



PENGUINS

🐟 VISUAL STORYBOARD 🐟



BIRMINGHAM
REPERTORY
THEATRE

Getting to the theatre:

The entrance to The REP is through Centenary Square.



There are many ways to come in to the building, but our front doors look like this:



Foyer

Our foyer can be quite busy when people come to see a play. The toilets and the café are all in the foyer. You can also pick your tickets up from our Box Office.

Chill out space

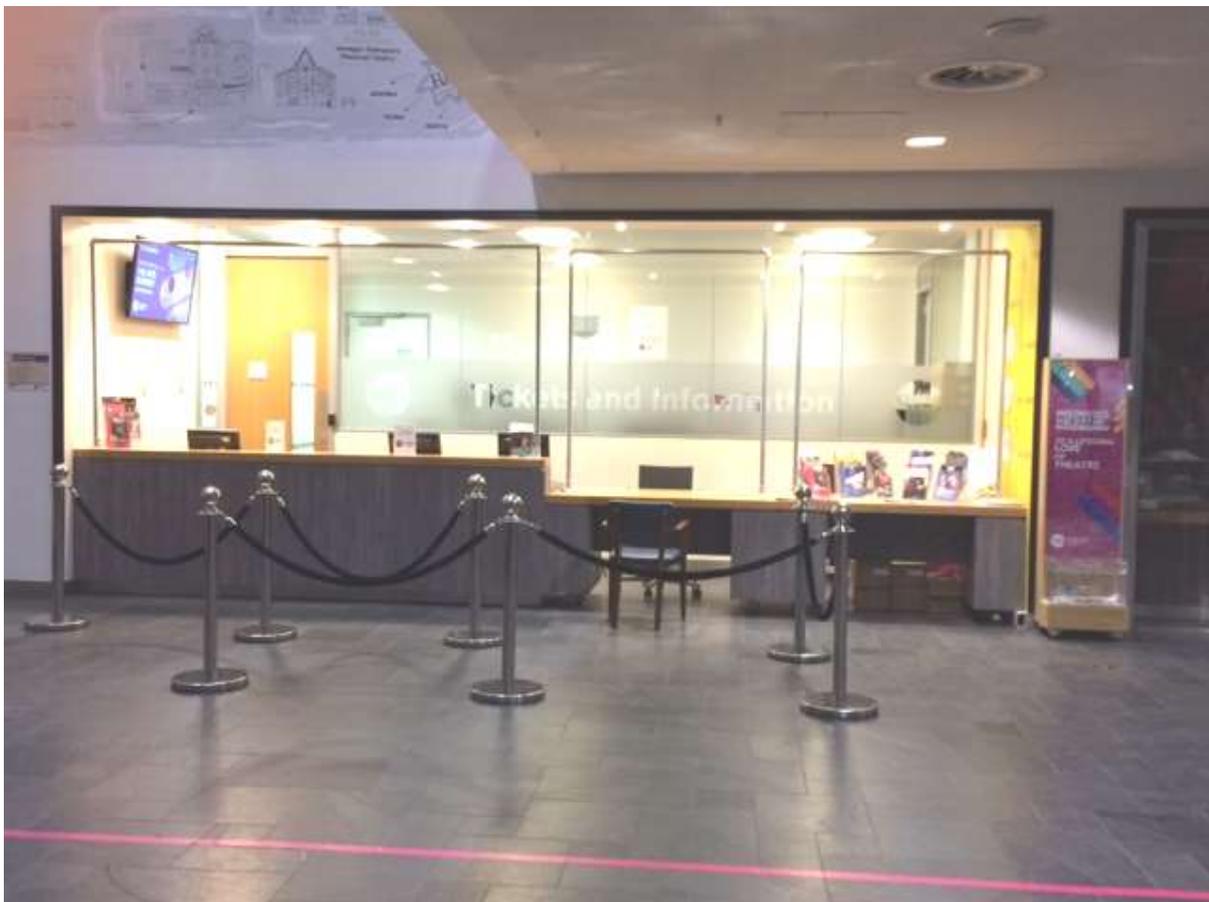
If you need somewhere quiet at any time you can come back out of the theatre into our chill out space. Look for this sign:

Relax



This is our Foyer:

This is where you will come and collect your tickets for the show.



This is the stage - The DOOR:

For different plays, designers add pieces of set to make it look different.



This is where the audience sit:

You will have a ticket with a seat number on; this will tell you which seat to sit on.



This is what the set of Penguins looks like:



These are ushers:

You can recognise the ushers by their black shirts with a red REP logo on it. The ushers are there to help you. If you feel tired, or need to exit please ask an usher. They can also show you where the toilets are. Ushers are good people to go to if you feel worried about anything in the show.



