



ZOG



Visual Story

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Visual Story

This is a Visual Story for ZOG on stage. It will help you know what to expect at the theatre.

It may be helpful if you're feeling a bit nervous, if you have any sensory sensitivities, or if it's your first time seeing a show.



Useful Information

ZOG is about 55 minutes long.

If you need to leave the auditorium you can exit and return at anytime.



The Show

You're going to see a play called ZOG! It's based on a book you might have read at home or at school. So you might already know the characters and what happens in the story.



A play is a story told by people called performers. They pretend to be different characters in the story.



You will visit a big building called a theatre. There will be other people who are there to enjoy the show too. The performers will wear costumes and tell the story with singing, dancing, and lots of fun!



The Theatre

When you go inside, you'll walk down some stairs and you will be in a big space called the foyer.



In the foyer you will see a bar where people can buy drinks and snacks. There will also be a door that leads downstairs to the toilet.

When it's time for the play to start there will be an announcement on the speakers to let you know it's time to find your seat.



The Theatre

There will be lots of seats in a big room called the auditorium.

At the front of the auditorium there's a stage. That's where the performers will tell the story.



You will have seats just for you and someone who works at the theatre will help you find where you are supposed to sit.

If you need to leave the auditorium during the show you can return to the foyer, or there will be a quiet space available for you to use. A member of staff can show you where to go.



The Audience

The people watching the play are called the audience. You might have to wait a little while everyone finds their seats. It can be busy and noisy, and you might need to move so people can walk past you.



While people are sitting down, you'll hear some music playing.

When the play is about to begin, the lights in the room will go a little darker. This helps you see the performers better

Sometimes the performers might ask you to answer a question or make a noise. You can join in - but you don't have to if you don't want to.

The play is about 55 minutes long. If you need to take a break or use the toilet, that's okay - you can leave and come back when you're ready.



The Set

On the stage is something called a set, which helps the performers to pretend to be in the story. The set for ZOG looks like this:





The Characters

There are 5 performers who play lots of different characters.



The performers will also use puppets to help tell the story.





The Characters

Samuel John Taylor is playing the character of ZOG.



Zog went off to practise.



The Characters

Jess Lobo is playing the character of Pearl.





The Characters

Hugh Cotton is playing the character of Gadabout.



Hugh also plays a Blue Dragon called Cedric, and he puppets some other woodland creatures





The Characters

Lotti Brogan is playing the character of Madam Dragon.



Lotti also plays Princess Pearl's governess, and puppets some other woodland creatures.





The Characters

Lee Beka Harper is playing the character of Nell, a pink dragon.



You'll see Lee dancing with different umbrellas showing the changing of the seasons.





The Understudies

You might sometimes see a different actor on stage during the show if another actor is unwell or unable to perform. In theatre, we call this person an understudy.



Lee Beka Harper is understudy for Pearl & Madam Dragon

Daniel Noah is understudy for ZOG, Gadabout and Nell.





The Story



The show starts with Pearl finding some poorly woodland animals. She gives them some medicine and then begins telling them a story of ZOG.

You'll hear some music, and see puppets.



ZOG is a young dragon, and he really wants to win a gold star at school. ZOG sings a song as he travels to school with his friends.

You will hear the cast singing and see them dancing.



Madam Dragon runs the school for Little Dragons. ZOG arrives late for the register.

In Year One Madam Dragon is teaching the dragons to fly.



Madam Dragon shows the dragons how to fly. She then invites the audience to copy her movements. The audience around you may move around and get a little louder now. You can take part if you like, but you don't have to.



The Story



ZOG and his friends practice flying.

You will hear them singing a song , and see puppets flying.



While practising ZOG crashes into tree and hurts his wing. ZOG meets a little girl called Pearl who comforts him and gives him a stretchy bandage for his wing.



Back at school Madam Dragon awards the gold star for flying to the pink dragon, Nell.

Nell sings a song in celebration.



ZOG is a little disappointed, but Pearl encourages him to try again.

They are interrupted by the arrival of Pearl's mean governess.



