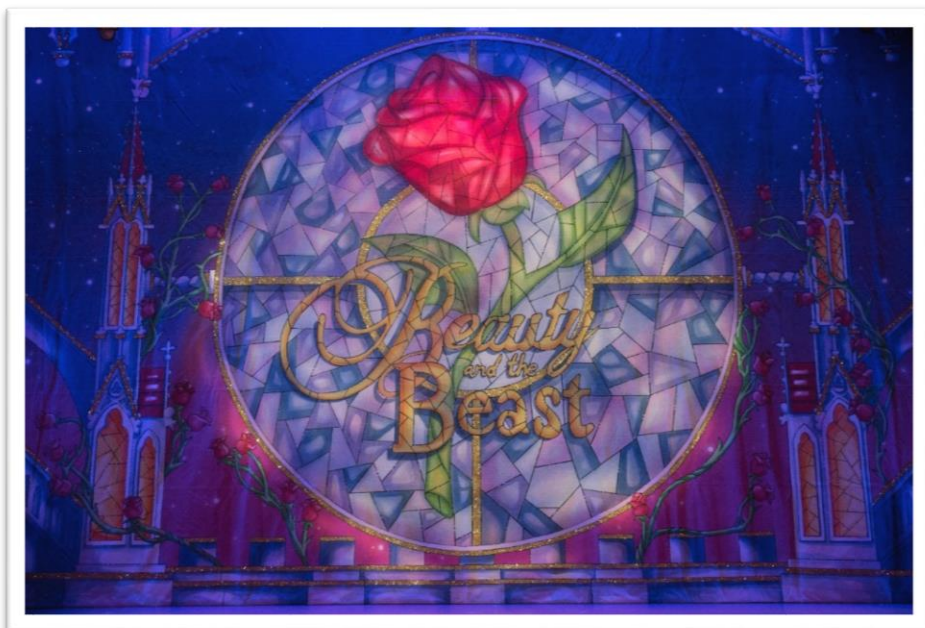


Chilled Performance Storybook
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The Showcloth

This is what we call the Showcloth. It's what you see when you first come into the auditorium. Can you see the lovely big red rose in the middle?



You're probably wondering what the big hole in the front of the stage is for. This is what we call the Orchestra Pit., and it's where our band sit. There's David, who plays the piano, Chris, who plays guitars, and Spencer, who plays the drums. When you come to see us, you might see David's head popping up as he plays. You can clap along to the music if you like!

The Magic Door

If you look at the stage you'll see two doors, one on the left and one on the right. The one on the right is a Magic Door.



You might see some very weird and wonderful things happening behind it.

Iain, who plays Dame Dolly Mixture, will come on to say hello and welcome us all to the show. He'll show us some very clever stage tricks. Then David and the band will play some music and it's off we go!

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Scene 1 – The Village of Middle Widdle on the Piddle

Isn't that a funny name for a village? We're sure you don't live somewhere with a funny name like that.

Everyone is setting up for a big party because it's the village's 500th birthday. There's singing and dancing because everyone is so happy. Can you see all the food? It all looks so yummy.



Then we meet Maurice and Grub. Maurice is so funny and Grub is so silly. We're sure everyone will have their favourite. We'll see them a lot during the show.

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This is Harold, who is Beauty's Dad. He'll tell us an interesting story about the village Remember when I talked about the Magic Door? Well, we'll see some surprises here.



Here comes Billy, who's our really good friend. And when we meet his friend Milly we can all join in to help him. This will be such fun!



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Next we meet Billy's mum, Dame Dolly, who runs the sweet shop. Have you ever seen so much chocolate?



Now Harold is going on a journey. Shall we follow him and see where he goes?



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Scene 2 – Outskirts of the Village

Here come Maurice and Grub. Maurice says that he can help Harold, but we know Maurice is naughty, don't we?



There's a very silly song, we can clap along if we like.

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Scene 3 – The Courtyard of the Castle

Harold has found the Beast's castle. It looks a little bit spooky, doesn't it?



Harold meets the Beast here, but don't worry, our friend the Enchantress is here to help.

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Scene 4 – Outside Beauty's House

Here come Maurice and Grub again. Let's see what happens when Maurice tries to look his best for Beauty. What a silly sausage he is!



Both Billy and Dolly play a trick on Maurice and Grub. Can you guess who will win the money?

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Scene 5 – Inside Beauty's Parlour

Billy and Dolly are going to clean Beauty's house for when Harold gets home. If, like me, you like silly songs and lots of messy fun, then I think you'll like this scene. Look at what a mess everyone makes!



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Scene 6 – Outskirts of the Village



Harold has arrived back at the village. He and Beauty sing a lovely song together.

Maurice and Grub try to make some money by playing another trick on Dolly and Billy. Everything gets very silly again. Can you guess who will win this time?



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Scene 7 – The Courtyard of the Castle

Beauty has arrived at the Beast's castle. She meets the Beast, but don't worry because help is on its way.



Here come Dolly and Billy to try to rescue Beauty. Of course, nothing goes as they had planned. Lots of funny things happen in this scene. Can we help Dolly and Billy spot the wolves? Oh yes we can!



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Interval

Here we take a little break and the lights will come back on.
You can stay in your seats if you like or you can get up to go to
the toilet or to buy an ice cream.

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Prologue / Scene 8 – The Beast’s Parlour

We'll have a little chat from the Enchantress, then she'll magically take us to the Beast's Parlour, where Beauty is looking after him. The Beast sings a lovely song. It might sound a bit sad, but we know it means that the Beast is starting to turn into a lovely person.



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Scene 9 – Outside Beauty's House

This is a really funny song. Dolly, Billy, Maurice and Grub all have to run around so fast that sometimes they forget where they are and what they're doing. Look out Billy!



Here comes Harold.
Don't worry, Dolly and
Billy will look after him.
Aren't they kind?

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Scene 10 – the Grand Dining Room

Beauty and the Beast are having dinner together, and they sing a lovely song. But Beauty is worried about her Dad. Can the Beast help?



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Scene 11 – The Outskirts of the Village

Here's the plan to rescue Beauty, with all our friends ready to set off for the Castle. Just what is Dame Dolly wearing?



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Scene 12 – The Courtyard of the Castle

Here comes Maurice to challenge the Beast to a sword fight. We'll be cheering for the Beast to win, won't we?



But don't worry, because whatever happens, our friend the Enchantress is watching, and we can be sure that everything will be alright. Let's watch her wonderful magic give us all the happy ending we've been wishing for.



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Scene 13 – Outside Beauty's House

Here's our friend Dolly to tell us that everything has worked out well. Let's all sing along with Dolly and Billy to see who can sing the loudest, shall we?



Here are the words for
the song

Reach for the stars

Climb every mountain
higher

Reach for the stars

Follow your heart's
desire

Reach for the stars

And when that
rainbow's shining over
you

That's when your
dreams will all come
true

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Scene 14 – The Ballroom of the Castle

As always in Pantomime, everything has turned out well.

Here's where everyone you've met today would like to take a bow and to say thank you for coming to see us.



Let's all sing, dance, throw our arms in the air and enjoy ourselves. Let's all Reach for the Stars!

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Thank you all so much for coming to see us today. We hope you've had as much fun seeing us as we've had seeing you!

From everyone in Beauty and the Beast, best wishes, and may all your pantomime dreams come true!

Bye bye!