



**Esplanade
Presents**

PLAYtime!

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An Esplanade Production

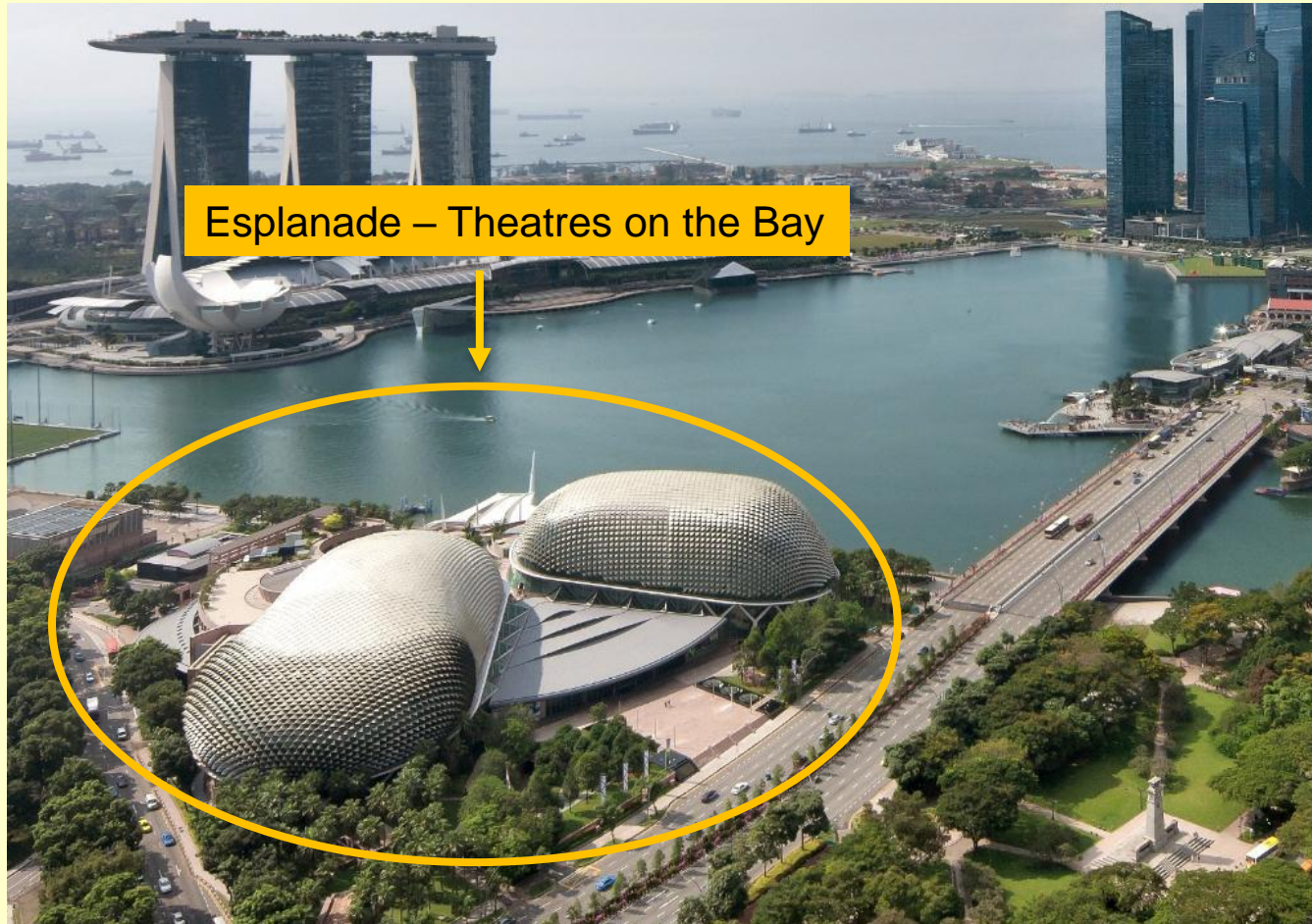
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Going to Esplanade



I am going to
Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay. This is what Esplanade looks like.