The Story



Pearl and her governess sing a song about all the things Pearl isn't allow to do.

Pearl runs away to the wood, leaving her Governess in the rain.



You will see the cast dancing with an umbrella covered in brown leaves . This is to show you that time is passing and the seasons are changing.

In Year Two Madam Dragon teaches the dragons how to Roar.



You will hear a loud roar from Madam Dragon.

Madam Dragon will then invite the audience to try roaring. The audience around you may get a little louder now. You can take part if you like, but you don't have to.



ZOG's throat grows hoarse from practicing roaring. Pearl offers him and his friends a soothing peppermint to suck.

The Dragons sing a song about the different flavoured sweeties. You will hear the cast singing, and see the cast dancing.



The Story



Madam Dragon awards Cedric the gold star for roaring.

ZOG is a little disappointed, but Madam Dragon sings a song to encourage him to keep practicing.



You will hear the cast singing, and see the cast dancing.

The cast use a grey umbrella with a snowflake on to show the changing of the seasons.



In Year Three, Madam Dragon teaches the dragons to breath fire.

You will see Madam Dragon waving red and orange ribbons to look like fire.



Madam Dragon will ask the audience to try breathing fire. The audience around you may get louder and move around a little You can take part if you like, but you don't have to.

The Dragons practice 'blowing fire' with ribbons and hula hoops covered in red and orange fabric



The Story



While practising Cedric's head gets caught on fire.

You will see the actor Hugh pretend to smell fire. But he's only pretending! He's not on fire, he is wearing a hat with felt flames on it.



ZOG burns his wing while practising and Pearl puts out the fire with a bucket of blue ribbons representing water.



Madam Dragon awards Nell the gold star for blowing fire.



ZOG is very disappointed so Madam Dragon sings him a song to comfort him as the dragons decorate the classroom for Christmas.

You will hear the cast singing, and see them use puppets to show the dragons.



The Story

In Year Four Madam Dragon teaches the dragons how to capture a princess.

Madam Dragon will hand out light up crowns to audience members who will pretend to be a 'princess' for the Dragons to capture.

If you're asked to be princess - you don't have to do it. You can say no and Madam Dragon will ask another little dragon to help.

Once we have our princesses, ZOG and his friends will come into the auditorium search for the princesses.

The audience may be noisy as they shout to point out the princesses for the dragon's to capture.

When the dragon finds a princess they will ask for their crown and then give it back to Madam Dragon.

ZOG is unable to find a princess, until his pal Pearl tells him she is actually 'Princess Pearl' and they fly back to school to get ZOG a Gold Star.

Madam Dragon awards ZOG a gold star!

You will hear ZOG sing a song, and the audience may cheer in celebration.





The Story



In Year Five the Dragons learn to fight, and Sir Gadabout the Great arrives to rescue Princess Pearl.

You will hear Gadabout sing a song, and see lots of dancing.



Gadbout and ZOG have a fight.

You will hear some bangs and sound effects. You will see ZOG and Gadabout pretend to hit each other. They are just pretending, and everyone is very safe.

If it is too loud you can cover your ears until princess pearl stops the fight.



Princess Pearl stops the fight. And declares she doesn't want to be rescued. She doesn't want to be a princess. She wants to be a doctor.

Gadabout decides he would also like to be a doctor and ZOG volunteers to be their ambulance and they become 'The Flying Doctors'



You will hear the cast sing a song in celebration and see dancing and puppets.



The Story



ZOG and Pearl return to the story book from the beginning of the show and finish the story of 'ZOG'.

You will see a large puppet globe and a puppet ZOG carrying Pearl and Gadabout.



This is the end of the story. The cast will bow and the audience around you might clap, cheer and wave.

The cast will then sing one final song. They will invite you to stand up and dance along. The audience may move around and get a bit noisy. You can join in if you like, but you don't have to.



At the end of the song, the cast will wave and leave the stage.

The lights will go up and then you will leave the auditorium and return to the foyer.

We hope you enjoy the show and your trip to the theatre!