

# Social Story





'I am going to see a show at Newcastle Theatre Royal.'



'Going to see a show at the theatre is a bit like watching something on TV or a film at the cinema, but the people are right there in front of you on a stage.'

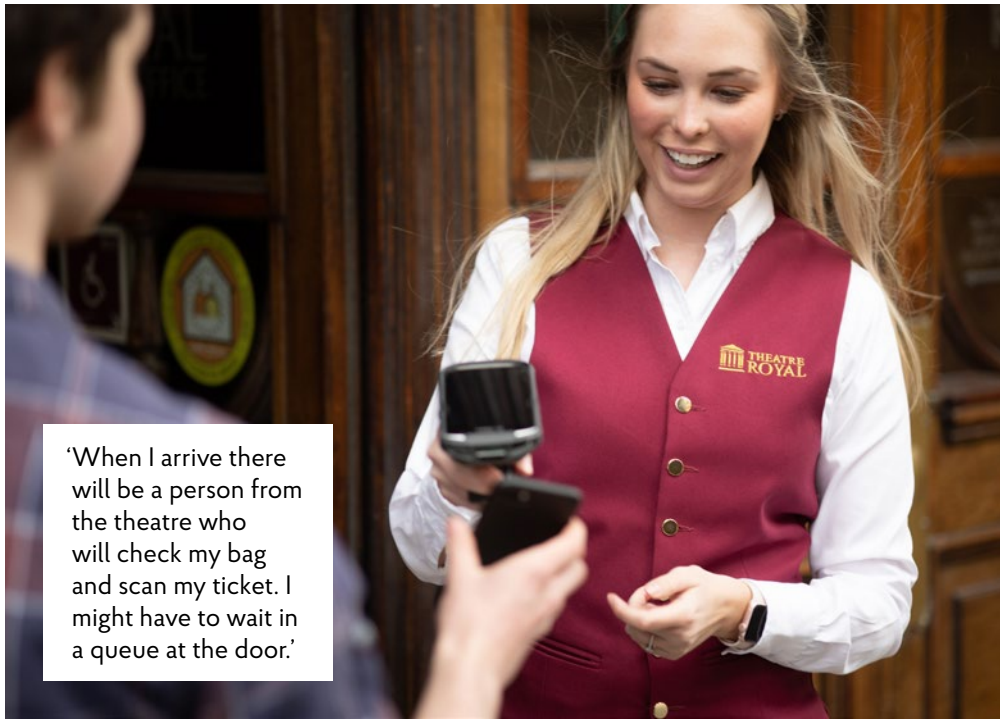


'The people I will see on the stage are called actors and dancers and they will tell me a story.'

Sometimes the show can have lots of effects in it such as flashing lights and loud bangs.'

'The story is called a show.'





'When I arrive there will be a person from the theatre who will check my bag and scan my ticket. I might have to wait in a queue at the door.'

