

A Visual Story
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**SHAKESPEARE'S
GLOBE**



**DEEP
AZURE**
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Contents



Visual Story

This document will give you a detailed description of what to expect from Deep Azure in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse at Shakespeare's Globe.

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The Cast

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



Aaron Alexander



Singer / Ensemble



Ryn Alleyne



Ensemble / Cover



Maxwell Chartey



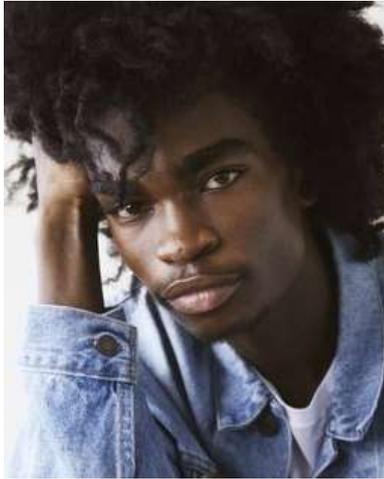
Ensemble / Cover



Elijah Cook



Tone



Jayden Elijah



Deep



Aminita Francis



SK Good



Nadine Rose Johnson

Beatboxer / Ensemble



Selina Jones



Azure



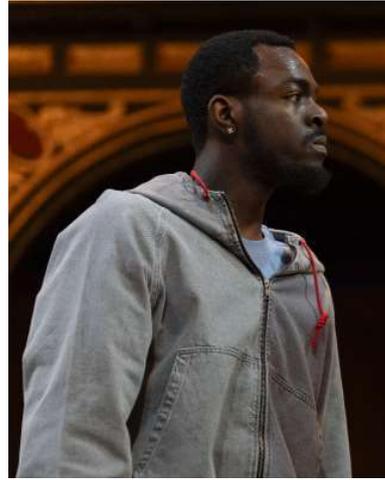
Khalil Madovi



Singer / Ensemble



Justice Ritchie



Roshad



Khai Shaw

Beatboxer / Ensemble



Imani Yahshua



SK Evil

Show Notes



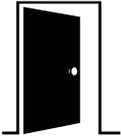
Relaxed Performance

A relaxed performance will take place on:

Wednesday 4 March at 7.30 pm

and

Saturday 21 March at 2.00 pm



This will mean:



- An open-door policy: you can come and go as much as you want or need to.
- 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.
- A Quiet Space in the Upper Foyer.

The content of the show is exactly the same.

Content Notes

The play contains the use of racist and offensive language and references to violence, racism, police brutality, and eating disorders.

Deep Azure explores themes of grief, loss, and injustice. There is a [dedicated support page](#) available by scanning the QR code in the theatre on your arrival or you can ask a staff member or steward.

See the detailed synopsis and sonic story to know when to expect any loud or unexpected moments.

Show Notes



Times

The show is roughly 2 hours and 50 minutes long.

This includes a 20 minute interval.



Music and Sound

The sonic story gives details on the music and sound throughout the show.

You are welcome to wear your own audio mufflers or borrow some from us.

Lighting

The Sam Wanamaker Playhouse is lit with candlelight.

The candles move up and down throughout the show, meaning that sometimes the show will be darker or lighter.

However, there are no pitch-black moments in the whole show.

Set and props

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.

Deep Azure - Synopsis

The play opens with Street Knowledge of Good and Evil, a pair of spiritual guides who tell us the story of Joshua Smith, nicknamed 'Deep'. They describe the night Deep, a peaceful student who after recently graduating from 'Mecca' University was pursuing a life and career in the church, was shot and killed by an unmarked police officer, Lawrence Smith (no relation) who stops and searches him.

One of Deep's best friends, Roshad, joins a protest against police brutality. He meets his roommate Tone, Deep's other best friend, and they watch news reports of the protests sparked by the killing. Tone recalls Deep's vision to serve and support his community, while Roshad's sorrow makes him want to rise up against the system and take revenge.

