

## **A Guide for a performance of ‘Treasure Island’ at Lanternhouse, Cumbernauld Theatre.**

This guide is designed for the audience of ‘Treasure Island’. It contains information and images to help prepare you for your time seeing the show.

### **About The Play**

The play is being performed at a theatre called Lanternhouse. Lanternhouse is in a town called Cumbernauld. Lanternhouse looks like this from the outside.



At the theatre everyone will sit in their own seats. Your teacher or adult will show you which seat is yours. You are allowed to leave your seat at any time to use the toilet, or if you need some time out. You are allowed to use any fidget toys or support you would normally have to help you concentrate and listen to what is happening. The inside of the theatre looks like this.



On the stage there will be lights and a set to help tell the story. You will also hear lots of music. There are four actors that will tell the story, sometimes they will pretend to be many different characters.

When the stage lights up and the music starts, that's when the play has begun.

### **How long is the play?**

The play is about 90 minutes long. There will be a break in the middle for 15 minutes, this is called an interval.

## **After the Play Ends**

At the end of the performance, sometimes people like to clap to say thank you for the show. Some people find this quite loud and like to use headphones when this happens. It is ok to do whatever helps when things are a little noisy.



## **What is the play about?**

Our version of Treasure Island is a story within a story. This means you will first meet a boy called Robbie, who will then tell you the story of Treasure Island. It's a bit like someone reading you a story but acting it out. Sometimes bad things happen. But don't worry, remember it's just a story.

The play begins in the smallest room of the smallest house on the smallest street of Cumbernauld. Our hero, Robbie has had a bad day at school. He has locked himself in his bedroom and he wants to be left alone.

He tries to forget about what has happened by reading some of his favourite books, but it isn't working. But then, mysteriously, he finds amongst his books a story he has never read before. It is called Treasure Island – A story about Jim Hawkins, the Bravest Boy in the Whole Wide World.

As Robbie reads his imagination conjures up the world of the story around him and he imagines what it would be like to really be Jim Hawkins.

This is where Robbie becomes the character of Jim and starts to tell the story of Treasure Island.

Jim helps his mum run the Admiral Benbow Inn. They haven't had a visitor for months until a strange pirate called Billy Bones shows up. She demands a room and stays for weeks but never pays for what she owes for the lodging.

Billy dies and Jim takes her treasure map as payment. But pirates come looking for the map and burn the inn to the ground.

Jim feels guilty for taking the map and hiding from the pirates. He promises his mum he will find the treasure and that will pay to rebuild the inn.

Jim sets off and convinces a rich person named Squire Trelawney to buy a boat to go to Treasure Island.

Along the way Jim braves a storm at sea. He fights pirates and befriends castaways living on a desert island. He meets a parrot with a suspicious past and he follows the map to buried treasure.

And more than once, Jim's life is in danger. But Jim learns bravery isn't about always following rules; or doing whatever it takes to win. Bravery is about doing what you think is right even if you are scared.

Back in the bedroom in Cumbernauld, Robbie has stayed up almost all night reading the story, imagining it all happening in front of him. Robbie is amazed to learn that Jim can be brave even when he is scared. Robbie thinks perhaps that means he can be brave too and he opens the bedroom door, ready to face the day, filled with his newfound bravery.

## Who You Will See

Below are pictures of all the actors you will see on stage during Treasure Island. During the play they will play different characters.

Actor

Stephanie MacGaraidh



Actor

Harry Ward



Actor

Anthony O'Neil





Actor

Megan McGuire



### **What else might you need to know?**

- The storyteller will sometimes talk to the audience. You don't need to answer.
- There will be some loud noises in the play.
- There will be one gunshot noise, which will be loud.

### **Content warning:**

- Sometimes you will see the actors fighting, don't worry this is not real, they are pretending.
- In the story some of the characters are killed. This is not real, they are just pretending.
- In the story a building is set on fire, this is not real, and nobody gets hurt.