

Social Story



Relaxed performances at The Court Theatre

To help you prepare for your visit to The Court Theatre we have put together this information pack.

1. Arriving at The Court Theatre

When you arrive at the theatre you can park for free or get dropped off in our car park opposite the theatre.



Come into the theatre through these doors.



This is the box office where you need to collect your ticket.



This is the foyer where you can relax before the performance.



Before the show you can visit the toilets. They are off the hall opposite the box office.



Use the drawing tables to colour in some pictures.



Visit the coffee bar, where you can buy drinks and snacks.



When it is time to go into the theatre, give the ushers your ticket and they will show you through these doors into the auditorium.



This is the auditorium where you will watch the show. You can choose any seat to sit in. The auditorium won't be full so you can change seats during the show if you would like.



If you need to leave the theatre for a break that is ok. You can chill out in the foyer until you are ready to go back in.

2. Watching the show

- You can take photos in the theatre before the show starts but once the show has started you are not allowed to take photos or use your phone. If you need to take a call you can go outside and come back in whenever you want.
- During the show four actors will come on stage and act out a story using puppets.
- The characters in this show are puppets. Some are small and some of the puppets are quite large. The actors control the movements of the puppets and use their voices to speak as the puppet characters.
- Before the show begins the actors will introduce each puppet to the audience, showing what they look like, how they move and even how the actors sound when speaking as each puppet.
- Throughout the show the actors will play more than one character.

3. Storyline

The Lost Sock

Our show starts with 4 kids on stage, sorting washing.

They hear a parent ask them to do the washing RIGHT NOW, the kids scramble to start folding clean washing. They find it boring though so instead decide to begin reading, and acting out a story book, The Lost Sock.

Wizz and Jo, two blue sock puppets, are best friends. They go everywhere together, even playing a game of Rugby against the undies! But after the game, Wizz goes missing in the wash and Jo is left alone (Don't worry though, both of them are safe).

Jo asks the undies, their tee-shirt friend Otis, and even Jessie the yellow jumper how they can get their best friend Wizz back!

Sue, an old pink singlet, tells them of 'the portal beyond the laundry', a magical place where all the lost socks go. They try to get to the washing basket, in order to make it to the laundry, but instead end up in the Down Under Saloon, a cowboy bar under the bed, and talk to Billy and Mark, two old boot puppets.

The two boots show Jo a new dance, the Hobbyhorse Hoedown, which you are welcome to stand up and learn. The two boots then lead Jo to the laundry basket.

Jo gets tossed in the washing machine and dryer, played by two big puppets called Fisher and Paykel. They gobble up Jo (don't worry Jo doesn't get hurt), who finds the Portal, and ends up in magical land, filled with happy single socks, and their friend Wizz!

Wizz and Jo go home, play one final game of Sock Rugby, and live happily ever after.

The kids (who began reading the story at the beginning of the show) scatter from the stage when Mum gets home!



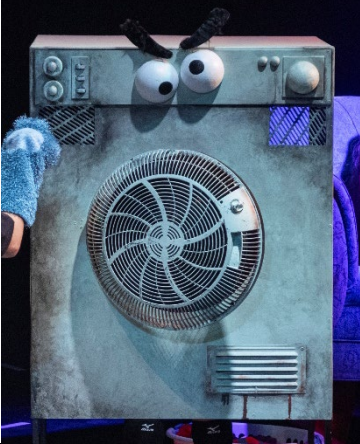

The End

- At the end of the show, you are welcome to clap gently or wave your hands to show you enjoyed the show.
- You can then leave the theatre by going back out into the foyer.

4. The Characters

Name	Picture	About the character
The Kids	 A photograph of a man with curly hair, wearing a red and white striped long-sleeved shirt, sitting at a table. He is smiling and looking towards the right. A white laundry basket filled with clothes is on the table in front of him.	Four kids who find doing the washing boring and would rather be playing, reading and telling fun stories!
Jo and Wizz	 Two blue sock puppets with large eyes and mouths, set against a yellow background. One is on the left, looking forward, and the other is on the right, looking towards the left.	A pair of blue socks who are best friends and love playing rugby!

<p>Narrator</p>			<p>A storyteller for this tale. Explains parts of the story.</p>
<p>Calvin and Elle</p>			<p>Two pairs of undies who are friends of Jo and Wizz and enjoy playing rugby with them.</p>
<p>Sue</p>			<p>An old singlet and friend of Jo and Wizz.</p>
<p>Otis</p>			<p>A tee shirt and friend of Jo and Wizz.</p>
<p>Jessie</p>			<p>A jumper and friend of Jo and Wizz.</p>

<p>Billy and Mark</p>		<p>Two old boots who hang out at the Down Under Saloon.</p>
<p>Fisher</p>		<p>A mean washing machine who wants to gobble up laundry.</p>
<p>Paykel</p>		<p>A mean dryer who likes to bully laundry items, especially socks!</p>
<p>Various other socks</p>		<p>Lost socks that that have ended up in magical land.</p>