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A Visual Story

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HENRY V

**SHAKESPEARE'S
GLOBE**



A production by Shakespeare's Globe and Headlong, with
Leeds Playhouse and Royal & Derngate, Northampton.

The Cast



**Joséphine
Callies**
KATHERINE /
BOY



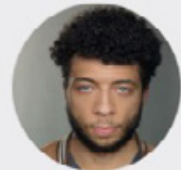
**James
Cooney**
THOMAS /
ORLEANS /
GOWER



**Georgia
Frost**
NYM /
MICHAEL
WILLIAMS /
RAMBURES



Jon Furlong
BARDOLPH /
JOHN BATES /
CONSTABLE
OF FRANCE



**Joshua
Griffin**
JOHN /
FLUELLEN



**Eleanor
Henderson**
QUEEN OF
FRANCE /
PRINCE LOUIS
/
AMBASSADOR
1 / LE FER



**Oliver
Johnstone**
HENRY V



**Geoffrey
Lumb**
KING OF
FRANCE /
ERPINGHAM /
GOVERNOR OF
HARFLEUR /
AMBASSADOR
2



**Helena
Lymbery**
HENRY IV /
EXETER



**Dharmesh
Patel**
SCROOP /
PISTOL /
MONTJOY /
OFFICER

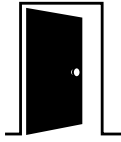
Show Notes



Relaxed Performance

Relaxed performances will be:

- Wednesday 14th December at 2pm
- Saturday 28th January at 2pm



This will mean:



- An open-door policy: you can come and go.
- There are ear defenders available in different sizes to borrow from the Welcome Desk in the main foyer.
- Option to book seats with less people on the row.
- A Quiet Space is available in the 'Bull Ring' - below the Welcome Desk.
- We have worked to reduce sudden noises and other sensory elements. This means some of the trigger warnings in 'The story' section have been reduced.

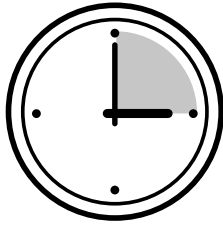


Content and Trigger Warnings

The production includes:

- Graphic violence
- Coercive behaviour
- Sexual Assault
- Strong Language, including descriptions of infanticide and sexual violence
- Actors entering and exiting through The Pit

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Times

The running time is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

This includes a 20 minute interval.



Music and sound

Check out our sonic story for full information.

String and woodwind instruments are used, these include Bassoon, Nyckelharpa, Cello, and Bass Viol.

Max, the Composer, says:

"There are four musicians who play music. Sometimes it is beautiful and makes us think of England and the King.

Sometimes it buzzes like bees and makes us feel nervous or scared about what is happening. And sometimes the music shows that there is a battle happening.

At the end the musicians play "God save the King" but it sounds like it has gone wrong, because Henry wanted to be a good King but has made a lot of mistakes."



Lighting

6 chandeliers hang over the stage.

Electric lights are used to add contrast.

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Design

The idea for Henry V design is the dark history between climate and empire.

Set

The stage design is minimalistic. The stage floor and sides are a solid green colour, the idea is to represent rolling green lawns of England.

An elegant curtain, in the same green, covers the back wall for the first 2 acts. It's like a ship's sail.

As war is declared, the curtain is hoisted up to reveal a rusty mirrored wall, it looks like a fortress



Costume

Modern outfits are worn. Some outfits are gender non-conforming

Different layers of clothes are worn to show different characters and states of mind.



Find out more about Henry V:



We have lots of resources, blogs, and events around the show.

Find out more on our website:

<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/whats-on/henry-v-2022/>

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Prologue

King Henry 4th is dying. Henry 5th takes the crown.

⚠ Singing: God save the King

Act 1:

Scene 1, London

Henry demands to know if he has a right to be the King of France.

The King of France's son has sent Henry tennis balls. This is because they think he is too young and immature to be King.



Scene 2, Pub

Bardolph, Nym, Pistol and the boy are preparing to go to France to fight. There is conflict between Nym and Pistol. Bardolph tried to help them resolve it.



Scene 3, Southampton

Henry learns that Scroop has betrayed him and promised to help France kill Henry.

Henry kills Scroop.

⚠ Death by strangulation

Act 2:

Scene 1, Paris

King Charles is preparing for the English invasion. The Dauphin doesn't believe there's any danger, but

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his father reminds him of France's past defeats at the hands of the English.

Exeter advises King of France to give up the crown. King of France refuses and chooses war.

We invite the audience to imagine the start of the war. England and France are now in a war.



Scene 2, "Once more unto the Breach"

Alone, Henry urges his troops and himself into battle.

▲ Tense string music, loud fighting and shouting.



Scene 3, Harfleur

Henry pushes the Governor to surrender the town, he does. Henry orders Exeter to 'use mercy'.

Scene 4, Paris

The French talk about Henry and his army's progress. The French King orders his men to keep fighting, demanding them to take 'Harry England' prisoner.