Azure, who has been staying with Tone and Roshad since Deep's death, shouts and thrashes as she awakens from a nightmare, accidentally hitting Tone. Azure struggles with disordered eating, which includes bulimia; her vomiting is heard from off stage, but not seen.



The Tempest - Synopsis

There is an unexpected moment when Tone and Azure as a conversation leads to them kissing. When Roshad returns, he and Tone share a Rasputin brand ale and Roshad tells the story of Grigori Rasputin to Tone. Deep's ghost appears to Roshad. Deep tries to tell Roshad that he has joy in the afterlife and to let events take their course but Deep's kindness fuels Roshad's thirst for vigilante justice, wanting to kill Officer Smith who killed Deep.

Azure meets Deep's mother at the courthouse ahead of the inditement hearing for Officer Lawrence Smith, and they share a tender moment discussing their love for Deep. Azure shares the story of her 21st birthday, where Deep surprised her by decorating the university theatre, where they spent the night together. Tone, Roshad, Azure and Deep's mother gather to hear the inditement verdict. A juror enters and delivers the verdict that Deep's death was an accident and Officer Smith is cleared. Deep's mother, Roshad and Tone leave the stage distraught. Azure breaks down, and slowly leaves in despair.

END OF ACT 1



ACT 2

Act 2 opens with a HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) half time show.

Azure reads a story from Deep's diary about a caterpillar turning into a butterfly, which he wrote for children they may have in their future. Azure's HBCU uniform is removed to reveal a butterfly costume and she performs a dance. Azure is now fasting and only intaking water and she talks about taking her own life in this scene. In a hunger induced trance, Azure walks to the place of Deep's death. There, Street Knowledge of Good and Evil present a vision of how Deep was killed and give Azure a number connected to another person who was complicit in Deep's death. Torches are pointed into the audience at this time.

Roshad reveals to Tone that he has sold his possessions in order to buy a gun to kill Officer Smith. The gun is shown on stage. Roshad persuades Tone that they should find and kill Officer Smith together, and they leave as a pair.



The Tempest - Synopsis

Azure collapses and is picked up by a police officer; initially they have friendly conversation, but he then reveals himself as Officer Smith having returned to the scene of Deep's death in guilt. When she realises who he is, and reveals that she knows there was another person involved in Deep's death, he grabs her and threatens her life, warning her to stop investigating the circumstances of that night. She escapes the Officer's car and returns to the apartment.

Roshad and Tone return, both carrying guns. Roshad is covered in the Officer's blood and Tone demands he change clothes so Azure does not realise that they have killed Officer Smith. Azure realizes that the numbers from her vision match Tone's own Fugitive Recovery Officer badge number.

In the final moments, it is revealed that Tone, who was in love with Azure, asked Officer Smith to follow Deep to try and prove that Deep was cheating on Azure. This led to Officer Smith tailing, searching and ultimately killing Deep. The play ends in a high-stakes standoff as Roshad and Tone draw guns on one another, and Roshad shoots Tone.

The noise of the gunshots is shouted by a performer, rather than a mechanical gunshot sound.



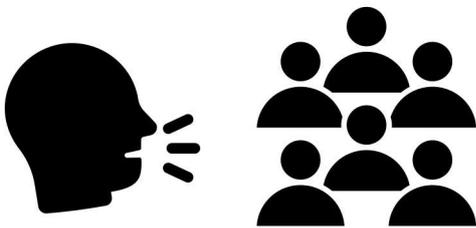
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SONIC STORY

Below is some information about the **music** and **sounds** in Deep Azure.



There is lots of **singing, rapping and beatboxing** during the show.



Sometime the characters **speak and sing from the audience**, sometimes they are **on stage** or on **the balcony** above the stage.



There are pretend guns in the show but there are **no loud gunshots**.

There are moments when **characters shout 'pow'** when the pretend guns are fired.