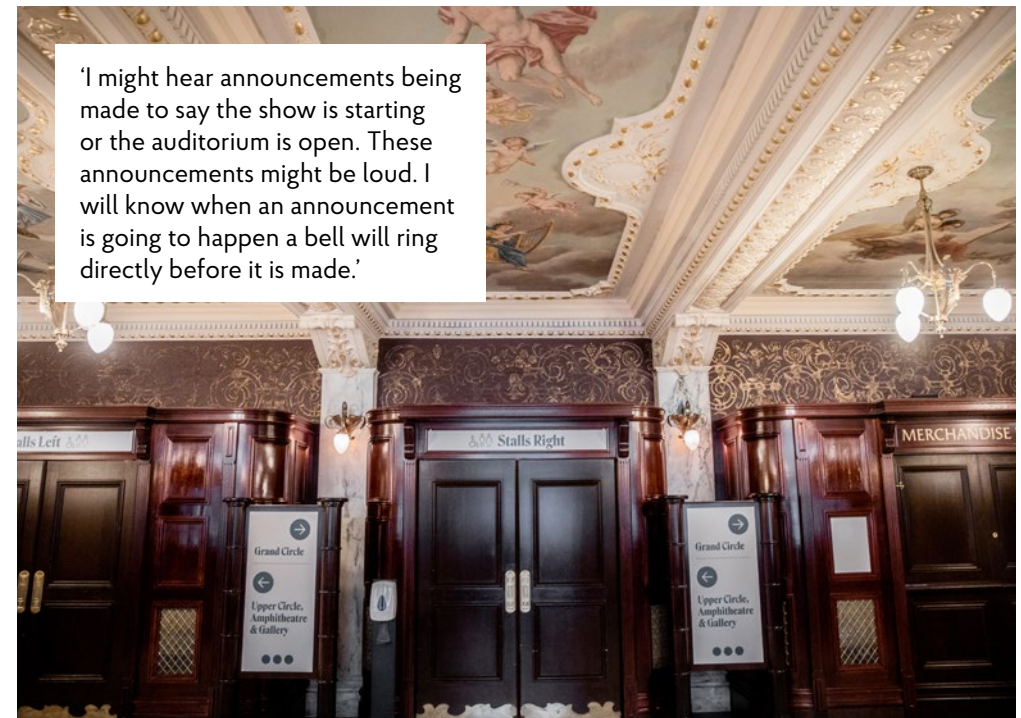


'When I come through the doors from outside into the theatre I will be in the foyer.'

There will be signs in the foyer and throughout the building that tell me what floor I am on and important information such as where the toilets are.'

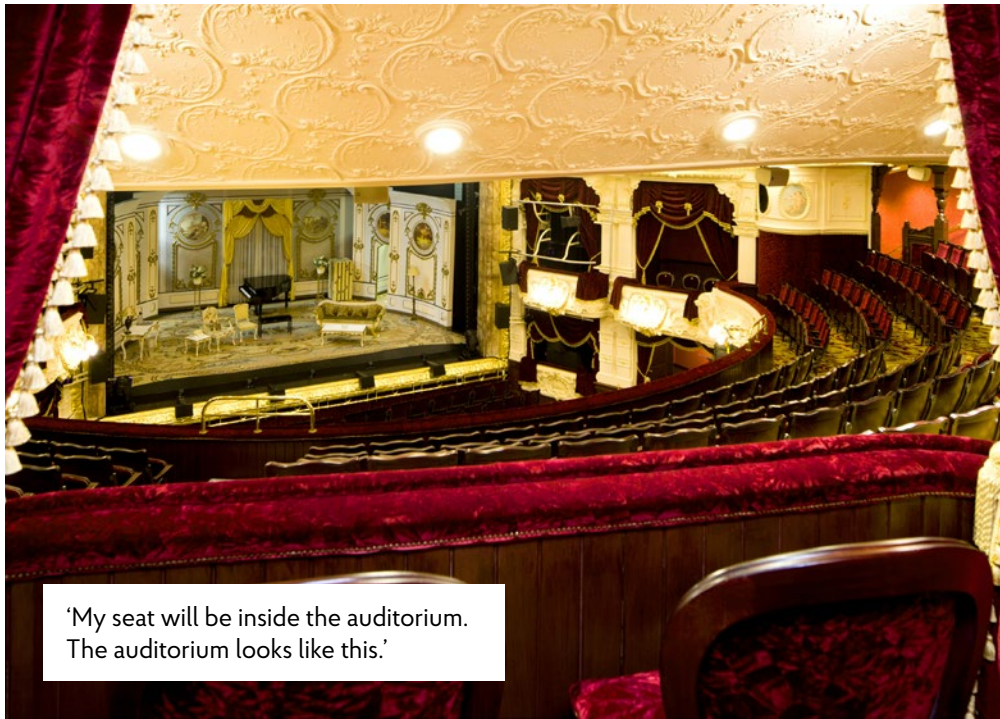


'I will see lots of Theatre Hosts who will be dressed like this. I can ask them for help anytime during my visit to the theatre.'