I will be watching a show called ***Us***.



Arrival

When I arrive at Esplanade, the bus will drop me off at Esplanade Mall Driveway.

Friends from Esplanade will greet me.

They will have blue aprons on.



Friends from Esplanade

If I need any help during my visit, I can look for a friend in a blue apron.

I can ask any of them for help.

Theatre Studio

The show will take place at Theatre Studio.

The Theatre Studio is at **Level 4**.





Getting to Theatre Studio

I can get to the Theatre Studio from the Esplanade Mall Driveway.



I can also get to Theatre Studio from the Esplanade Basement Tunnel.

How to get to Theatre Studio From Esplanade Mall

Getting to Theatre Studio

This is how I get to Theatre Studio from Esplanade Mall. From the driveway, I can enter the Esplanade Mall through the glass doors.



There are lifts on the right.

Getting to Theatre Studio

The Theatre Studio is at Level 4.

I can take the lift from Level 1 to Level 4.



Once I reach Level 4, Theatre Studio is right at the end! I have arrived at my destination.



How to get to Theatre Studio from Basement 1 Tunnel



Getting to Theatre Studio

This is how I get to the Theatre Studio from Basement 1 tunnel.

There is a glass door at Basement 1. I can enter here.

Getting to Theatre Studio

To get to Theatre Studio, I must first get to Level 2.

From Basement 1, I can take lift A or lift B to go straight to Level 2.

I can also take the escalators to go to the Mezzanine level first.

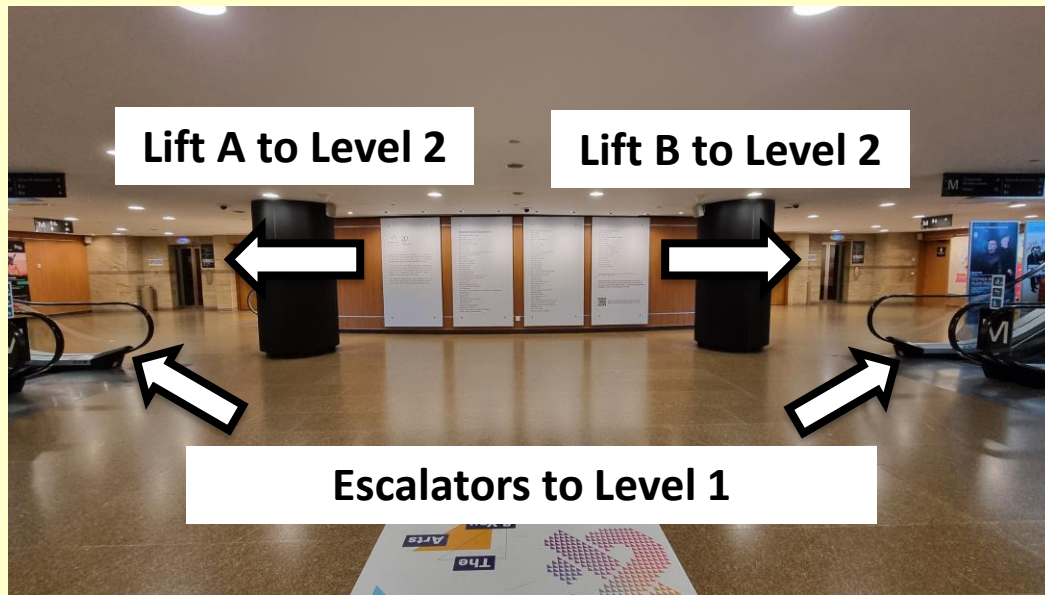


Getting to Theatre Studio

This is the Mezzanine level. If I took the escalator at Basement 1, I would see this.

I can take lift A or B to Level 2.

I can also take the escalators to Level 1.



