



Fantastic Mr Fox Visual Story



A visual resource for children and adults with
Autism, Aspergers, Sensory Processing Disorder and
associated conditions.

This resource is intended to help prepare any visitors for a new
experience and to help them to become familiar with the
surroundings and situation.

The show

The show lasts for 1 hour and 15 minutes including a 15 minute an interval.

There are four puppeteers and many puppets in the show. One of the puppeteers also plays a character and wears a mask.

The show has recorded music and the puppeteers sing. Sometimes the characters talk directly to the audience. In the second half of the play some of the action takes place in the aisle of the auditorium, near to the audience.

What Happens

The play is based upon the book *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl.

Mr Fox has three very nasty enemies, *Boggis*, *Bunce* and *Bean*. They dislike him because he keeps stealing food from their stores. These greedy farmers hate Mr. Fox so much they will stop at nothing to get rid of him. They try to shoot him, starve him and dig him out of his hole. However Mr. Fox is much cleverer than they are and has a cunning plan of his own. He digs a huge underground tunnel from his den to each of the farmer's store houses.

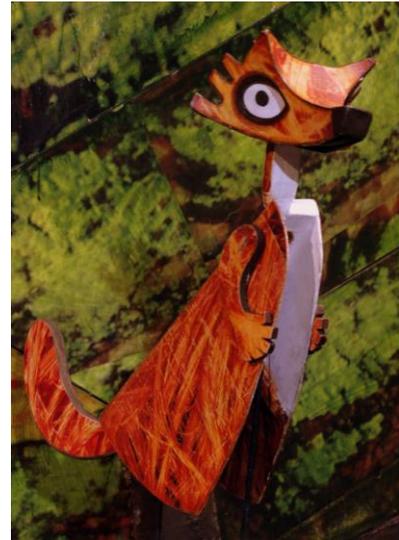
In the end, Mr. Fox not only survives, but also helps the whole community of burrowing creatures to live happily ever after.

Characters

As this is a puppetry show, most of the characters are played by puppets.

The main characters are:

Fantastic Mr Fox – the hero



Mrs and Mr Fox with their children Rusty, Ginger and Scarlet



Other Animals



Badger



Mr Rat

The Farmers



Boggis



Bunce



Bean

Mabel – Mr Bean’s assistant (who is played by an actor in a mask)



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Play notes



The show opens with the stage full of a country scene with fields and farms.

Mr Fox enters the auditorium through the door at the back, and walks through the audience, looking at people in the audience. He goes to the stage.

The farmers appear next and shout a fair amount.

In the next scene the foxes are at home and they introduce the farmers in a song.

During this song there are 2 occasions where gunshots are fired, on one of these Mr Fox loses his tail. During this moment this is also a bright flashing light for a few seconds.



The next scene the foxes are back at home and Mr Fox has an idea at which point a fairly loud ping noise is made.

In the next scene the foxes are digging and sections of the set are removed.



Large digger claws are then bought on stage and they begin demolishing the set. There is an industrial digging sound effect.

The set is then rearranged.



The next scene shows the foxes hungry in their hole.

Mr Fox has another idea in this scene and the ping noise sounds again.

