



# Visual Story

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# THE PRODUCTION

CDP presents Tall Stories' production of **The Gruffalo** adapted from the award winning picture book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler, published by Macmillan Children's books.

## Length

The show is approximately 55 minutes with no interval.

## Age Recommendation

Suitable for ages 3+. Families are encouraged to review warnings, in order to assess appropriateness of content.

## Photography

Images from recording by James Taggart.

## Content Warnings

- At some moments the lighting on stage will be dimmed and the stage will be a little darker, like when the Gruffalo appears but it only lasts for a little while.
- During the show the mouse asks the audience to join in with some loud roars to scare away the fox. Everyone in the audience might roar very loudly, but it only lasts for a little while. You can cover your ears if it's too loud.
- During the show, there are also some loud Gruffalo roars. It only lasts for a little while and you can cover your ears if it's too loud.

# THE THEATRE

**The Gruffalo** is a play that is being performed at different theatres in Australia.

The team travel all around the country on a tour. They stop in different towns and cities to perform the show for the audiences that live nearby.



**What theatre are you watching The Gruffalo at?**

**Do you know what the theatre building looks like?**

## Arriving at the Theatre

When you arrive at the theatre, there may be lots of other people in the foyer area. They are there to see the show just like you!

You will also see some staff members who work at the theatre. They can help you with directions and any questions that you have about the performance.

## Before the Show

To see the show, you will need a ticket. You may already have your ticket, or you may need to collect them from the Box Office.

There may be a queue of people who are also waiting to collect their tickets.

Before you go inside the auditorium, you may also want to get something to eat or drink or use the toilet.

When the performers are ready, the staff members will open the doors to the auditorium so that you can find your seat before the show starts. They will ask you to show them your ticket, which will tell you which seat you are sitting in for the play. The staff members can help you find your seat.

## Inside the Auditorium

Every theatre auditorium looks little bit different. In some theatres everyone is sat on the same level, and in other theatres there are seats on different floors. You might need to walk up or down some stairs to get to your seat.

**How many levels does your theatre have?**

## The Set

When you go into the auditorium you will see the set on the stage.

The set looks like forest. You will see lots of trees on stage.



## During the Show

The play will last approximately 55 minutes and has no interval.

During the show, if it gets too loud, you can cover your ears.

When the show starts, it will be time to be quiet so that you can hear everything.

The lights will turn down in the audience, but the stage will stay bright so that you can see everything.

If you need to take a break that's ok. You can leave the auditorium and find a place to sit in the foyer if you'd like. You can return to the auditorium whenever you are ready.

## After the Show

When the show is finished, people will clap to say thank you to the performers.

If it's too loud you can cover your ears with your hands.

# THE PLAY

This play is called **The Gruffalo** and the story comes from a book with the same name. It is the story of a mouse who goes for a walk in the deep dark wood and meets other animals on the way who are scared of the Gruffalo!

3 actors play different characters to tell the story.

Acting is fun! And often playing characters quite different to ourselves can be SO much fun!

The actors in **The Gruffalo** are having a lot of fun playing roles that are very different to themselves.



# THE CHARACTERS

The characters that we will meet are:



Mouse



Fox



Owl



Snake



## The Gruffalo

The actors are having a lot of fun playing the different characters.

# THE STORY



## MOUSE

Just like in The Gruffalo book, first we meet a mouse.

The mouse takes a walk through the deep, dark wood.

The mouse is very brave and isn't scared of the deep, dark wood at all.



## FOX

The mouse meets some other animals in the deep, dark wood.

First the mouse meets a fox. The fox thinks the mouse looks yummy!

The fox tries to eat the mouse but the mouse says that they are having lunch with a Gruffalo.

The mouse says that Gruffalos like to eat roasted fox and so the fox runs away!



## OWL

Next, the mouse meets an owl.

The owl wants to eat the mouse, but the mouse scares away the owl by talking about the Gruffalo.

The mouse says that Gruffalos like to eat owl ice-cream and so the owl flies away!



## SNAKE

Next, the mouse meets a snake.

The snake wants to eat the mouse too, but the mouse scares it away by talking about the Gruffalo again!

The mouse says that Gruffalos like to eat scrambled snake and so the snake slithers away!



## GRUFFALO

Finally, we meet the Gruffalo!

The Gruffalo wants to eat the mouse, so the mouse tries to escape.

The mouse pretends to be the scariest creature in the whole deep, dark wood to trick the Gruffalo.

Do you think the Gruffalo will believe the mouse?

**We hope you enjoy your visit to  
*The Gruffalo!***

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