**Lift A to
Level 2**



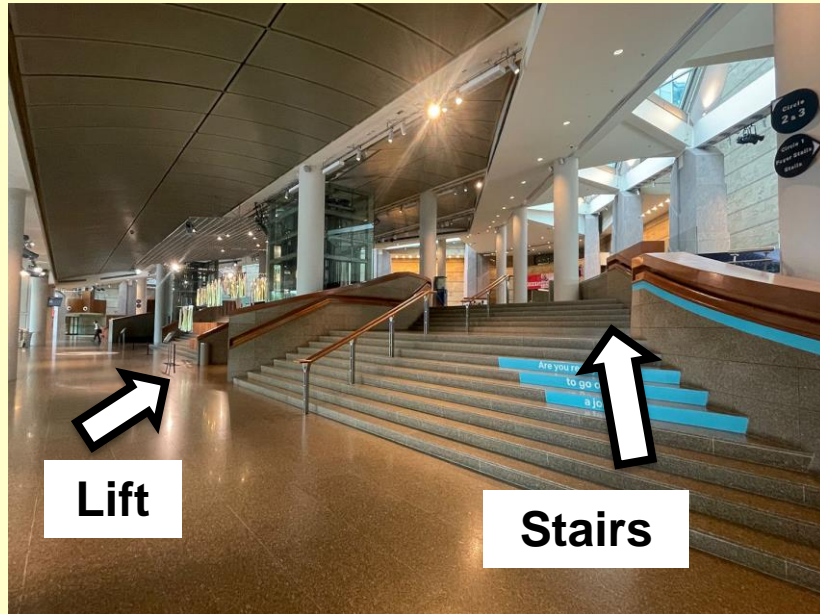
**Lift B to
Level 2**



**Escalators
to Level 1**

Getting to Theatre Studio

At Level 1, I can use the stairs or lift to go up to Level 2.



I am at Level 2.

At Level 2, I will go straight and through Theatre Street. There are shops to the left and right.



Getting to Theatre Studio

At the end of Theatre Street, I will turn left. I will continue going straight.

To get to Theatre Studio, I need to go up to Level 4.



I can turn right and take the escalator up to Level 3.

I can also turn left and take the lift directly to Level 4.



Getting to Theatre Studio

If I take the escalator, I will get to Level 3. From Level 3, I will have to take another escalator up to Level 4.



Once I reach Level 4, I will reach the Theatre Studio!



This is where the show will take place.

Before going into Theatre Studio



Toilets

Before I go in to watch the show, I can go to the toilet.

To get to the toilet, I will go up the stairs and turn left.

I can also go to the toilet during the show.



Toilets

These toilets are for children like me. They are located opposite PIP's PLAYbox.

If an adult wants to use the toilet, they can use the toilet nearby.



Hand dryer

In the toilet, there is a hand dryer.

It makes a loud noise when someone uses it.

The noise will stop after a while.