Scene 5, River Somme

Gower and Fluellen are discussing the progress of the English Army.

Pistol and Nym enter with news that Bardolph is to be hanged for stealing. They plead for his life to be saved.

▲ Use of violent language and fighting.

King Henry arrives with his men. He shows no reaction to the news of the hanging of his old friend Bardolph.

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Montjoy, the French herald, enters with threats from King Charles. Henry sends him back with the message that they will fight on.

Henry orders Bardolph to be hung.

⚠ Bardolph is hung on the maypole.



⏸ Interval is 20 minutes

All the soldiers sit facing the audience, it is the night before the battle. They are dreading it.

Act 3:

Scene 1, The French camp

The French tensely anticipate the next morning, they mock Henry's army.



Scene 2, English Camp

Henry enters the camp in disguise.

Williams insults Henry. Henry tells him that they will fight after the battle, so they swap gloves to find each other again.



Scene 3, Battlefield

During the battle, Pistol captures a French soldier and demands money. The Boy translates.

Scene 4, The English Camp

The English are winning. Henry kills Louis.

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Henry plays a joke on Williams by giving his glove to Fluellen and says it belongs to a traitor.

Henry reveals that he was the man in disguise who Williams promised to hit. Henry mocks Williams and asks him and Fluellen to be friends.

The French have lost many men, including nobles. The English haven't lost as many. The English win.

⚠ Shouting

Act 4:

Scene 1, Calais

Fluellen and Gower beat Pistol.



Scene 2, Paris

The French and English discuss the peace treaty.

Henry plans to marry Katherine and is named the French King's son and heir to the throne of France.

⚠ A non-consensual kiss.

Katherine desperately tries to learn English with her mother.



The Ending

An immigration official tests Katherine.

James enters with a Hoover.

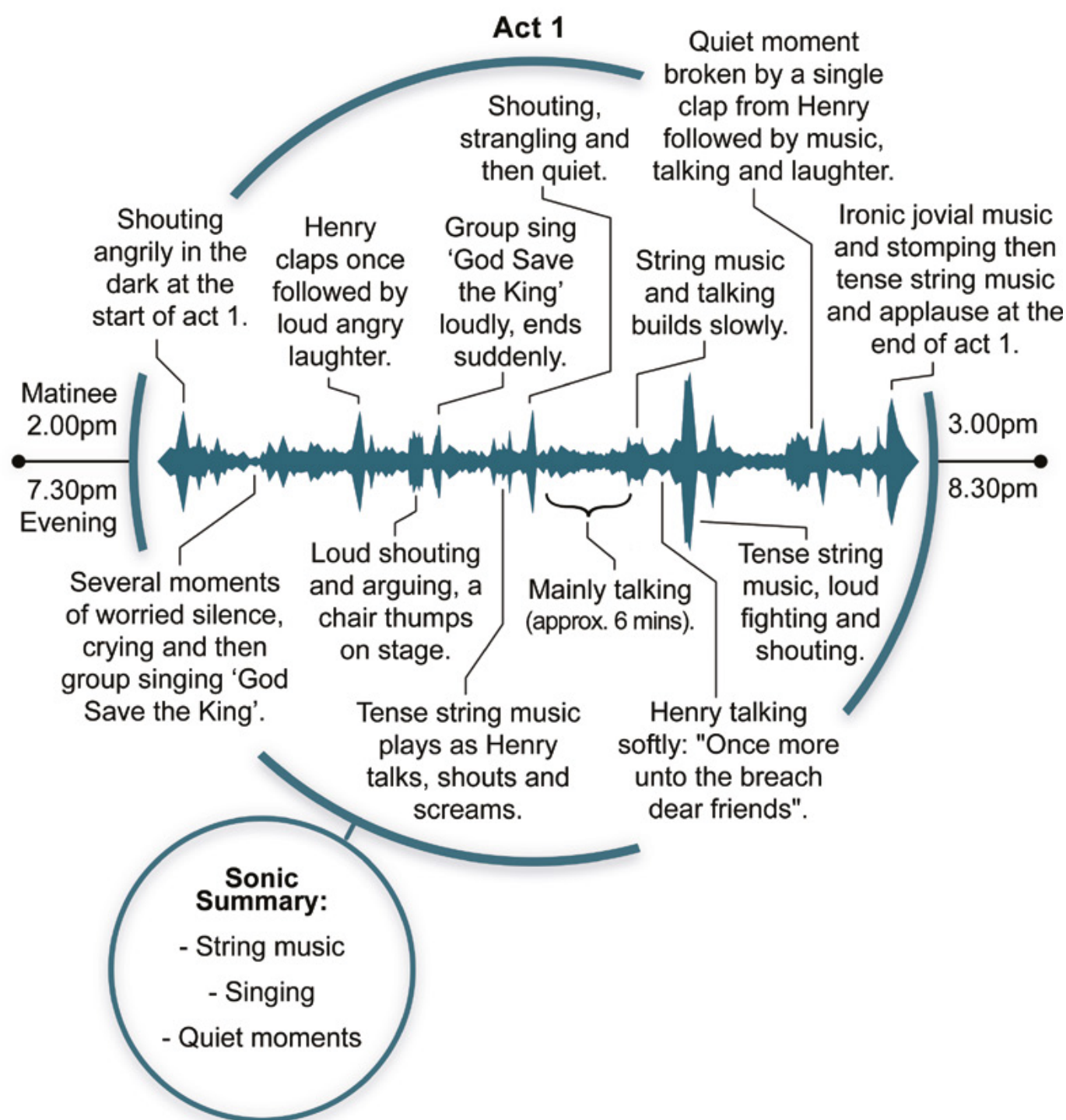
"That's the end of the show."



