

The Importance of Being Earnest

Social Story



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You are going to see The Importance of Being Earnest.

The Importance of Being Earnest is a show that is happening at the Lyric Theatre Belfast.



The Importance of Being Earnest is a comedy written by Oscar Wilde.



The play is set in Victorian times, so the language will sound different to how we talk today. The show makes fun of Victorian manners, so it is very silly and fun.

You'll hear lots of laughing and clapping.



This is Algernon (Algy).



This is Jack (John).



This is Cecily.



This is Gwendolyn.



This is Lady Bracknell.



This is Merriman & Lane.



This is Rev Chausable.



This is Miss Prism.

There is some arguing between different characters, but it's all pretend and very silly. Everything works out for a happy ending.

The show uses a lot of video projections that move quickly with sound effects.



This is what the stage will look like.



Ear Defenders are available at the kiosk if you need them.

If you feel overwhelmed, you can go to the Café/Bar. This area is usually quiet while the show is on.



The Lyric team members might be there cleaning or setting up for later, but if you need anything they will be happy to help.

If you would like to return to the theatre, just ask a Lyric team member, and they will help you. You may be seated in a different seat than before.

Half way through the show there will be a break. For 20 minutes, the show stops, and the lights come back on. This is the best time to go out for a break, to use the bathroom, or to get something else to eat or drink.



When it is time for the show to start again, you will hear an announcement asking everyone to go back to their seats. This announcement will be repeated every couple of minutes and can be heard throughout the building.

When everyone has returned to their seats, the doors will once again be closed and the lights in the theatre will go dark again. The second part of the show will then start.

At the end of the performance people may clap, cheer, whistle, or stand up to applaud, while the actors gather on stage to bow. This is a way for the actors to thank the audience for coming and for the audience to thank the actors for doing a good job!



You don't have to clap or stand up if you don't want to.

When the actors all leave the stage and the lights in the theatre turn back on the show is over. The audience will then start to leave. It can be busy trying to leave the theatre at this time, so, if you want, you can wait until most other people have left, so you don't feel crowded.

You are welcome to sit in the Café Bar after the show, the Bar will remain open and serving drinks for 30 minutes after your performance ends.

Thank you so much for attending The Importance of Being Earnest. We hope you've had a wonderful time!

