

A Visual Story
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**SHAKESPEARE'S
GLOBE**

HANSEL AND GRETEL



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Visual Story

This document will give you a detailed description of what to expect from Hansel and Gretel at Shakespeare's Globe.

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The Cast

This shows the cast in and out of costume. Some of the characters appear in multiple costumes throughout.



Mason Clarke-Whale



Ensemble



Ned Costello



Hansel



Lizzie Grace



Ensemble / Cover



Aaron McCallum Hepple



Ensemble / Cover



Harry Hepple



Dad / Swanny



Jenni Maitland



Narrator



Jamie-Rose Monk



Ensemble



Yasemin Özdemir



Gretel



Beverley Rudd



Mum / Witch



Marc Zayat



Ensemble

Show Notes



Relaxed Performance

A relaxed performance will take place on:
19 December 2024 at 5.30 pm
2 January 2025 at 2.30 pm



This will mean:

- An open-door policy: you can come and go as much as you want or need to.
- Quiet Space in the 'Bull Ring', on the level below the entrance.
- A culture of acceptance and respect for however you want to experience the show.
- Movement and noise are welcome should you need or want to.
- Pre-show information packs are available online and at the welcome desk.

The content of the show is exactly the same.



Content and Trigger Warnings

The production includes themes of:

- Conflict
- War
- Grief

The performance uses inflatable props containing latex products, which will pass through the audience.

Show Notes



Times

The show is roughly 60 minutes long.

There is no interval.



Music and Sound

Check out our sonic story for full information.



Lighting

The lighting is the same throughout.

In the matinee performance the show will be lit by daylight.

Set

Puppets and masks are used in this performance.

You can see many of the costumes used throughout the performance in the pictures throughout the synopsis.

The set looks like this:



If you don't want to know the plot of the show, you can skip to page 14.

Hansel and Gretel – Synopsis

The show starts with the Narrator (dressed as a theatre steward) walking through the audience, ringing a loud bell and walking through the audience. Everyone sings a song and then the Narrator decides which fairytale to read. She chooses Hansel and Gretel.



The Narrator introduces Hansel, Gretel, and their Mother and Father. They are living in a difficult situation; their house is broken and they don't have enough food. Their land is at war. The Cockroach, the Mouse, and the Worm come on stage to sing a song with the characters.

Hansel and Gretel argue over who has the top bunk and who has the bottom bunk in the bed. They overhear their Mother and Father talking about how they need to run away as a family to escape. At night, Hansel steals a loaf of bread.

Hansel and Gretel - Synopsis



The next day they begin their long and difficult walk. There is a prop used to show the Moon which glows brightly. Eventually they make a tent and decide to rest. Once Hansel and Gretel fall asleep, their parents make the difficult choice - they have to leave Hansel and Gretel alone and go back to their hometown to fight in the war.

When Hansel and Gretel wake up, they are very scared and sing a song together. Hansel reveals that he dropped breadcrumbs along their route so that they can follow the path back by following the breadcrumbs. Unfortunately, birds have eaten many of the crumbs, so they begin to panic.



Hansel and Gretel - Synopsis

Some foxes appear and tempt Hansel and Gretel towards a place where everything is made of sugar and sweets. They can't believe what they've found; where they come from, sugar is very rare. The Witch comes on stage with some other witches wearing scary masks; this is her house and they sing a song all about how much they love sugar and sweets! A confetti cannon is launched into the audience at the end of the song.



The Witch invites Hansel and Gretel to stay with her and enjoy the sweets, but she has an evil plan. She will imprison them and will force Hansel to eat lots, and will force Gretel to do lots of housework in order to lose weight, and she plans to sell them. Suddenly a cage is revealed where Hansel will be held, filled with skeletons!

Hansel and Gretel live in this miserable situation for four weeks. The Witch makes Hansel hold out his finger to see if he's gained weight, but Hansel tricks her by holding out thin things like twigs or pens to make her think he hasn't gained any weight.

The Witch tells Gretel to start a boiling pot - she plans to boil Hansel! But Gretel rescues them by pushing the Witch into the boiling water (don't worry, the actor is safe). Hansel and Gretel steal a silver spoon, a knife, and two chocolate coins, and escape.