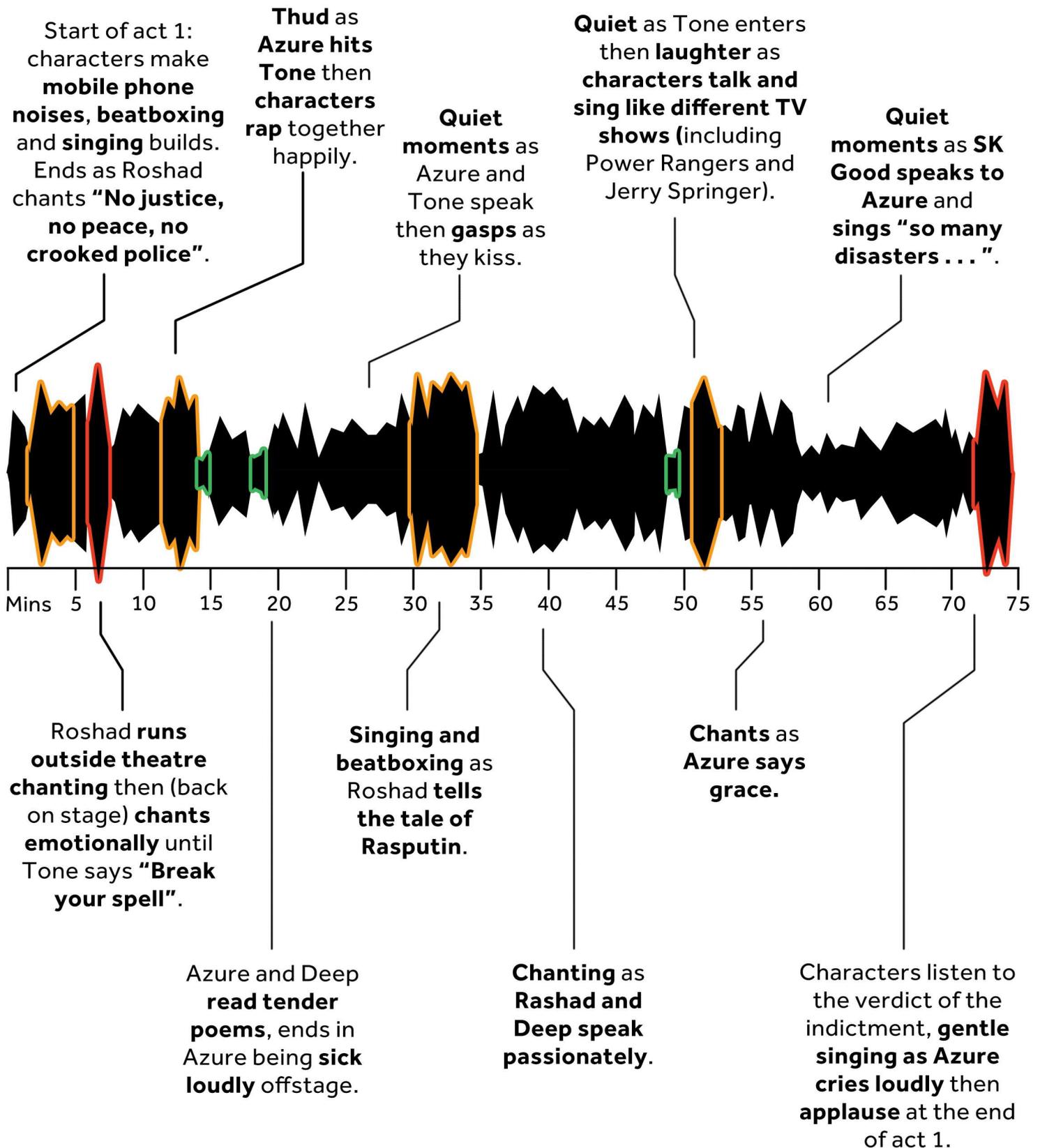


The next two pages show the **'Sonic Story' of Deep Azure**. This highlights **loud and quiet moments** from the performance, and moments where **the sound changes suddenly**.

