

Autism Friendly Theatre Performances at The Ark

Information pack for
'The Way Back Home' on Wed 1 Oct @ 10.15am
Part of the Dublin Theatre Festival Family Season 2014



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Your Visit

This pack will help you prepare for your visit to the Ark.

You will see and experience many new and interesting things. We have put together some pictures to help you understand where you are going and what you will see. In this pack there are some pictures of the play so you know what to expect.

We hope you have great time at The Ark.
Here is a map to help you find us.



Here are things you will see on the day

This building is called The Ark



We go here to see the play.

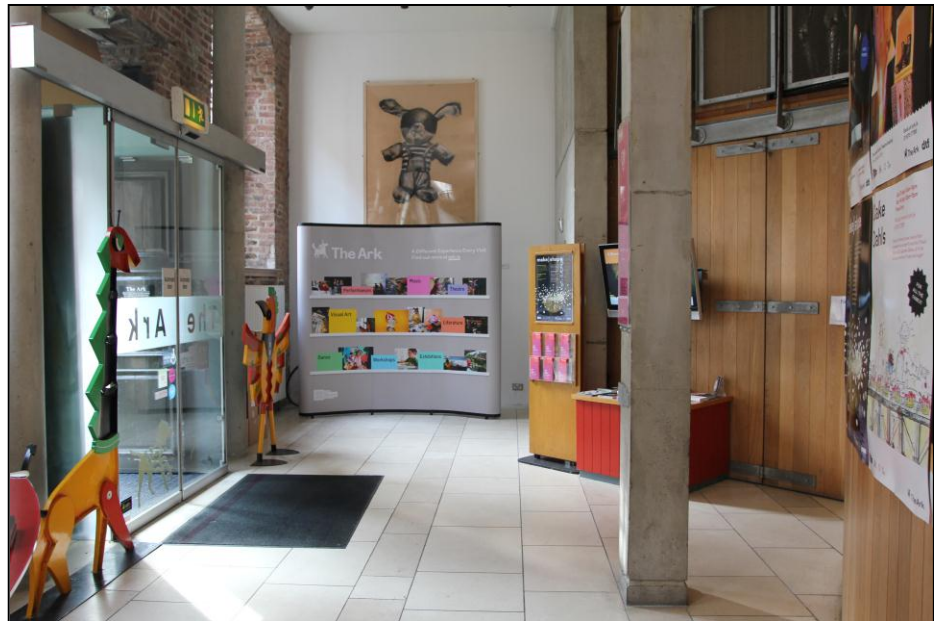
The Main Door

We go through this door to get inside.



The Reception

This is where we collect our tickets



Aoileann and Duffy work behind the desk.



They will give us our tickets.

The Basement



This is where we wait for the play.
Other children will be waiting here also.

Toilets



We can find the toilets in the basement through the red doors.

**The boys' toilets are on
the right.**





**The girls' toilets are on
the left.**





**When we are in the theatre there is a toilet nearby.
Here is a picture of the door to the toilet.**

The Door to the Theatre



We go through this door when it is time for the play.

Where will you sit?



We all sit on the benches in the theatre.

If you want a break at anytime we can go back to the relaxation space in the basement.



‘The Way Back Home’ is the name of the play we are going to see. It is a puppet show.



This is a picture of one of the puppets we will see in the show.

What is a Puppet Show?

- A Puppet show is a play where we watch the puppets tell the story through their movements, actions or words.
- A puppet is a doll that is moved by a person.
- A puppeteer is the person who moves the puppets during the play.

Differences between the book and the show.

There are some things in the show that are different to the book we read.

- While the boy is on earth his bed comes to life and they play together.
- When the boy sets off in his plane he meets a bird and they have a race.
- The boy then lands on a cloud.
- After the boy lands on a cloud he meets spaceships.