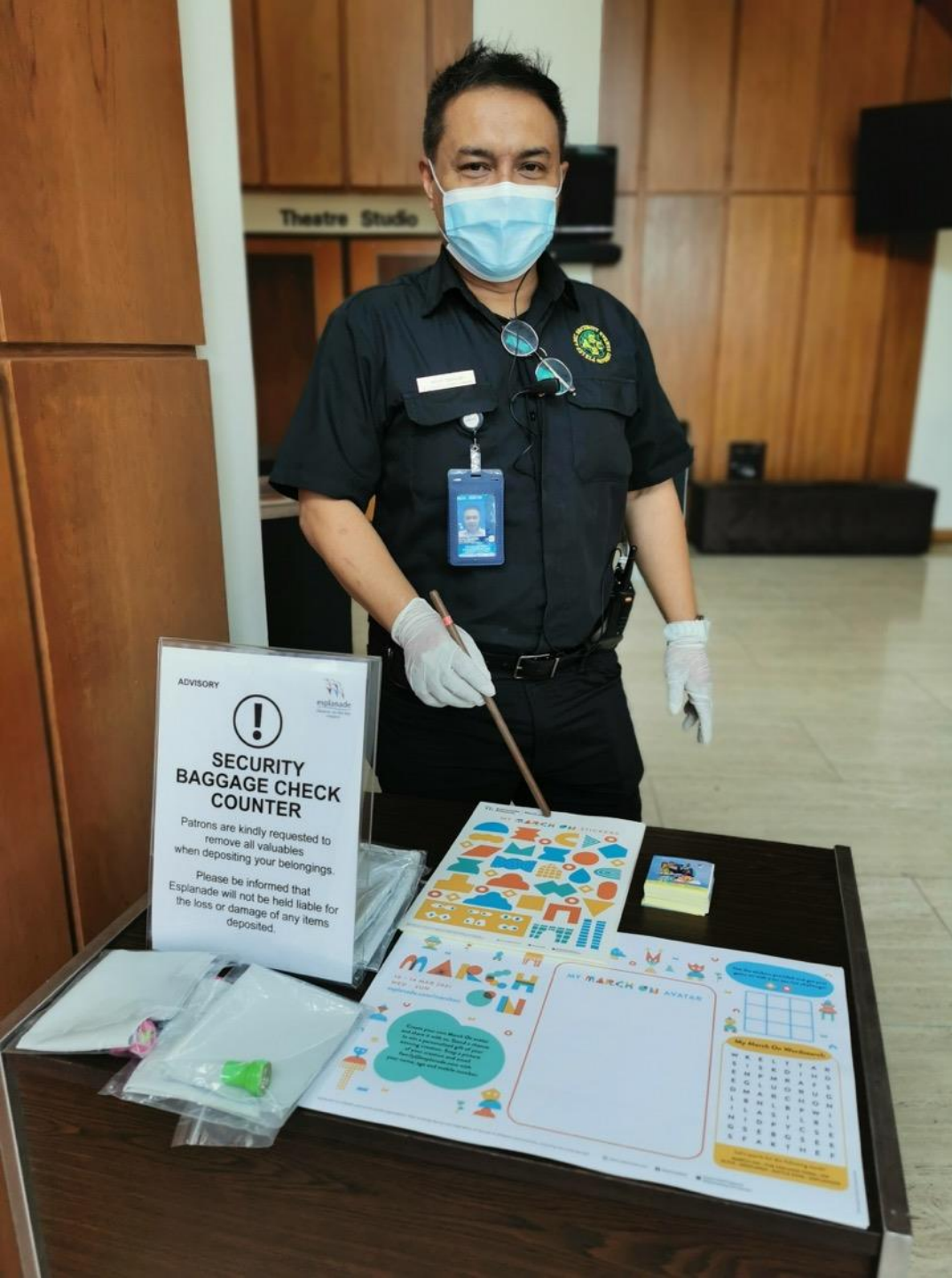


Ushers

Before I go into the Theatre Studio, ushers will greet me at the door.

Ushers are dressed in blue.

They will check my ticket.



Bag check

If I have a bag, a security officer will check my bag.

Inside Theatre Studio

The theatre

This is the theatre.

A theatre is a room where a show takes place.

