

## **What to expect when attending the performance**

When you arrive at the theatre, an **usher** will take you to where you will be sitting for the performance. This is the best time for you to go to the toilet if you need to go, but you can ask a teacher to go at any point during the show if you need to. You may bring bottled water into the theatre if you need a drink. The performance lasts one hour with no break.

When the performance begins, the lights above you will turn off and the lights of the stage will brighten. Throughout the show, the lights may change colour but there will not be any flashing lights. On the stage, you will see **four musicians**. Some of the instruments they play will sound quite loud, especially if you are sitting close to the stage. If the sounds are too loud and you would like to cover your ears, then please do, our musicians won't be offended! As well as our musicians, we will have a **storyteller** who will guide you through the story. There may be moments where she asks you to repeat something back to her or join in, so be ready to shout and for others around you to shout too. During the performance, you will hear **music**. Sometimes it will play at the same time as the storyteller speaking and sometimes it will play on its own.

At some point during the show, some children will be asked to go on stage to sing a song they wrote. This may be a class from your school or a different school. We're sure they are so excited to share their song with you so please be ready to sit and listen and give them a **round of applause** when they finish and **bow**.

At the end of the show, the musicians and the storyteller will leave the stage, the lights on the stage will dim and the lights above you will turn on. Please stay seated until an usher and your teachers tell you it is your turn to leave. It is very important you listen to the ushers and your teachers so they can give you instructions on what to do when you leave.

Diolch yn fawr iawn for attending our show and we look forward to seeing you again!

### Definitions

**Usher** – Someone who works at a theatre who will show you where to sit and answer any questions you have about where things are in the theatre. In an emergency, the ushers will tell you where to go.

**Musicians** – Our musicians are called Joy, who plays violin and guitar; Lynn, who plays the French horn; Alis, who plays the harp; and Darren, who plays the percussion instruments. If you would like to learn more about instruments used and what they will sound like, please refer to the 'Musical instruments used' document.

**Storyteller** – Our Storyteller is called Tamar and she will be your guide through the world of the Whispering Woods.

**Music** – The music used will include a mix of classical, folk, pop, and film music arranged for the instruments used in the performance. If you would like to know more about the music used, please refer to the 'Music you will hear' document.

**Round of applause** – When the audience claps to show thanks to performers for sharing their art with them.

**Bow** – When a performer shows thanks to an audience for coming and engaging with their art.