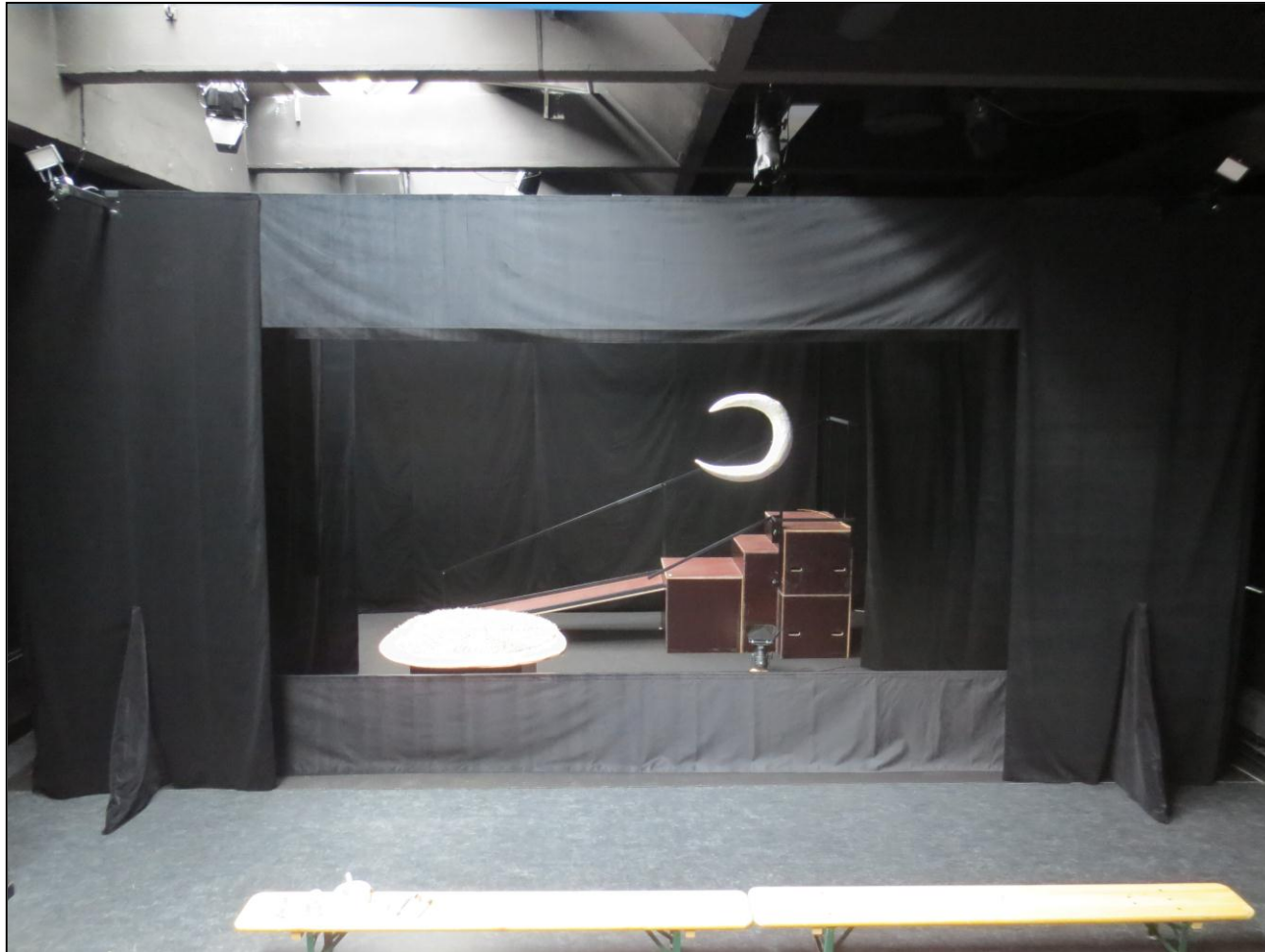
About the show

- 'The Way Back Home' is a non-verbal play. This means that you won't hear any words.
- We will hear soft music in the background and the mumbling of the puppets made by the puppeteers.

The Puppeteers dress in black and move the puppet from behind.



Here are pictures of things we will see during the show:



The set is like a big box and the puppets and puppeteers are in this box.

We will see the boy puppet.



We will see the boy puppet playing with his bed. The boy pretends the bed is a dog.



We will see the boy puppet meet an alien puppet.



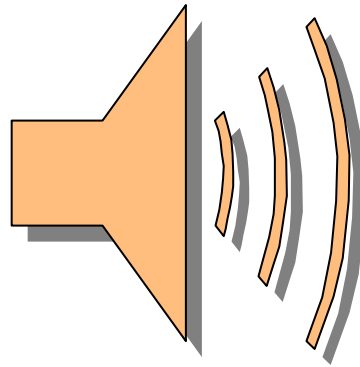
We will see the boy and the alien on the moon.



The lights in the theatre will dim during the play so it will be a little bit darker but you will always be able to see your way out.



During the play you will hear quiet relaxing music.



Clapping



People clap at the end of a play.
It shows the puppeteers that we enjoyed the play.

After the clapping we can leave the theatre and go home.

We hope you enjoy your time at The Ark.

The people that made the show

The people that made the show are from two different groups:

One group is called Branar Téatar do Pháistí and they come from Ireland.

The other group is called Teater Refleksion and they come from Denmark.

The show is based on a book that you might have read by a man called Oliver Jeffers which was called *The Way Back Home*.



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