



Visual Story

This visual story is designed for anyone coming to see

Suitcase Stories: The Nightjar

It contains information about the story and the performance.

It might help you prepare to see the show and to know what to expect.



This is the Storyteller.

She arrives carrying everything she needs to tell the story.

There will be speaking and singing. Sometimes it will be loud. You can cover your ears if you need to.



noise

If you would like some time out you can leave the room with your parent or carer. You will be allowed back in when you are ready.

Other people might go quiet when it begins.



quiet

During the show it is good to be quiet so you can hear what is being said on stage, but you can ask your parent or carer questions.

The story of Nightjar is about a girl called Abena who lives in Ghana.

She plays among the big trees and meets a bird called a nightjar. The nightjar explains that she lives part of the year in Ghana and the other part of the year in England.

Abena and her family have to leave Ghana. They travel on a boat to England and live in Southampton.

Abena goes to school and learns how to fit in, however she misses her home in Ghana.

The nightjar shows her the New Forest and helps her understand that she can have two homes in her heart.





The storyteller uses different ways of showing each character.

Sometimes she uses different voices.

Here she is with the nightjar puppet.



The storyteller will show the different places she goes through shadow puppets.

Here is the nightjar flying across the sea.



The storyteller will invite audience members to make sound effects during the show. You can join in if you would like to.



The storyteller may talk to you in the audience. Sometimes she will ask you a question.

It is OK to answer them.



Sometimes the storyteller will come out into the audience. They might talk to you or shake your hand. You can shake their hand if you would like, however you don't have to.



The storyteller will sing a song in the show. She will ask the audience to clap their hands to make a beat. It might be loud, you can cover your ears if you like.



The storyteller will finish telling the story.

At the end the storyteller will bow, and you can clap if you like to show them how much you enjoyed the show.



Other people will be clapping and it might be quite loud. You can put your hands over your ears.



The storyteller will pack up her bags and leave. This is the end of the show.

We hope you have fun seeing our show.

You can tell us about it if you would like to.

When you get home you could write us a letter, draw a picture or email us on hello@forestforgetheatre.co.uk

We like hearing from our audience members.

Thank you for coming.

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