Show Notes:

- *Penguins* is a devised dance show for children.
- The play is mainly performed through dance and movement.
- Dialogue is played when the Zoo is open and visitors arrive. This dialogue is in a variety of voices and languages, as people from all over the world like to visit the Zoo.
- The boxes on stage will flash at different times throughout the performance.
- The play has lots of illusions and magic, so expect objects to disappear and appear when you least expect them.
- At the beginning of the play the Little Girl/Zoo Keeper gets squirted by the elephant.
- When the penguins swim underwater you will see bubbles floating on the set.
- Headphones will be available for audio descriptions of the dance and to describe what is happening on stage.
- The performance will be 45 minutes long, without an interval.
- There will be an announcement made five minutes before the play starts to let you know it is time to sit down.
- There are lots of sound effects, including animal noises and music underscoring the piece. Hannah the Assistant Director of *Penguins* will give a

demonstration of all the loud noises before the show starts and tell you when to expect them in the show.

- The show will start at 50% lighting. This will then decrease later on in the show.
- At two points in the play the lights will go down to a blackout but it won't be for long and you will hear the voices of all the people at the Zoo visiting the animals.
- You are welcome to come and go from the auditorium as you please.
- If you need quiet, you may relax in the chill out area.
- The music can be loud at times throughout the play.

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Whilst creating the play we chose not to use the names of the characters that were penguins in the book or in the true story. However, for this exercise I have used these names so you can follow the story.

- We meet a **Little Girl** who cannot sleep so sneaks downstairs.
- In an old cabinet, she finds a zoo keepers coat and hat.
- She puts on the coat and hat and becomes a **Zoo Keeper**
- In one of the coat pockets she finds an egg, she listens to it and it makes a noise, there is something inside.
- She puts the egg safely back in her pocket.
- In the other drawers she finds items of clothing that she imagines into animals in a zoo.
- She finds a steak in her coat pocket and imagines a lion. She opens the bottom drawer and finds a scarf, it roars so she feeds him the steak.
- In the second drawer she finds a pair of grey gloves and imagines an elephant. She finds peanuts in her pocket and feeds them to him. The elephant squirts her.
- In the top drawer she finds a tie and imagines a penguin. She finds a fish in her top pocket and feeds him.
- The penguins squawk from within the drawer and the **Zoo Keeper Girl** watches the penguins in the drawer.
- We are then taken to Central Park Zoo in New York where the penguins live.
- Each Penguin has their own house. In each house we see a yellow and an orange tie; a yellow tie for a boy penguin and an orange tie for a girl penguin.
- However, there are two boxes that only have one tie and both are yellow.
- In the top house lives **Roy** and in the other house lives **Silo**.
- **Roy** wakes up and does his morning exercises. Whilst stretching his wings he accidentally falls on **Silo's** house and wakes him.
- **Silo** falls out of his house with a crash.
- Both of them do their exercises alone, clean by themselves and eat breakfast alone.
- They jump down onto the floor where the Zoo Visitors are watching them.
- At first they keep to themselves but then **Roy** bumps into **Silo**.

- **Roy** and **Silo** start to play and have fun together. They like each other very much.
- **Roy** and **Silo** are so happy they have met they decide to share a house.
- **Silo** falls asleep and **Roy** goes for a swim.
- The **Zoo Keeper** now finds two yellow ties from the drawer. She sees that **Roy** and **Silo** are together.
- Next day **Roy** and **Silo** wake up together. They exercise together, they clean together and they eat breakfast together.
- They come down to the viewing area and the Zoo Visitors see that **Roy** and **Silo** love each other.
- **Roy** and **Silo** decide to play a game of hide and seek. However, whilst they are playing they find eggs in the other penguin's houses.
- They listen to the eggs and they realise they are alive so put them back in the houses.
- Together they look in their own box and find they do not have an egg like the other penguins.
- This saddens **Roy** and **Silo**.
- Whilst they are sitting looking into the water they spot a rock. They dive into the water and together find the rock.
- They bring it back to their nest and look after it like the other penguins do with their eggs.
- The **Zoo Keeper** who has been watching the penguins sees that Roy and Silo are sitting on a rock instead of an egg.
- The **Zoo Keeper** remembers the egg she found in her coat. She takes the rock out of the drawer and replaces it with the egg.
- The **Zoo Keeper** watches the penguins in the drawer as the egg gets close to hatching.
- The **Zoo Keeper** then transforms and hatches from the egg to become **Tango** the baby penguin.
- **Roy** and **Silo** celebrate their new baby by teaching **Tango** to use her wings, flap her feet and teach her how to swim.
- They dive into the water shooting off in all directions as they swim together and celebrate as a family.
- In the morning **Roy**, **Silo** and **Tango** wake up in their house.
- They exercise together, clean together and eat breakfast together.
- When they get down into the viewing area, the visitors now see that **Roy** and **Silo** have a baby and are now a family.
- **Tango** decides to play a game of hide and seek.
- **Roy** and **Silo** look everywhere and finally find her on top of their house.
- They are exhausted from all the searching, so they join **Tango** on top of their house and fall asleep as a family.
- The End

The Characters:

Roy and Silo

Silo

Roy



Tango

This is Tango- she is Roy and Silo's baby



The Zoo Keeper



The Little Girl