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SONIC STORY

ACT 1

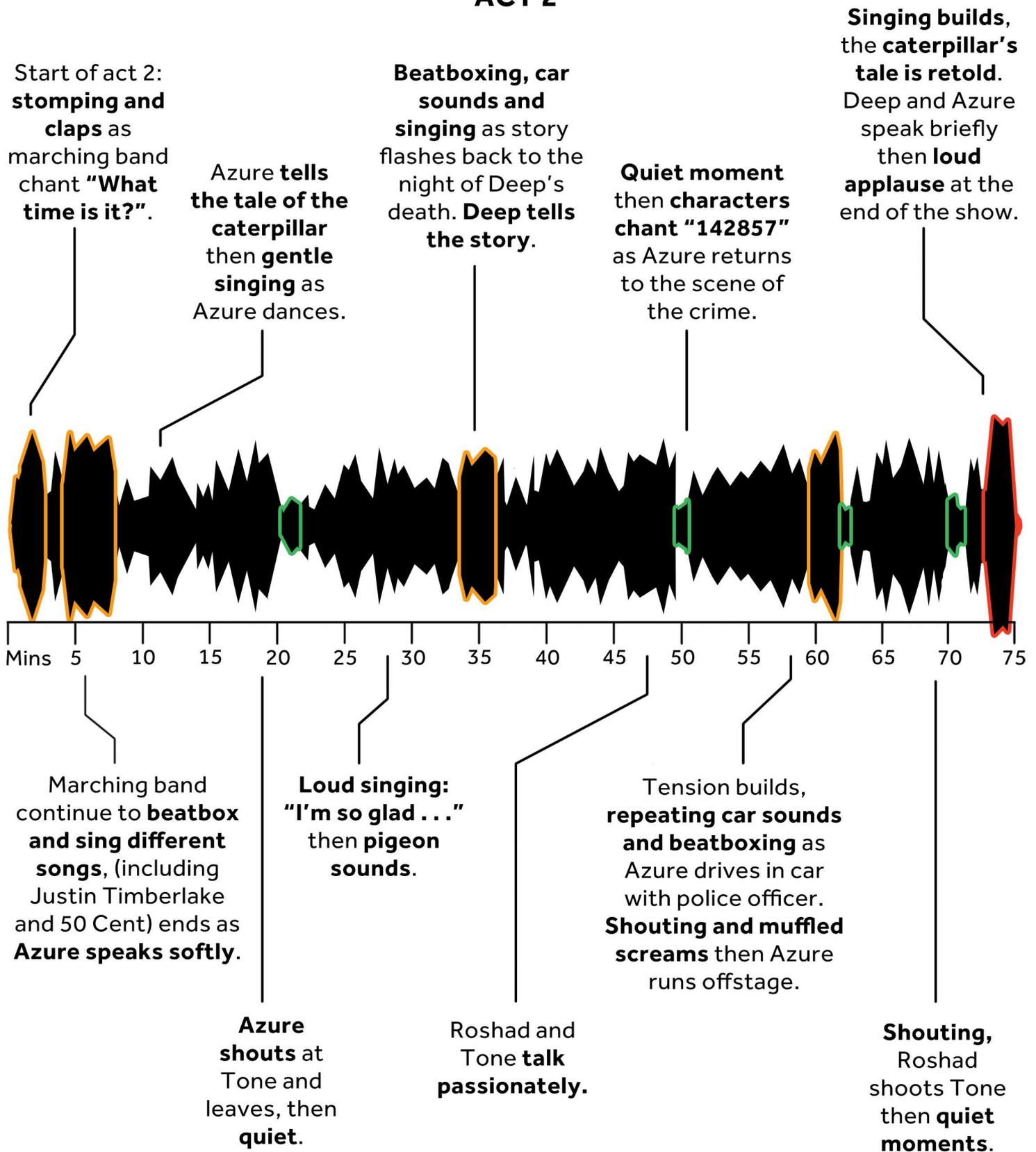


- VERY LOUD
- LOUD
- QUIET

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SONIC STORY

ACT 2



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Further information



Contact Details

Should you require more information or wish to discuss your access requirements please contact the Access team on access@shakespearesglobe.com or 020 7401 9919.



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