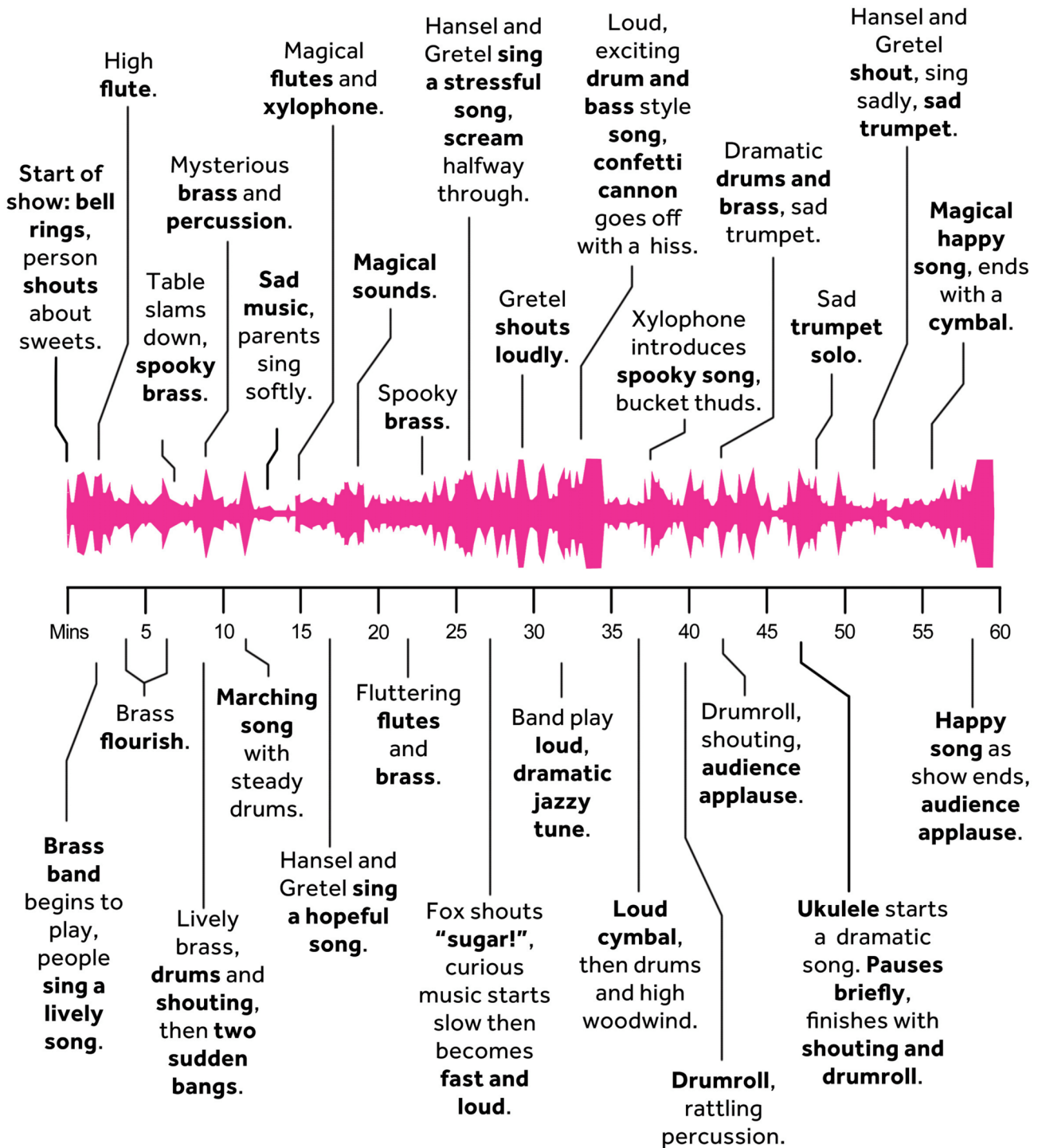
Once they escape, they try to find their way. They get lost, but Swanny arrives on a blow-up swan through the audience. They pay him a chocolate coin each and use the boat to escape. The route is scary and harsh, but eventually they find their Mother. She tells them that their Father went off to fight in the war and she has not heard from him. They are all very upset.

They sing a song to remember their Father - but then he comes back! He is very battered and beaten but still alive. The Narrator and all the characters sing a song about snow.

The show ends and the actors all do a jig. The audience will applaud. Latex balloons are thrown into the audience at the end, but you don't need to bounce it around if you don't want to.

HANSEL AND GRETEL

This graphic tells the 'Sonic Story' of **Hansel and Gretel**. It shows loud and quiet moments from the performance, and moments where the sound changes suddenly.



Sonic story provided by **TourettesHero**

Further information



Contact Details

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