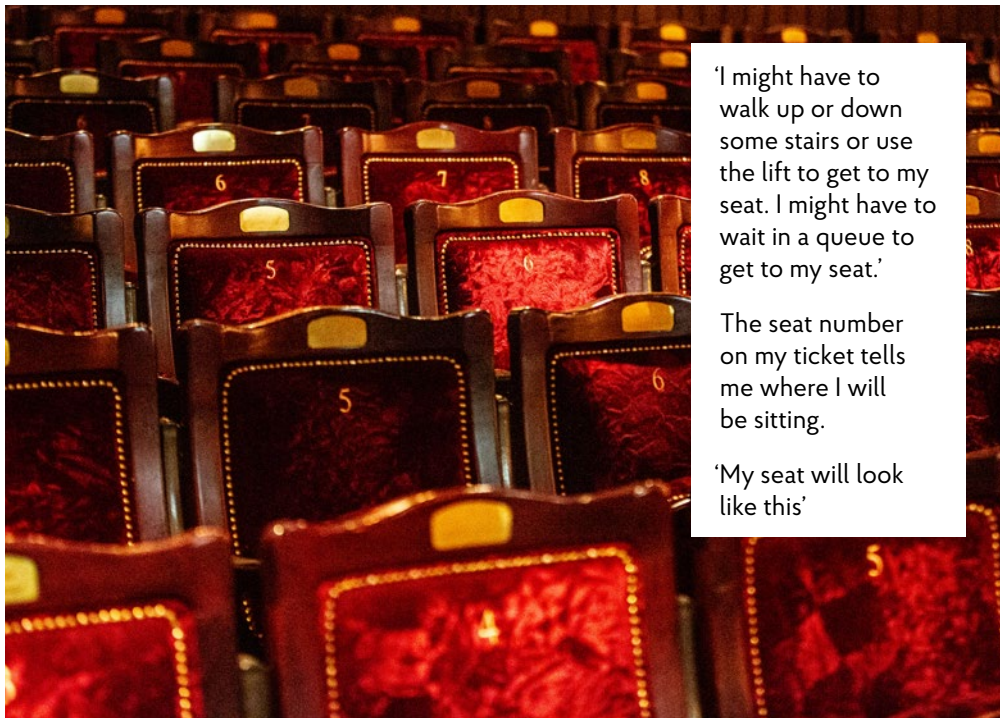


'I might hear announcements being made to say the show is starting or the auditorium is open. These announcements might be loud. I will know when an announcement is going to happen a bell will ring directly before it is made.'





'My seat will be inside the auditorium. The auditorium looks like this.'



'I might have to walk up or down some stairs or use the lift to get to my seat. I might have to wait in a queue to get to my seat.'

The seat number on my ticket tells me where I will be sitting.

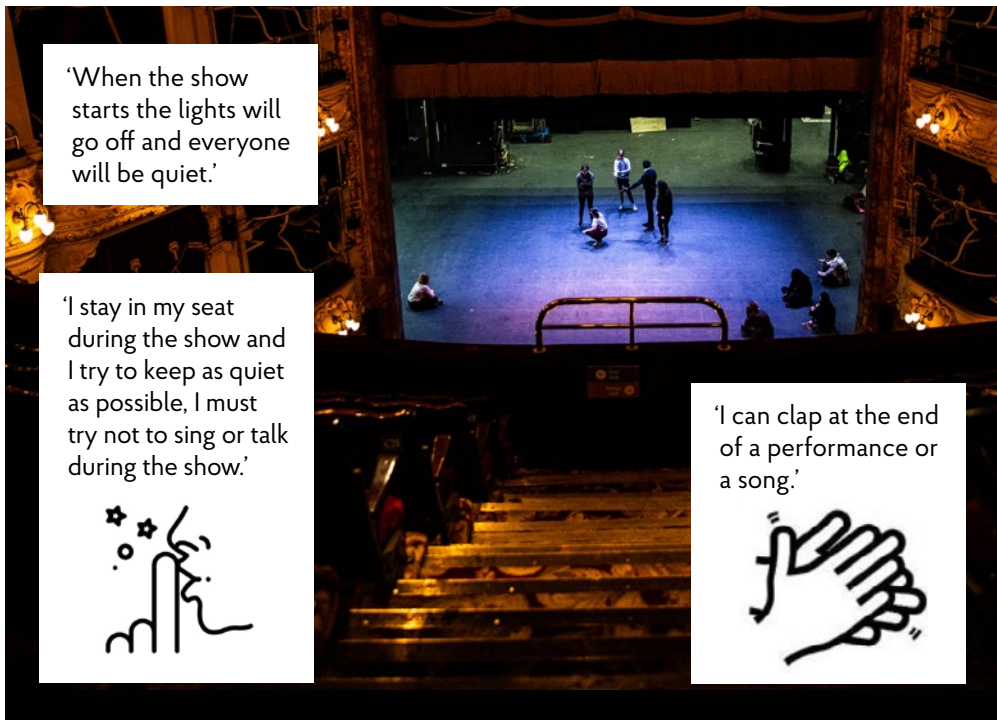
'My seat will look like this'

'If I need to go to the toilet there are ladies, gents and accessible toilets on every floor. The toilets are all located through the auditorium doors. If I need to use the toilet before the auditorium is open I just need to ask a Host'

'Just before the show starts I might hear an announcement asking everyone to turn off their mobile phones and not to take any photographs. The Hosts will hold up a card that looks like this.'