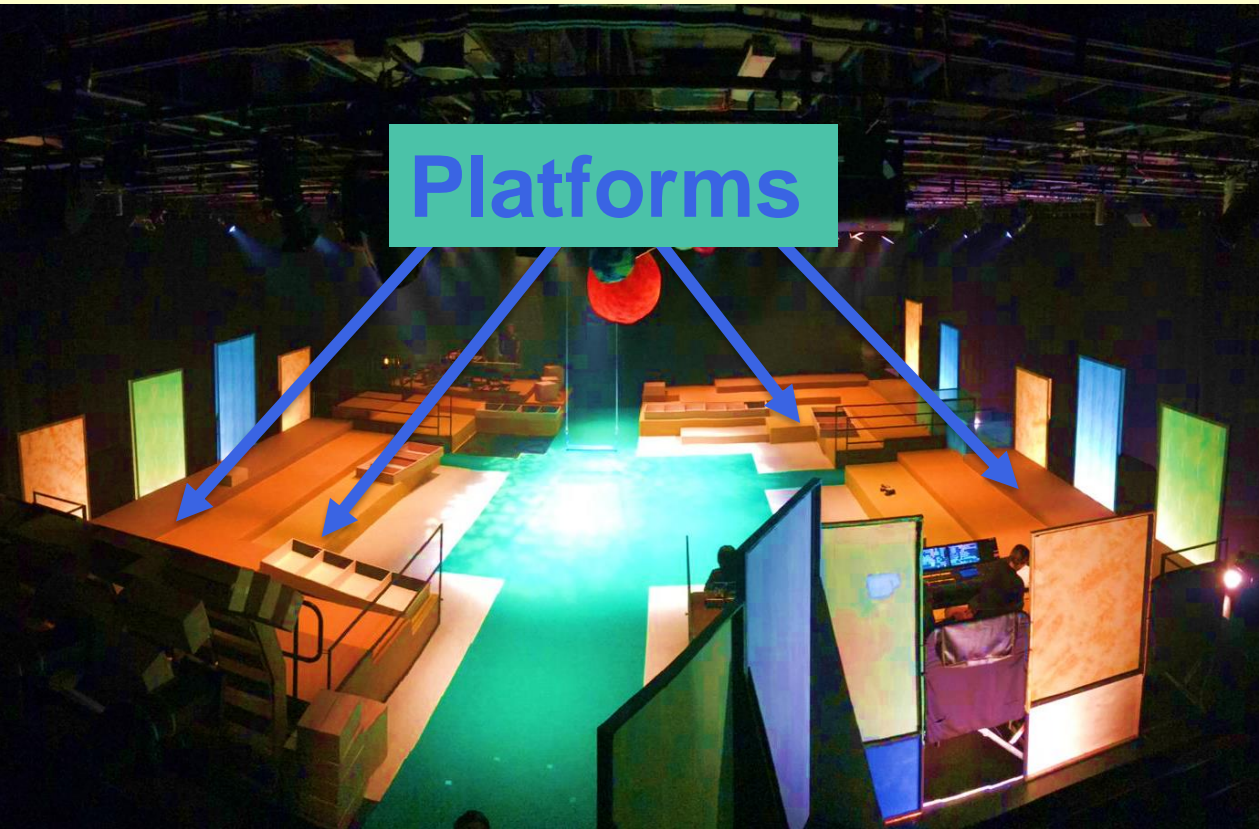
The theatre will be a little dark. Some lights will be turned on to help me see.



Where to sit

When I am in the theatre, an usher will show me where to sit.

I can sit on the floor, steps or ask an usher for a chair.





Moving about

If I want to move or dance **on the spot** during the show, that is okay.

If I need to go to the toilet during the show, that is okay. An adult or an usher can show me the way to the toilet.



Calm Space

Sometimes, I want to leave the theatre when the show is happening and look for a quiet place. That is okay too. I can go out to the calm space.

This is the calm space. It is outside the theatre.

I can go back into the theatre anytime when I feel ready.



Ear Protector

This is an ear protector.

If it gets too loud, I can ask an usher for a set. If I have my own ear protector, I can use it too.

Wearing it over my ears will help make the sound softer so that I can continue to enjoy the show.

Characters in *Us*



Actor

An actor is someone who acts.

An actor plays a role and pretends to be a character in the show. They can sometimes play more than one character.

I will see these actors in the show.



Actor 1 – Michelle

This is Michelle.

She plays a character named Molly.

Molly has just moved to this neighborhood.

She loves the colour yellow, cookies and making friends!



Actor 2 – Shu Yi

This is Shu Yi.

She plays a character named Alice.

Alice thinks purple is the best colour and loves pasta. She is afraid of the sound of thunder and dragons.

She does not have many friends in the neighbourhood. She plays by herself a lot.



Actor 3 – Ryan

This is Ryan.

He plays the role of Henry.

Henry loves playing pretend! With his trusty cape, he likes to imagine he is a brave superhero defending his friends from scary dragons.

He wants to be friends with Molly and Alice.



Musician 1 – Zeeaura

This is Zeeaura, also known as Zee.

She is a musician.

Zee plays the piano and glockenspiel during the show. Sometimes, she helps to move things around too when she can!



Musician 2 – Vick

This is Vick.

He is also a musician.

Vick plays the cello and also uses a computer to play some sound effects I will hear in the show such as the sound of thunder.

