

Pre-Event Guide (Schools): PLAYtime! 2024 BURP

10 – 25 Aug 2024
(45 mins)

Esplanade Theatre Studio

Access feature for BURP



This is a **Relaxed Performance**.

- I can move around and make noise during the performance.
- I can come and go as I need to. Re-entry is allowed.
- There is a Calm Space for me if I need a break from the performance.
- There will be a House Announcement that explains the Relaxed Performance elements.
- There will not be any strobe lights, sudden darkness, or blackouts. If there are any, they will be listed in this Pre-Event Guide.
- The sound levels will stay consistent with no loud or surprising noises. If there are any, they will be listed in this Pre-Event Guide.
- The stage and seating are designed to give me more space and make it easy to enter and exit, including if I use a wheelchair.

Going to Esplanade

- I am going to a place called **Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay**. It is also known as Esplanade.
- I will be watching a performance at Esplanade. The title of the performance is *BURP*.
- This is what Esplanade looks like.



Theatre Studio



- This is the Theatre Studio. It is on Level 4.
- This is where the performance of *BURP* will take place.

BURP



- *BURP* takes place inside the Theatre Studio.
- The Theatre Studio is a special place where people perform stories to audiences like me.
- Watching *BURP* is like watching a movie but the people are right in front of me, performing the story in person.

BURP



- The story the actors will be performing is called *BURP*.
- *BURP* is about a man who loves to collect sounds in glass globes. He has a new assistant who helps him, and a funny character named **BURP** that makes big, funny noises that ripple through his whole body.

Before going into the Theatre Studio



- Before I go in to watch the performance, I can go to the washroom.
- To get to the washroom, I will go up the stairs and turn left.
- I can also go to the washroom during the performance.

Washrooms



- These washrooms are for children like me.
- The washrooms are located opposite PIP's PLAYbox.
- If an adult wants to use the washroom, they can use the washroom nearby.

Hand dryer



- In the washroom, there is a hand dryer.
- It makes a loud noise when someone uses it.
- The noise will stop after a while.

Ushers



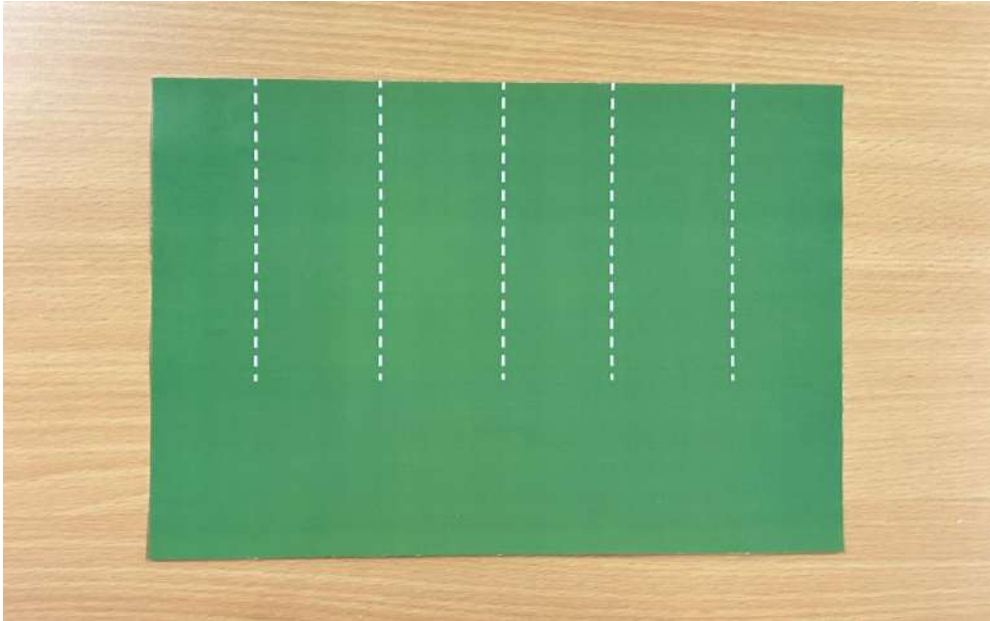
- Before I go into the Theatre Studio, ushers will greet me at the door.
- Ushers are dressed in blue.