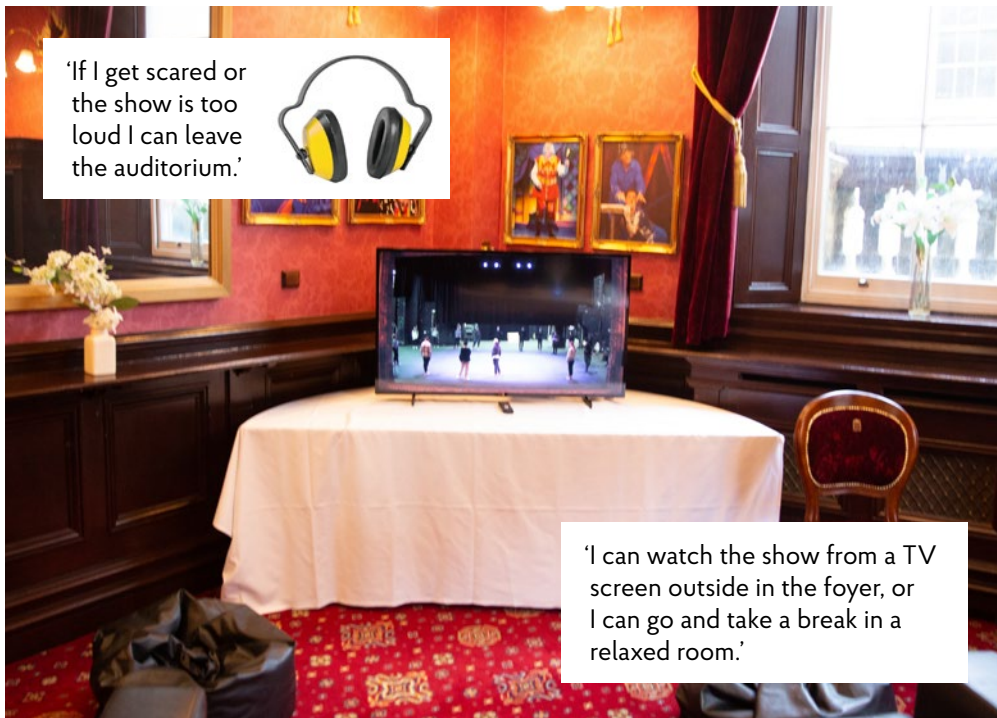


'When the show starts the lights will go off and everyone will be quiet.'

'I stay in my seat during the show and I try to keep as quiet as possible, I must try not to sing or talk during the show.'



'I can clap at the end of a performance or a song.'



'If I get scared or the show is too loud I can leave the auditorium.'

