

PRE-SHOW ACCESS GUIDE


The Pirates of Christmas Island


This guide explains a bit more about what to expect on your trip to see **THE PIRATES OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND**, a family musical by She Productions.


Each performance:

- Will take place in the library space, audiences will be invited to sit on the floor or on the chairs provided.
- Has live music played by the actors on a Guitar, Accordion, Cajon, Jingle Bells, Maraca and Ukulele.
- Uses colourful, small set & gentle sounds to add to the pirate-like atmosphere.
- Will have a safe space located just off the performance area where you are welcome to visit at any time if you need a bit of quiet.

During our performance,
we welcome you to...

Talk to each other 

Wiggle & fidget 

Take time out 

Our adventure into the festive world of the pirates will last approximately 55 minutes.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

You DO NOT need to print out your E-TICKETS. You should open the tickets on your mobile device and show them at the venue when prompted. Please make sure the QR code is visible and the brightness on your screen is turned up. If you do not have a mobile device please print off a copy of each ticket. There will be one ticket for each person in the party and all tickets should be shown at the venue.

Doors open 15 minutes before the start time of the performance. Seating is unallocated so find somewhere to sit & relax.

We encourage the younger audience members to sit on the carpet on the floor but choose wherever makes you feel comfortable.



We have a cast of 4 actors who will narrate the story as well as playing lots of different characters. They will use costume & different voices so that you know when they have changed character.

CHARACTERS

SAMMY: Sammy is 10 years old, she has just moved to the area from down south. She loves stories of adventure, especially the ones her Gran tells her. She loves pirates and would love to be one. Her favourite pirate is Mary Read and she will often pretend to be Mary when she gets scared and needs help.



CHING SHIH: Ching Shih is a Chinese Pirate. She is very direct and loves to be in charge. She has lots of skills and the experience of leading the Red Flag Fleet of Pirate ships. She is very cunning, brave and courageous.



SAYYIDA AL HURRA: Sayyida is a Moroccan Pirate. She is a very thoughtful pirate, who brings a bit of calm to her crew. She should not be underestimated though, as she is very clever. She sails the seven seas as the leader of her pirate crew. She fights for justice and her people. She is known as a 'Free Woman'



GRAINNE O'MALLEY: Grainne is an Irish Pirate that loves to set sail with her crew. She is a fierce warrior and Pirate Queen. She speaks many languages including Gaelic and Latin. Although she is very superstitious and is scared of quite a few things, Bananas for example.



JANE JELLY: Jane is a singing Jellyfish who loves to perform songs to anyone that will listen.



JASPER JELLY: Never underestimate a Jellyfish. Jasper is very political and has a lot to say about the Environment.



JOHN JELLY: Jon loves to sing along with his Jellyfish Barbershop Quartet. He loves to sing with his close friend Annette when he gets the chance.



JAIA JELLY: Despite her cute Jelly appearance, Jaia is a very serious Jellyfish. She is angry at the way our sea is treated and uses the power of rap to educate those around her on how to change their ways.



We understand that some people like to know exactly what to expect before they visit a show, so be aware that if you do read on there will be some spoilers.

If you are leaving us now, then we look forward to seeing you at the show!

Feel free to contact us at admin@sheproductions.co.uk for any further info.

IT IS TIME FOR THE SHOW TO BEGIN!



We begin our tale with 10 year old Sammy who has just moved to the area from down south. Her best friend is her Grandma and she is sad to have left her. She is sitting in her garage writing a letter to her Gran about everything that has happened so far and remembering her telling her about Christmas Island. She begins to imagine her garage is a pirate ship and sets sail, disguising herself as Mary Read. The song 'Christmas Island' is sung by all our Characters.



Sammy reintroduces herself as Mary Read and raps about her life, she asks the audience to be her crew and to name the ship together.

A huge storm appears and Sammy suddenly loses control of the ship, she becomes overwhelmed by her feelings. She calls out for help and our three famous Pirates appear, Grainne O'Malley, Ching Shih and Sayyida Al Hurra. They calm the storm and make sure the ship is back in order. Surprised to see each other and all claiming to be the true Captain of the Ship, they raise their swords ready to attack. Sammy stops them and asks for their help to sail to Christmas Island to find the perfect present for her Grannie. She tells them she is anxious about not being a good Captain, so they offer to help and sing 'How to be a pirate', which tells the tales of how they became Pirate Queens.



All of the Pirates set off for Christmas Island. After a long Journey, filled with fun, they reach the spot in the sea where the Island should be but there is nothing there. The Java Jellies (Jelly Fish) appear and tell the tale of how the Island sank. They sing to the pirates about how the Island was left filled with rubbish, bottles and plastic straws and so Mother Sea decided to swallow the Island up. Sammy realises, 'If We Don't Treasure The World, There Will Be No Treasure to Find'. The Pirates are sad that they no longer have a mission, they look for a new one. Sammy tells them they can't leave or things will never get better. The pirates realise that they have a new mission to save Christmas Island, so they tell Sammy that she must leave them and go back home to spread the message of what they have all seen.

Ching Shih encourages Sammy to stop pretending to be Mary Read, so she reveals all to the pirates. They all encourage Sammy to be herself and to Captain her ship back home. They celebrate being amazing pirates by singing 'Go Go Girl Pirates'

The End.

Thank you for joining our adventure!

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