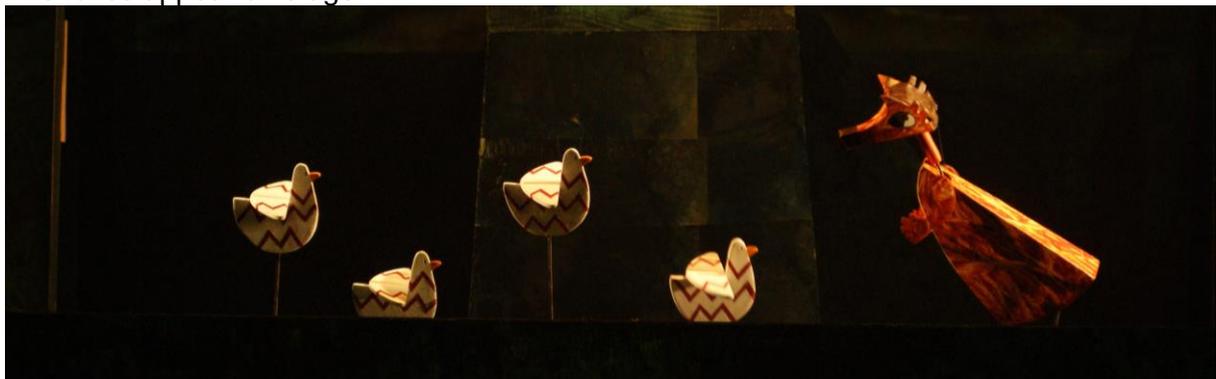
INTERVAL – this is a break in the show when you can visit the toilets or get a drink.

During this time the set is moved by actors.

PART 2

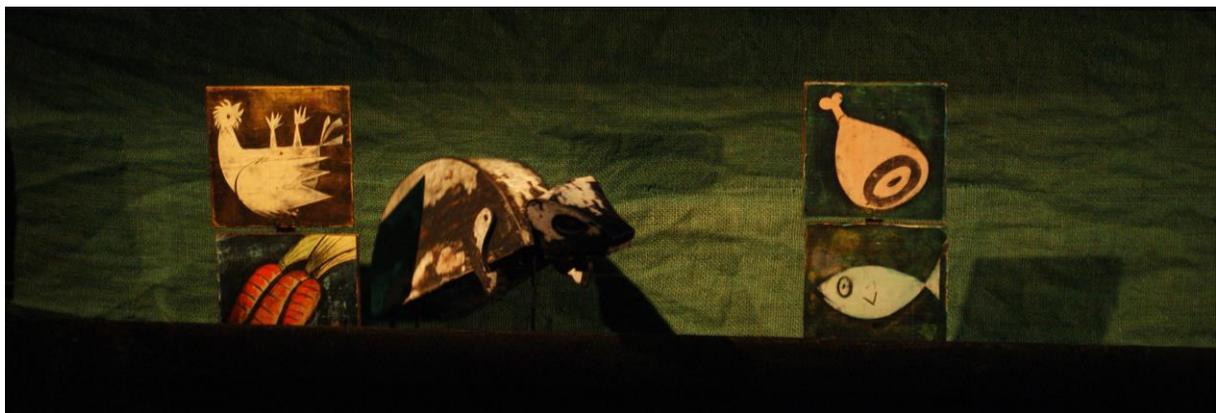
PLEASE NOTE: During part 2 there is a lot of action that takes place in the aisle of the theatre. The performers and puppets enter from the entrance at the back of the auditorium and the puppets perform close to the audience. If you think you won't like this very much, then sit near to the middle of the bench or near the wall.

The foxes appear on stage.



They visit the chicken house and chickens can be a bit loud.

Badger is introduced after this scene. There is a song about food here, which is fun, and you see a conveyor belt of food on stage. In this song the music abruptly stops when carrots are mentioned. During this song a disco ball is lit meaning the room is filled with lots of bright light.





When visiting the Cider Store the foxes and badger walk through the audience and smell certain audience members.

Rat next appears on stage and is a bit tiddly. He addresses the audience.

Puppets interact with audience here whilst set is changed.



We also meet Mabel in this scene. She walks through the audience to get to the cider stores. She chats to people on the way. She is very funny.

Mr Fox manages to trick Mabel and Rat, and steals some of the cider to take home.

In the next scene bright lights are used above audience's head the puppets interact with the audience by naming them as different animals. Mr Fox's family are very proud of him as he has found a way to provide food for all the animals in the community.



In the final scene all the animals dress up and have a party. Some animals wear party hats and Mr Fox appears with a Bow Tie. They sing and dance and celebrate Mr Fox's triumph. This is the end of the play.

**We hope that you enjoy this show at
The Little Angel Theatre!**