



# THE WINTER'S TALE

**Visual Story**

# Characters

**Old Shepherd**

**Emilia**

**Camillo**

**Hermione**

**Autolycus**

**Leontes**

**Perdita**

**Florizel**

**Young Shepherd**

**Polixenes**

**Paulina**

**Antigonus**

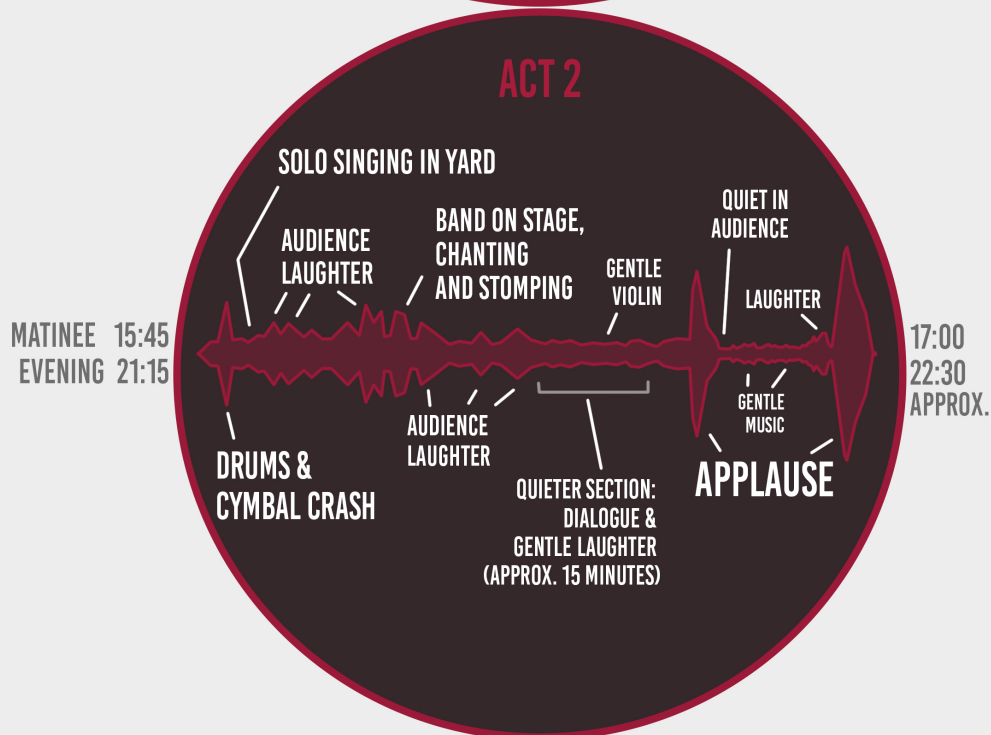
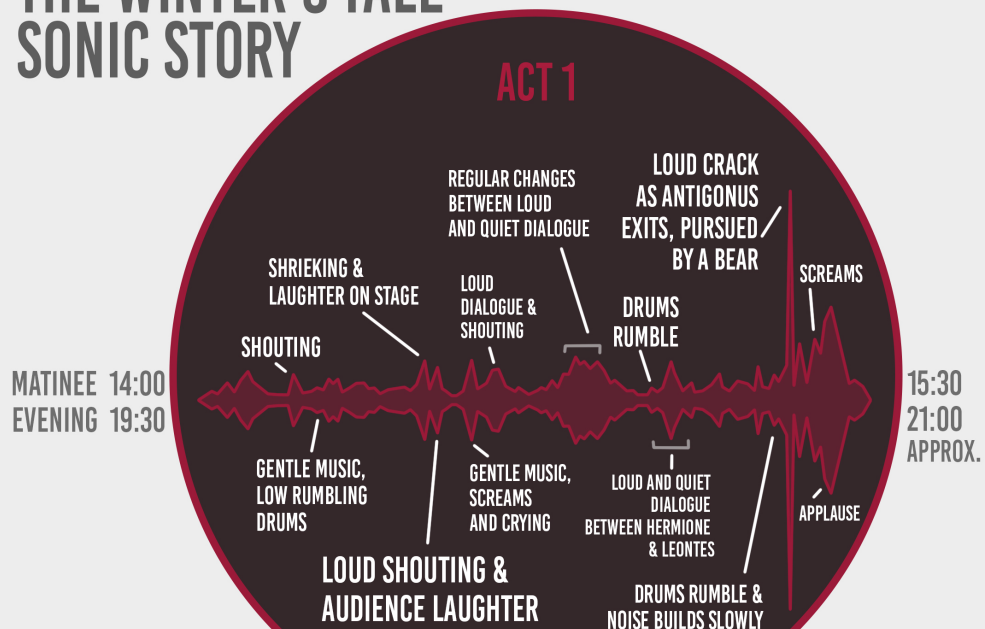
**Mamillius**

**Time**

# Show Notes

- There is music and dancing throughout the show.
- The stage has a large frame on it. The frame drops down onto the stage.
- Early in the play, there is a loud scream.
- A trolley comes through the Yard during the show.
- Aeroplanes may (but may not) fly overhead.

# THE WINTER'S TALE SONIC STORY



# The Play

Polixenes is the King of Bohemia. His friend, Leontes, is the King of Sicilia. Leontes is married to Hermione.

Polixenes has spent nine months visiting Leontes and Hermione. Hermione wants him to stay longer.

Leontes is jealous that Hermione likes Polixenes so much. He suspects that they have had an affair.



Leontes

Leontes decides to poison Polixenes. The servant Camillo seems to agree to the plan, but secretly warns Polixenes. Together, they escape Sicilia and go to Bohemia.

Leontes accuses Hermione of adultery. She says she has done nothing wrong. Leontes sends her to prison.

He sends two messengers to the oracle to provide proof that Hermione has been unfaithful.

In prison, Hermione has a baby girl. Leontes orders that Paulina's husband, Antigonus, take the baby to a remote place and leave its survival to chance.



**Hermione and Polixenes**

The two messengers bring word from the oracle. The oracle has said that Hermione is innocent. Leontes does not believe this either. At that moment, people come to tell Leontes that his son, Mamillius is dead. Hermione collapses from the shock. She is carried away.

Paulina returns to tell Leontes that Hermione is also dead.

Antigonus arrives in Bohemia. He leaves the baby with gold in a remote place. Before he can go home he is eaten by a bear. Two shepherds find the child and the old shepherd adopts her.



Old Shepherd and the Clown



Camillo

16 years pass.

Perdita has grown up. She is the same age as Prince Florizel. He is the son of Polixenes.

Polixenes wonders why Florizel spends so much time in the company of an old shepherd. He asks Camillo to help him find out what Florizel is up to. They arrive in disguise at a sheepshearing festival. Florizel is at the festival pretending to be a shepherd. He calls himself Doricles.



Paulina

Florizel invites the disguised Polixenes to his wedding. Polixenes is angry that he was not told about Perdita. Florizel runs away with Perdita to Sicilia.

To escape punishment for treason, the old shepherd presents proof of Perdita's origins to Polixenes.

The story returns to Sicilia. Paulina has spent the years reminding Leontes of what a good person Hermione was. Leontes welcomes Florizel and Perdita. The prince explains that they are married and that Perdita is a princess. Leontes undertakes to try and make Polixenes happy about the marriage. News comes from the old shepherd: Perdita is revealed as Leontes' long-lost daughter and Polixenes consents to her engagement to Florizel. The royal party withdraws to Paulina's house to admire a wonderfully lifelike statue of Hermione.

The statue comes to life. Hermione, Leontes and Perdita are reunited.



Perdita and Florizel