



Mercury Theatre Colchester

Social Story

Welcome to Mercury Theatre Colchester.

This social story is designed for visitors to the Mercury Theatre who are seeing a show in our **Studio Theatre**.

This visual story contains photos and information about the Mercury Theatre to help you prepare for your visit.

Where is the play?

The play is being performed at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester. Here is a picture of the Mercury Theatre and its entrance.



When you enter the building you will be able to see our Ticket Sales desk. This is where you can collect your tickets. It can sometimes be busy at this desk, especially before a performance starts.



During the performance the foyer will be much quieter. There are sofas to sit on if you need to leave the Studio Theatre for some quiet time.



People who work at the Mercury Theatre wear black shirts, pink or blue ties and name badges, so that you can recognise them easily.

They are very friendly and will try to answer any questions you have. Here is a photo of one of our friendly members of staff.



Our toilets are located on either side of the Ticket Sales desk on the ground floor. We have blue signs all over the Theatre to help you find the nearest toilet.



Your ticket will tell you which seat you are sitting in during the performance.

You can get to your seat either by taking the stairs or the lift. The lift only takes 2 people at a time and is located opposite the accessible toilet. It looks like this.



And these are the buttons to press in the lift, to take you to each level of the Theatre. You will need Studio Door 1.



Our Bar is located on the first floor. There are seats here, which you can sit in before you go into the Studio Theatre to see the performance.

You enter the Studio Theatre by going through this door on Level 3.



This is what the new Studio Theatre looks like if you look out to it from the performance area. You will enter at the top and move down the stairs to your seats. Wheelchair spaces are at the top of the seating.



The Studio Theatre has up to 98 seats per performance. Performances tend to be smaller-scale and more intimate.

What happens during a show?

Some performances are split into two halves. In the middle of the performance there may be a break, called the interval which lasts around 20 minutes. During this time you can leave the auditorium if you would like to, or you can stay in your seat.

Every show is different, but you may find there are sights  and sounds  which may trigger people who are sensitive to particular stimuli.



Every show is different, but some of the sights and sounds you can expect to encounter are the Set, Costumes, Lighting, and Sound (recorded or live).

What happens at the end?

At the end of the performance, the audience clap their hands to show that they have enjoyed the performance.

You can clap your hands too, if you would like to. If the clapping is too loud you can cover your ears.

Contact Us

If you have any additional questions before your visit, please contact us:

Ticket sales and enquiries: 01206 573 948 (select option 1)

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We hope you enjoy your visit to the Mercury Theatre!