

Sounding Board: Live show access information

This document gives you information about what to expect from Sounding Board: Live, to help you enjoy it fully.

Accessibility Contact:

Please contact Elinor Bryant at elinor@mortalfools.org.uk or phone 07724 527 830 to discuss specific accessibility needs or requests. We provide free carer tickets on request.

Key Information:

Performance start times: 2pm, 4pm, 6pm

Running time: approx. 1 hour

Age guidance: Suitable for all ages

On Arrival:

- The performance space will open 10 minutes before the show start time. Please don't arrive earlier than this, as we need time to reset the space between performances.
- Mortal Fools staff in high-vis jackets will welcome and assist you.
- Programmes, scripts, wellbeing info, and a small number of fidget toys, ear plugs, and ear defenders will be available in the foyer.
- Free soft drinks will be available.

Audience Activities & Participation:

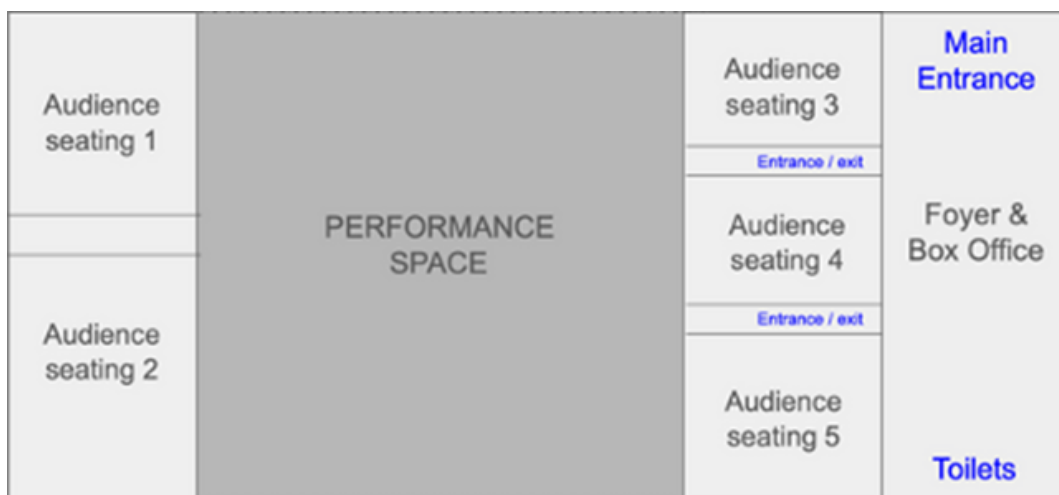
This event will be fun, welcoming and immersive and we encourage the audience to get involved as much as they feel comfortable.

When you arrive, you'll be invited to choose your seat, and then take part in some quick, creative activities, including writing, poster-making, and music-making. These activities will be available from arrival until approx. 10 minutes after the performance start time – at which point we'll clear the activities away and you'll be directed back to your seat.

If you don't want to take part, that's ok – just take your seat and watch. This is also a good opportunity to go to the toilet or have a drink/snack.

Audience Layout & Seating:

- Seating is not reserved unless requested in advance e.g. for access needs.
- For wheelchair users or specific seating needs, please contact Elinor Bryant on the details above.
- Latecomers will be seated at an appropriate time but might not be seated with their group.
- If you think it is likely that you or a member of your party may need to leave the space during the performance e.g. to go to the toilet, we suggest sitting in the audience sections closest to the foyer, so you do not have to cross the performance space to leave (audience seating 3, 4 or 5 highlighted below)



About the show:

We try to make our performances as welcoming and inclusive as possible. Our shows are informal; you can leave, stim, have snacks and soft drinks, go to the toilet, and re-enter as needed, but please be considerate of other audience members and our young cast (for example, try to leave as quietly as you can, avoid very noisy food such as crisp packets).

- 48 young performers will perform live around the audience, in the performance space, and on raised staging.
- Ambient lighting, sound effects, and music (including occasional loud sounds) will be used. We recommend bringing your own noise-cancelling earbuds / headphones if you are sensitive to sound.
- A smoke machine will be used in the performance.
- Film and images will be projected onto a screen throughout.
- Unfortunately, BSL interpretation or live captioning is not available for Sounding Board: Live, but pre-filmed content will include closed captions.
- All content is pre-scripted, but we can't guarantee that the cast will follow this exactly. Digital scripts are available at:
<https://www.mortalfools.org.uk/sounding-board>
- We will also have a small number of printed scripts available on the day.

Themes:

The show is fun and light-hearted and content is suitable for all ages. Some of the key themes include:

- Dreams
- Environmental issues and climate change
- Protest
- Conformity and being yourself
- Science and research
- LGBTQIA+ friendship
- Expressing yourself through music and creativity

Other information:

For access information about the venue, visit:

<https://www.mortalfools.org.uk/sounding-board>

For questions or suggestions for improving the accessibility of our performances, please contact Elinor Bryant at elinor@mortalfools.org.uk or call 07724 527 830.

We can't wait to see you at Sounding Board: Live!