

FLIBBERTIGIBBET presents

THE FARMER AND THE CLOWN

Adapted from the book by Marla Frazee



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Hello! We are a theatre company called Flibbertigibbet.

We tell stories in theatres, schools and other places.

We are excited to share our play, The Farmer and The Clown with you.

ABOUT THE PLAY



Today you will be seeing a play, a story told on stage by actors.

We wanted to make this play about a beautiful picture book called *The Farmer and The Clown*.

The book has no words, so this play also has no words. The actors will use their faces and bodies to tell the story.

The play is about 50 minutes long, with no interval.

Before the play starts

When you arrive at the theatre, there are people at the front desk who can help you.

They can show you where the toilet is if you need it.



They will show you where to sit in the theatre to watch the play. If you need a quiet space they will show you where you can go.

We want you to feel comfortable and enjoy the play.



This means you can make noises if you need to, or wear headphones.

Who is in the Play

There are three characters in The Farmer and The Clown.



The Farmer

The Clown



The Musician



The Clown is also sometimes played by a puppet.

(And there are some chicken puppets too!)



There is music in the play to help us tell the story.

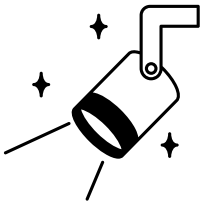
Some music you will hear from the speakers in the theatre.

Some music is played on stage by James, The Musician.

He has lots of different instruments to play. Some he strums, some he bangs and some he blows - sometimes at the same time!

But none of the sounds are too loud.





**There will be lights on the stage.
This will help you understand the time of day or
the different places in the story.**

**Where you are sitting may be a bit darker,
but it is never totally black.**

The Play

**The play tells the story of two characters who are very
different, but become friends. The Clown has fallen from a
circus train and the Farmer helps them.**





**The Clown is sometimes sad.
Their clown makeup is wiped off.
They miss home.**



But in the play, there is also lots of comedy.....



....and dancing....

...and love...



We hope you enjoy watching The Farmer and The Clown!