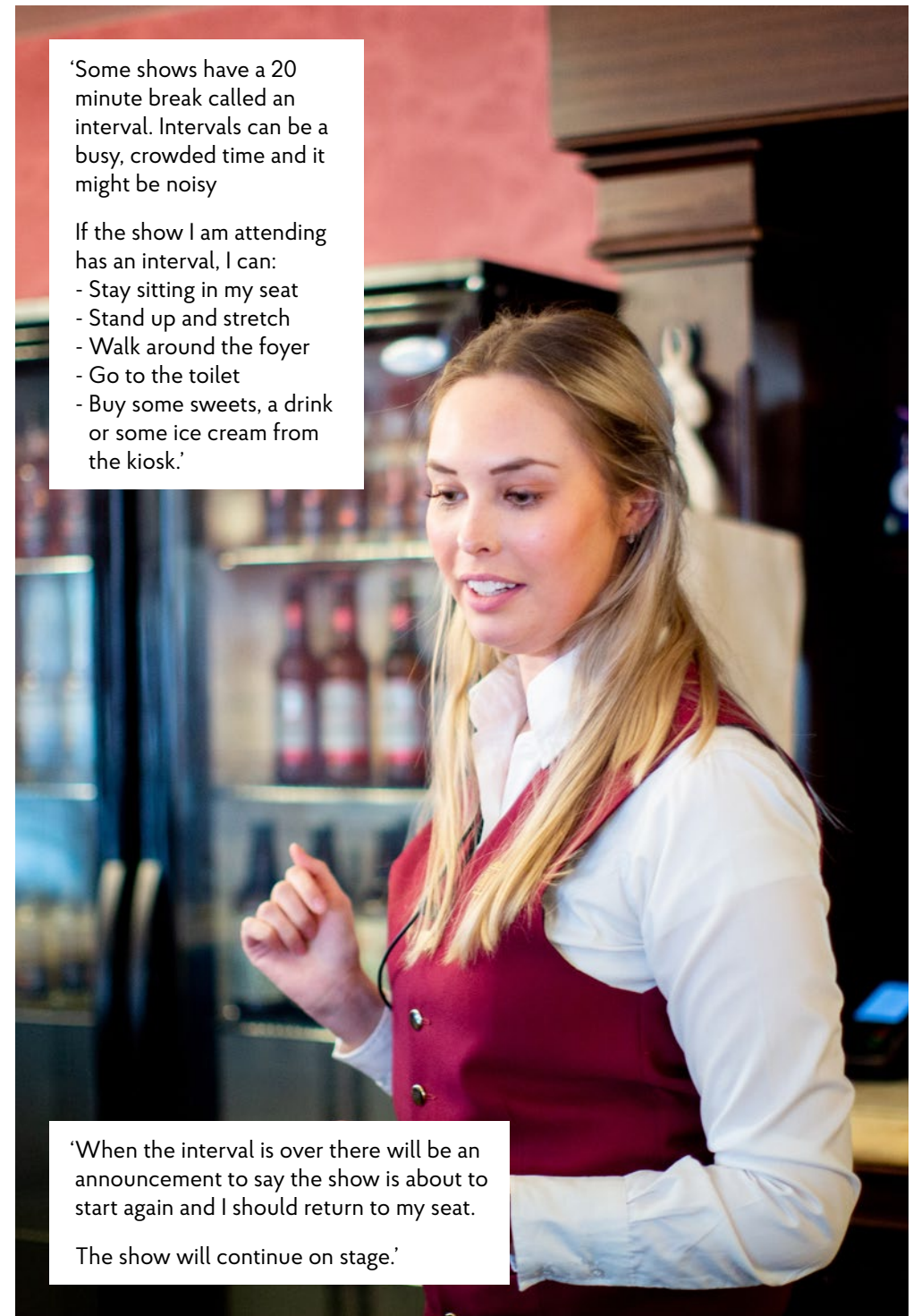


'I can watch the show from a TV screen outside in the foyer, or I can go and take a break in a relaxed room.'

'Some shows have a 20 minute break called an interval. Intervals can be a busy, crowded time and it might be noisy'

If the show I am attending has an interval, I can:

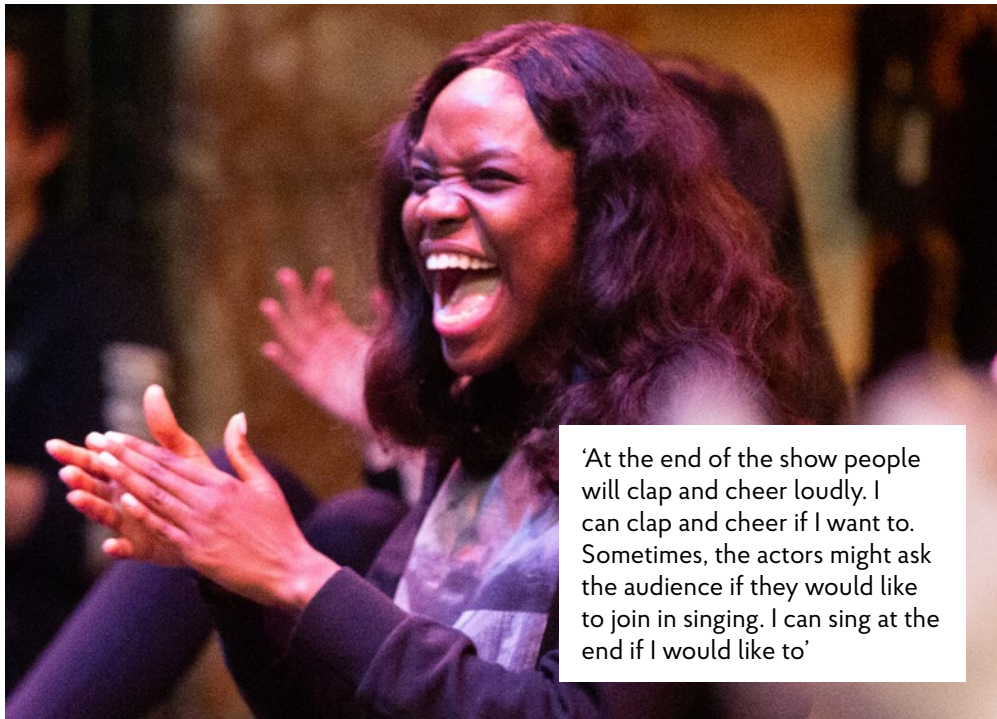
- Stay sitting in my seat
- Stand up and stretch
- Walk around the foyer
- Go to the toilet
- Buy some sweets, a drink or some ice cream from the kiosk.'



