Visual Story for the Relaxed Performance of

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SOUTHEND CLIFFS PAVILION
Station Road, Southend on Sea, Essex SS0 7RA
This visual story is designed for visitors to the relaxed performance of Cinderella to help prepare you if you are curious (or anxious) about your visit.

It contains lots of images along with helpful information including:

- Photographs of the Cliffs Pavilion Theatre to help you find your way around
- Descriptions for the main characters in the show
- Notes to highlight any potentially distressing elements of the plot and production
- An outline of the story of the show

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We hope you enjoy this relaxed performance of Cinderella
Information about the Cliffs Pavilion

Cinderella is being shown at the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend.

The Cliffs Pavilion will be open from 10am on the day of the relaxed performance and audience members will be able to use the theatre facilities and purchase drinks and food from our foyer bar from this time. Merchandise can be purchased from 1.15pm. The auditorium will open at 1.45pm.

When you enter the theatre you will walk past the Box Office on your right. The Box Office is a place where you can pick up your ticket from a member of staff. If your tickets have already been sent to you in the post you probably won’t need to go to the Box Office.

Past the box office is the foyer. This is an area where you can wait before going through into the auditorium. This can be quite busy and noisy before the performance as everyone waits to go in and see the show.
In the foyer you will see the merchandise area where you can buy souvenirs.

There is also a theatre shop where you can purchase food and drinks like popcorn, sweets and chocolate.

As you go through the foyer you will see the foyer bar where you can purchase food and drinks like cake and sandwiches.

If you need any help or have any questions there are plenty of staff members who can help you. The staff members who check your tickets and help you to find your seat are called ushers.
Inside the auditorium

The auditorium is the part of the theatre where the audience sit when they are watching the performance.

There are two different levels in the auditorium. You may be sitting very close to the stage or you may be quite high up and looking down on the stage. You will have some time before the show starts to find your seats and get comfortable.

The stage is the area where the actors perform.

Don’t be alarmed if you see something called a safety curtain in front of the stage when you come into the auditorium. This means that there are still last minute preparations taking place for the performance on stage – the curtain is there to protect the audience while this takes place.

The ushers will be at the side of the auditorium to help you at any time.

Mobile phones and tablet devices are permitted inside the auditorium, however no photography is allowed during the performance.

Would you want a familiarisation visit?

If you want to visit the theatre and see your seat before the performance, you can arrange a visit on Monday – Fridays between 10am and 6pm. To organise this please email daisyl@southendtheatres.org.uk
Characters in the show

Below are pictures of the different actors and the name of the characters they play. Some actors play more than one character and, so that they look different, they change the way that they move and talk as well as their costume (a costume is the name for clothes that actors wear on stage).

**Buttons**

Buttons is our hero and Cinderella’s best friend. He is very funny and in love with Cinderella.

**Cinderella**

Cinderella is our main character. She is sweet, pretty and caring and lives with her Dad, Step-Mother and Ugly Step-Sisters.

**Fairy Godmother**

The Fairy Godmother is kind and magical. She appears to grant Cinderella wishes and help make her dreams come true.

**The Ugly Step Sisters**

The Ugly Stepsisters are mean to Cinderella. They wear funny, colourful costumes that are very over the top!

**Prince Charming & Dandini**

Prince Charming is handsome and wants to find true love. His best friend is Dandini.
Actors in the show

There are different dancers and actors who play the characters in the show.

As well as the characters in the list there will be children and dancers on stage in some scenes.
Guide to the lights, sounds and scary bits

- There are lots of sound effects in the Pantomime and while we have reduced the noise level throughout the show, there are still moments when the sound is quite loud. If you are particularly sensitive to sound you are welcome to wear ear defenders during the performance, if you have brought them with you.

- Cinderella’s ugly step sisters won’t let her go to the ball and tear her ticket which is very sad and upsetting. Please do not worry - Cinderella gets to go to the ball in the end.

- The Fairy Godmother appears out of nowhere and when she does, smoke and fire may appear. This is all controlled by our stage crew and is not real.

- There are small horses on stage to help Cinderella’s carriage. They are controlled on stage and won’t come near the audience at any point.

- The Ugly Stepsisters may look very big and scary. They are men dressed up as woman and are just actors playing a role.
Cinderella lives unhappily with her stepsisters and their mother.

Her best friend is Buttons. He is secretly in love with Cinderella and hasn’t told her yet.

An invitation to a ball at the palace arrives from Prince Charming inviting all the ladies in the village to his ball. The stepsisters tear Cinderella’s ticket and get themselves ready to go to the ball.

Cinderella has to stay at home and do the housework for her horrible Step Mum and Step Sisters. A Fairy Godmother appears and provides Cinderella with clothes, coach, and footmen but tells Cinderella when the clock strikes twelve it will all disappear and she will return to normal.

Cinderella goes to the ball and dances with the prince. Cinderella leaves hurriedly at midnight and loses a slipper.

The prince says he will marry the woman who the slipper fits so the stepsisters try to force their feet into the slipper, but it fits Cinderella.

Cinderella and the prince marry.

They live happily ever after.