Bag check



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

Before I enter the Theatre Studio



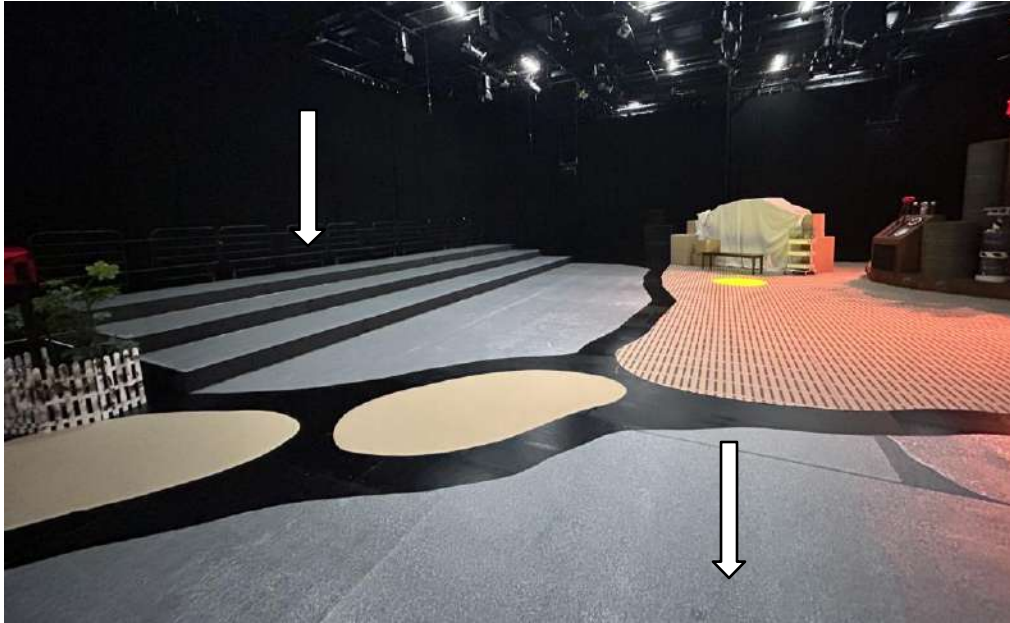
- An usher will hand me a piece of paper that is cut and looks just like this.
- An actor will tell me what to do with the piece of paper during the performance.

Inside the Theatre Studio



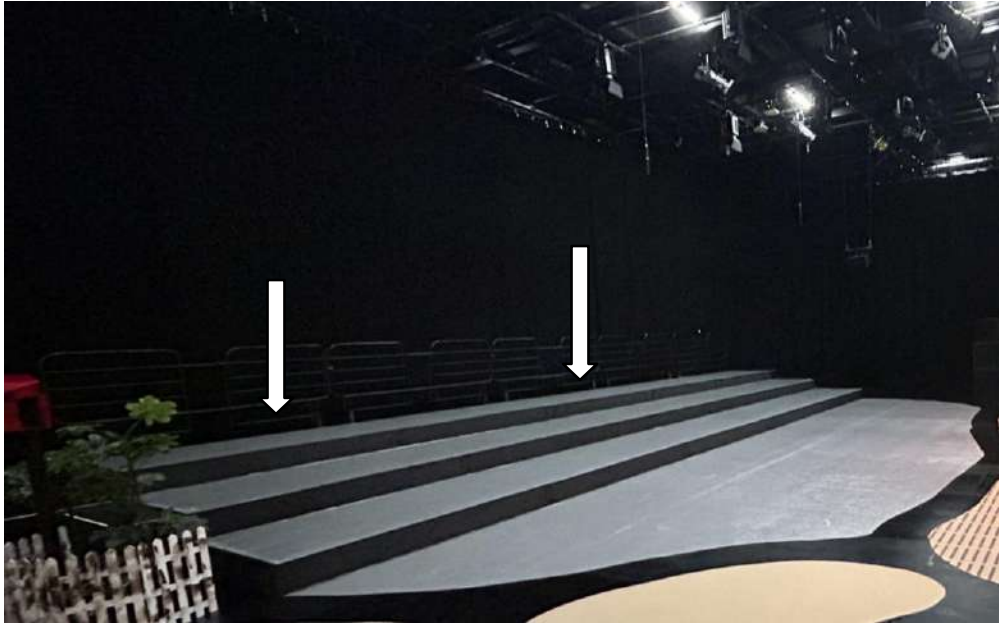
- This is how the inside of the Theatre Studio will look like.
- The Theatre Studio can get a little dark. Some lights will be turned on to help me see.

Where do I sit?



- As I enter the Theatre Studio, there are two areas to sit. I can sit on the left or the right.
- There are seats on the floor and on the higher platforms.
- I can choose a place to sit, or an usher may help me out and show me where I can sit.

Sitting on the higher platform



- If I want to sit on the higher platform, I should be careful!
- I have to be careful when moving up and down the platforms.
- I will not move up and down the platforms when the Theatre Studio is dark, and when I cannot see clearly.

Moving about



- If I want to move or dance **on the spot** during the performance, that is alright.
- If I need to use the washroom during the performance, that is alright.
- An usher can show me the way to the washroom located outside the venue.
- After using the washroom, I can ask an usher to show me back to my seat.

Calm Space

- This is the Calm Space. It is at the foyer space outside the Theatre Studio.
- Sometimes, I want to leave my seat when the performance is happening and look for a quiet and calm space. I can go the Calm Space.
- I can go back to my seat in the Theatre Studio any time during the performance when I am ready.



Ear protector

- This is an ear protector.
- If it gets too loud, I can ask an usher for a pair. 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 performance.



