access Entrance which is along the side of the theatre building, around the corner from the main entrance.





If you enter through the Access Entrance, you will see a toilet on your left and double doors leading through to the auditorium straight ahead.







There are toilets at the theatre on all levels. If you need to use the toilet that's fine, just ask an usher to help you.

These are signs to show you where the toilets are.



The inside of the theatre where the seats are is called the auditorium. It is very big and there are lots of seats.





When you reach the auditorium an usher will look at your tickets and tell you where your seats are. The numbers on your tickets tell you where we have to sit. It is not a choice.



When you get to your seats you can sit down and relax.

There will be lots of other people sitting near you

and it will be quite noisy.





When it is time for the show to start you will hear a voice asking everyone to turn off their mobile phones.

This voice is coming through a speaker. The theatre will get darker and everyone will be quiet. You will need to be as quiet as you can during the show so that you can



When the show starts, you will hear an actor start to sing and it is very loud. It won't be loud for very long so don't worry.





Seeing a show is like watching television, or a film, but the people in a show are on a stage and they are called actors.



The Lion King is a special kind of show called a musical. The actors will tell a story by talking, singing and dancing.





There are lots of puppets in the show. Sometimes they are very large and sometimes quite small. There will be beautiful giraffes, elephants, hyenas and other animals. Some actors will have flying bird puppets.

The puppet we can see here is being held by the actor.



Here are some actors wearing large puppets. These actors walk through the audience in the Stalls area to get to the stage. There will also be singers appearing in the Grand Circle area.





Some of the animals and singers may come close to you. The animals are not real, they are just actors wearing costumes and makeup. It is important that you stay in your seat when the animals are walking to the stage and you can't touch them.



After the animals and actors are all on stage, they will sing a song called "Circle of Life" and start to tell the story of The Lion King.





You will have a lot of fun during the performance. There is lots of singing and dancing. Sometimes it might be loud but don't worry, nothing will hurt you. If the sounds are too loud you can put your hands over your ears, or wear your headphones (if you brought some with you).





After each song, some people will clap. Clapping is nice because it tells the actors you liked their song. If you want to clap, you can. You don't have to clap if you don't want to.





In the middle of the show, there is a break. This break is called an interval. During the interval you can use the toilet and have a drink or a snack.



After the interval, everyone will come back and sit down in their seats again. It will get darker and quieter again just like at the beginning of the show. The actors will come back on the stage and finish telling the Lion King story.





At the end of the show, all of the actors will come out on stage. This is called a curtain call. Many people will clap a lot so the actors know how much they liked the show. They may also stand up to show they liked the show.



After the show is over, you will leave the theatre.

We hope you have a lovely time at The Lion King!