'When the interval is over there will be an announcement to say the show is about to start again and I should return to my seat.'

The show will continue on stage.'



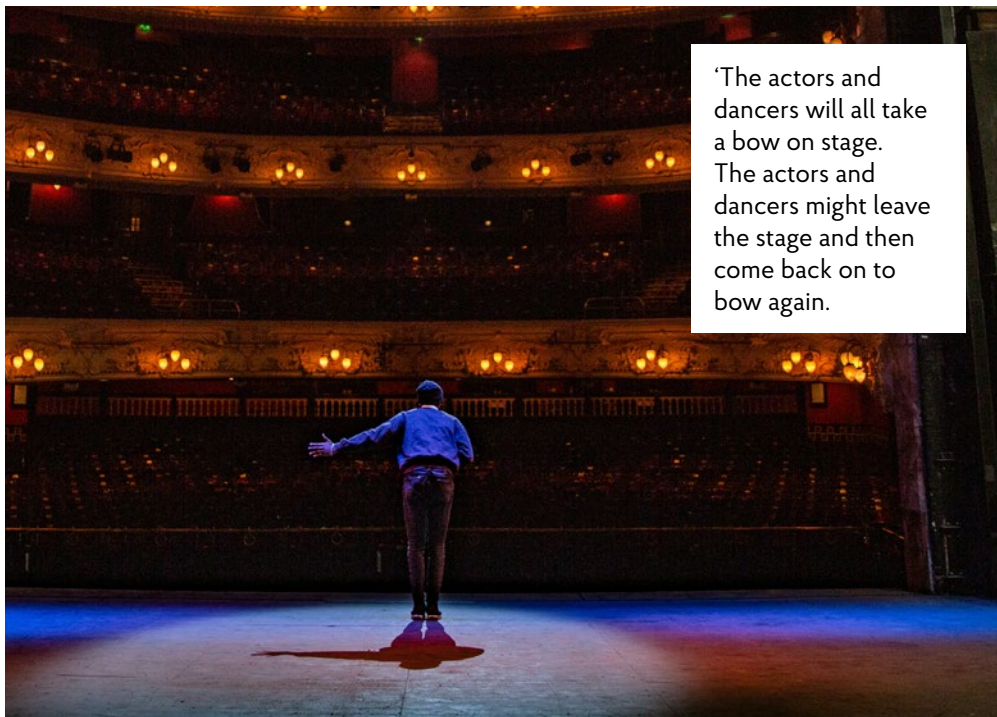


'At the end of the show people will clap and cheer loudly. I can clap and cheer if I want to. Sometimes, the actors might ask the audience if they would like to join in singing. I can sing at the end if I would like to'



'When the show finishes the curtain will come down in front of the stage and the lights will come on.'

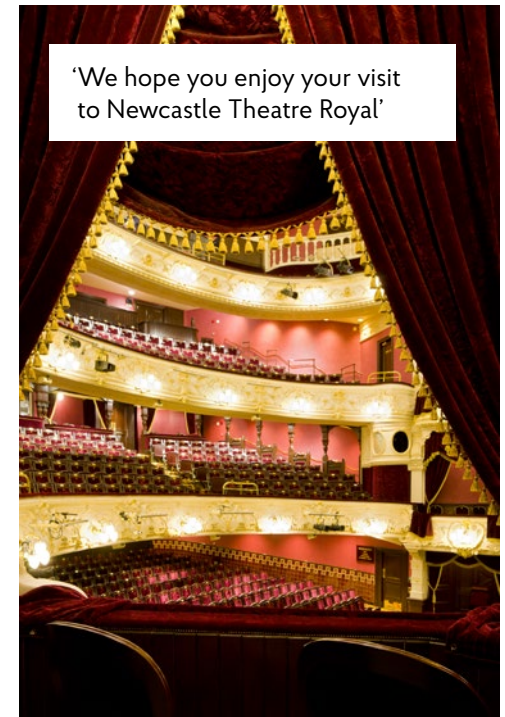
I will leave the auditorium through the front doors or the side doors.



'The actors and dancers will all take a bow on stage. The actors and dancers might leave the stage and then come back on to bow again.'



'When I leave the theatre I will go home or back to school'



'We hope you enjoy your visit to Newcastle Theatre Royal'





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