Actors



- An actor is someone who acts.
- An actor plays a role and pretends to be a character during the performance.
- An actor can sometimes play more than one character.
- I will see these actors in the performance.

Actor 1 – Lian



- This is Lian. Lian is an actor.
- Lian plays a character named **Sound Collector**.
- The **Sound Collector** is a man who loves collecting sounds in glass globes.

Actor 2 – Vanessa



- This is Vanessa. Vanessa is an actor too.
- Vanessa pretends to be someone called **Assistant**.
- It is her first day helping **Sound Collector**.

Actor 2 – Vanessa



- It is Vanessa again.
- Vanessa also pretends to be other characters in the performance.
- Vanessa pretends to be someone called **Sound Collector's Mum.**
- Vanessa also pretends to be someone called the **Sound Collector's Friend.**

Actor 3 – PJ



- This is PJ.
- He takes turns with the actors Lian and Vanessa, to play the different characters in *BURP*.
- Sometimes, he is the **Sound Collector**, sometimes he is the **Assistant**. At other times, he might pretend to be the **Sound Collector's Mum** or the **Sound Collector's Friend**.
- The actors take turns to perform different roles so that the other actors can rest.

Costumes and actions



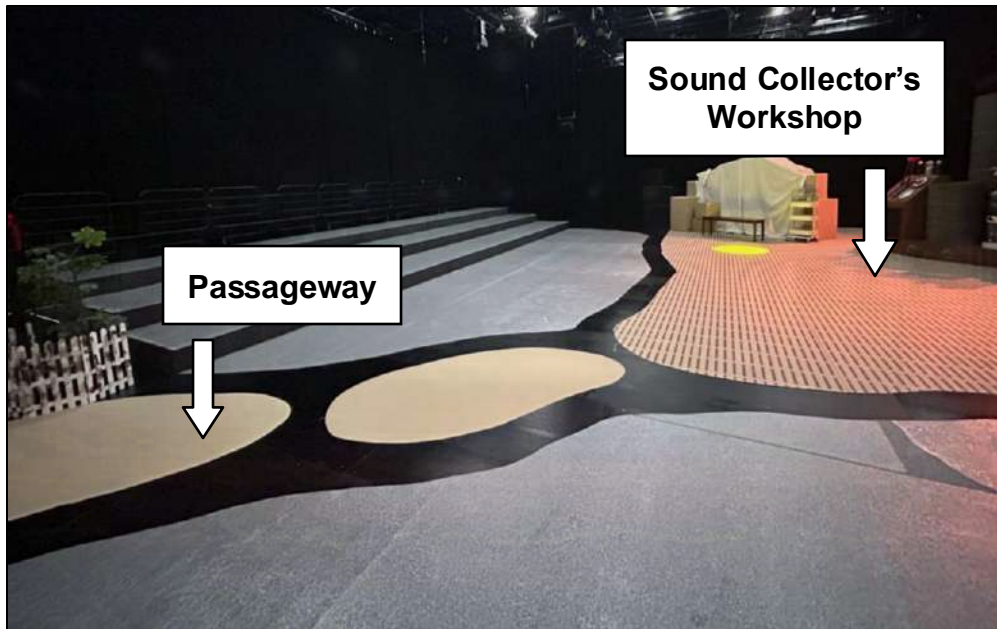
- **The Assistant**, **Sound Collector's Mum** and **Sound Collector's Friend** will wear different costumes and have different actions from each other.

BURP, the character



- This is **BURP**.
- **BURP** is a pretend character in the show. It loves to move around a lot and have fun!

What I will see in ***BURP***



- There are many things to see and hear at the Sound Collector's Workshop.
- **I will not sit or stand at the Sound Collector's Workshop or the Passageway.**
- That is where the actors do their work.

During the performance



- There will be a Sound Machine and Sound Shelf in the Sound Collector's Workshop.
- The Sound Machine and Sound Shelf will have sound effects and blinking lights.
- **I will not touch the items in the Sound Collector's Workshop or the Passageway.**
- These items are used by the actors during the performance.

During the performance



- I will get to see many different light effects.
- The light effects will look like **BURP** (the character) is moving around in the Sound Collector's Workshop.
- If I want to leave the theatre when this is happening and look for a quiet place, that is alright. I can go out to the Calm Space.

During the performance



- I will get to hear many different sound effects.
- The sound effects will sound like **BURP** moving in the Sound Collector's Workshop.
- If I want to leave the theatre when this is happening and look for a quiet place, that is okay too. I can go out to the Calm Space.

Actions and talking



- During the performance, the characters in *BURP* will invite me to imitate their actions and repeat after them.
- I can choose to follow along if I want to.

After the performance



- After the performance ends, the lights will come back on. The theatre will be bright again.
- After the performance ends, I can leave the theatre with my grown-up.
- People will leave the theatre when the performance is over. It might get crowded. I will wait for my turn.

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