



# The CHRISTMAS TOY SHOP MYSTERY



**RELAXED PERFORMANCE**

Pre-Show Information

Thursday 22nd Dec, 2:30pm

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Derby City Council

It makes us incredibly happy that you want to see **The Christmas Toy Shop Mystery** with the **Babbling Vagabonds**. More information on what to expect when you visit us is provided in this booklet. We trust that we have covered most things, however if there is anything more you need to know, call us at **01332 255800** or send us an email on [boxoffice@derby.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@derby.gov.uk)

Visitors who prefer a more laid-back performing environment can attend relaxed performances. This could be anyone who finds it difficult to sit still for extended periods of time or who dislikes sudden, loud noises or flashing lights. Therefore, this programme is ideal for families with young children as well as for kids and adults with disabilities like autism or ADHD.

If you need to get up and leave the room for a while or make a little noise, nobody will mind. Although the venue doors will be closed, the Front of House staff will be on hand to let you in and out as needed. There will be a cabin available if you need to leave the auditorium at any time.

There will be some adjustments to the show so that there are fewer bangs and flashes and that the lighting remains dim enough to prevent total darkness. What matters is that this presentation was created with you in mind!

All of us at Derby LIVE want you to have a great time and not feel obligated to keep quiet or remain still.

## **CAR PARKS AND THE VENUE**

The nearest car parks are Assembly rooms and Chapel Street. The venue has a ramp facility to give access to those who need this. The Market Place has a selection of places to eat with benched seating. The auditorium is where the audience will sit to watch **The Christmas Toy Shop Mystery**. There is one level and has wheelchair access. You will have some time to find your seat before the show starts, there will be lots of Front of House staff around to help you. You can take in any electronic devices that you may need. You can also take drinks in, if they are in paper or plastic cups.

## **THE PERFORMANCE**

The relaxed performance lasts around 60 minutes with an interval. You are welcome to get up out of your seat if you need to move around. You can leave the auditorium at any time and come back in when you are ready. A small selection of fidget toys will be available but must be returned after use.

Should you wish to visit the venue prior to the performance please email [boxoffice@derby.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@derby.gov.uk) to make an appointment.

## **THE STORY**

A meddling mystery is materialising in the old Toy Shop. Parcels keep popping up out of place and presents disappearing, what in the name of Father Christmas is going on?

When her baby brother's beloved toy bear disappears into the mysterious Christmas Toy Shop, Lucy has no choice but to dust off her deerstalker hat, grab her mini magnifying glass and follow it. However, on the other side of the door is a wild turkey chase of epic proportions. Join Lucy as she tries to unravel the mysteries, fish out the red herrings and find the clues so she can retrieve her bothersome brother's beloved bear.

## **AFTER THE SHOW**

When the performance has finished you can leave the auditorium when you are ready. It will be busy as everyone will be leaving at the same time. There will be Front of House staff waiting at the exits to show you where to go and answer any of your questions.

## THE CAST & CHARACTERS



**Tara Saunders**

Betty, puppeteer and joint Artistic Director of Babbling Vagabonds



**Emily Vinnicombe**

Plays Lucy in the performance



**Phil Coggins**

Burt and other characters. Phil is also the founder of Babbling Vagabonds