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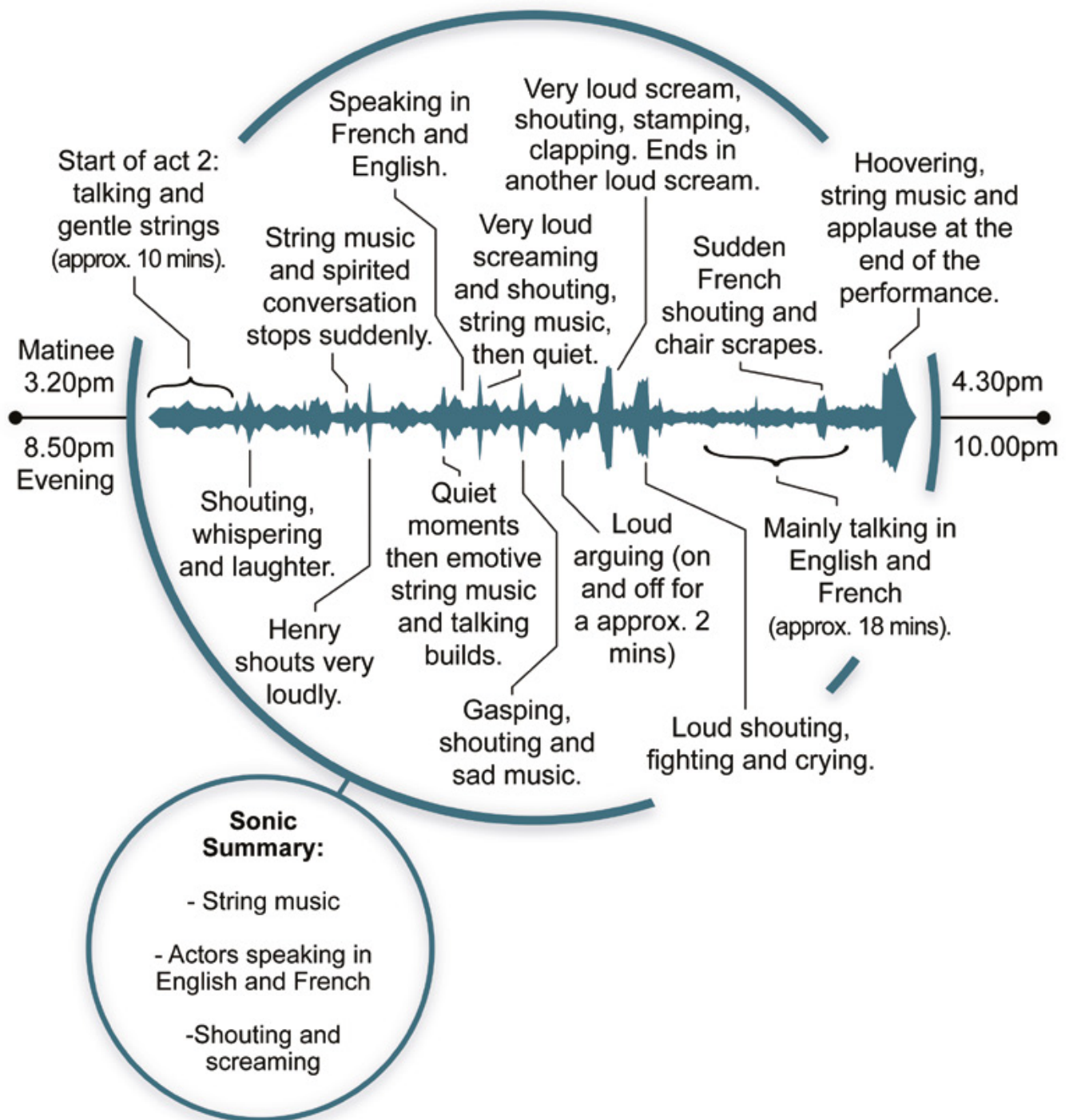
This 'Sonic Story' provides information about what to expect from the music and sounds of Henry V.

It shows the volume changes throughout the performance and highlights loud and quiet moments and moments when the sound changes suddenly.



(Times are all approximate)

Act 2



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Sonic Story- Provided by Tourette's Hero

Further information



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