Like Zee, he also helps to move things around during the show.

What I will see in *Us*



Tunnel

As I enter the theatre, I will walk through a tunnel made up of cardboard boxes.



Ball

Molly and Alice love playing with this ball.

It is yellow and very bouncy!



Boxy

Many parts of the set are made up of cardboard boxes, including Alice's friend, Boxy.

Space

Henry and Molly travel to space together using their imagination. Space is full of stars. The stars are created with the help of mirror balls and lights.

In this scene, I will see different planets, aliens and even a space dragon!





Puppets

During the show, I will see different types of puppets.

The puppets are controlled by puppeteers.

It will be a little dark when the puppets appear.



Space Alien puppet

This is a space alien puppet.

To some, it might look like a jellyfish or even an umbrella!

It will light up in the dark.



Space Dragon Puppet

This is a space dragon puppet.

It flies with the help of rods carried by three people.

The space dragon is a friendly dragon. I can wave to it as it flies past!



Rocket Ship Puppet

I will also see a rocket ship.

There will be some smoke
when the rocket ship puppet
launches.



Mirror Ball

There is a mirror ball hanging from the ceiling.

It will light up when the room is dark.

I can leave the room if it makes me uncomfortable.



Swing

There is a swing in the theatre.

I will not play with the swing.

It can only be used by the actors.



Dragon, thunder and smoke

During the show, there will be the sound of thunder.

When I hear the thunder, a dragon will appear on screen.

There will be some smoke.

I can leave the room if it makes me uncomfortable.



Green carpet

Where actors work

Unless the actors tell me to, I should not sit or move over to where the green carpet is.

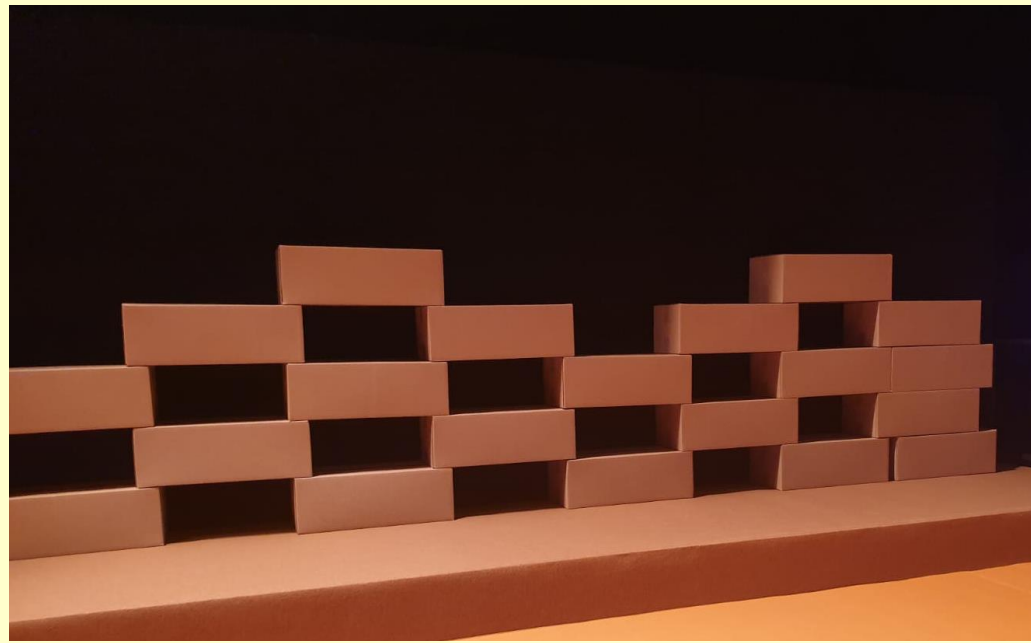
That is where the actors do their work.

Cardboard boxes

There will be cardboard boxes all around in the theatre.

I will not touch the boxes.

The actors will use some of the boxes to work.





Helping the actors

During the show, I can help to sort out the ingredients for a cake.

I will listen to the actors for instructions before I move to the area where they work.

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