Sensory Friendly Performance at DRAÍOCHT BLANCHARDSTOWN

Information Pack (Visual) for The Wizard of Oz
By Coolmine Panto Group
On Wednesday 9th Jan 2019 at 7pm in Draíocht
www.draiocht.ie
Your Visit

This pack will help you prepare for your visit to Draíocht.

We have put together some pictures to help you understand where you are going and what you will see.

Here is a map to help you find us.

We are located opposite the Blue Entrance of The Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.

In between the Library and Leisureplex/TGI Fridays.
Your Visit

Here’s what the outside of Draíocht looks like.

We have a large colourful picture on the outside of our building.

This is where the Panto ‘The Wizard of Oz’ will be performed.
Your Visit

Here’s a picture of our front door.

We go through this to get inside.
Collecting Your Tickets

Here’s a picture of our ticket collection desk, called a Box Office.

Just ask for your tickets when you arrive. We will have them waiting for you.
Waiting For the Panto to Start

Here’s a picture of our foyer, or waiting area.

This is where we wait until the Panto is ready to start. There will be other children and families waiting here also.

It may be a bit noisy.
Toilets

You may need to use the toilets during your visit. Here’s a picture of where our toilets are, near the foyer.

There is a sensory light in these toilets - so they are dark until you go in and then the light comes on.

There are more toilets upstairs. We have toilets for boys and girls. We also have a toilet for people who use a wheelchair.
When the Show is Ready to Start

Here’s a picture of the doors that we enter when the Panto is ready to start.

You might hear a ‘bing-bong’ noise and a person will say:

‘Hello ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Draíocht. The Panto is ready to start. Would you kindly begin to take your seats’. 
Where We Sit

Here’s a picture of where we sit when we go to the Panto.

You will have a ticket with a number and we will show you where to go.

If you want to get up and down and move around during the show, that’s ok.

If you would like a Booster Seat, we can provide you with one, just ask our helpers.
The performance will be adapted slightly to make it a more comfortable experience for you.

Instead of the theatre being in darkness, the lights will be left on- just slightly dimmed during the performance, and the sound levels will be lowered. There will be no bright flashing lights.

Once you enter the theatre please feel free to make yourself comfortable in which ever way you like. You can start in your own seats but then move around within the theatre if you need to.

During this Panto there are noisy moments. Sometimes children don’t like loud noises. If you read the notes further down, you will be prepared for the performance. We have used symbols at times when there will be a loud noise, so you can cover your ears, or use your ear muffs/plugs.

If you want to get up and down and move around during the show, that’s okay.
Take it Easy...

If you want a break at anytime during the show please feel free to leave the auditorium. We have created a chill out space near the foyer.

This is a quiet room, with pretty fairy lights, and lots of pillows.

Just ask one of our helpers to show you where to go.

You can go back into the Panto whenever you feel ready
Interval – Half Way Through the Panto

There will be a break half way through the Panto, after about 1 hour.

This break will be for **15 minutes**.

You can stay sitting or you can go out to the foyer for a walk around. You can buy refreshments from our bar, or use the toilets or chill out space.
Throughout The Wizard of Oz the Panto there will be different lights, sounds, and actions. These symbols indicate what will be present in different scenes. These symbols will guide you through this visual guide.

Symbol Legend

- **Loud noise**
- **Conversation between actor and audience**
- **Change in lighting/bright lights**
- **Clapping**
- **Music**
- **Dancing**
Characters

Dorothy
Gertie
Toto
Scarecrow
Tin Man
Lion
Characters

- Wicked Witch
- Wizard
- Lovely
- Harry Trotter
- Belinda
- Bella
SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT ONE / 1 HR 30 MINS
0. PROLOGUE
1. SCENE ONE  A Farmyard in Kansas
2. SCENE TWO  On the Way to Munchkinland
3. SCENE THREE  Munchkinland
4. SCENE FOUR  On the Road
5. SCENE FIVE  The Yellow Brick Road

INTERVAL  /  15-20 MINS

ACT TWO / 1 HOUR
0. PROLOGUE
1. SCENE ONE  The Emerald City
2. SCENE TWO  The Spooky Forest
3. SCENE THREE  The Witch’s Castle
4. SCENE FOUR  On the Way Back
5. SCENE FIVE  The Wizard Reveals All
Summary of Scene

The Wizard appears **on a screen** and talks to the audience. The Wicked Witch enters and talks back to the wizard.

When the Witch enters, she likes to do a **loud evil laugh**. The crowd normally **boos** when she comes on stage. This is what the audience like to do when a pantomime villain enters.

When the scene ends, smoke will flow onstage as the lights go dark. The musicians will play an overture of music to show off their skills. There may be **flashing lights**.
1. SCENE ONE - A FARMYARD IN KANSAS

Summary of Scene
Residents of Kansas sing and dance the song, “Brand New Day”. Harry Trotter comes on stage and shows off his bottles. Toto knocks them over while barking.

Gertie may enter from the back of the seats in the auditorium, at seat N1, the furthest corner from the door you entered. She shows off Fred’s inventions. Dorothy and Auntie Gertie talk about Uncle Fred and the oncoming tornado. Gertie is the pantomime dame. She loves when the crowd interacts with her. Dorothy sings “Over The Rainbow”.

The tornado hits Kansas, and there are lots of spinning objects, dancers, and lights to symbolise the strong winds.

Characters:
Harry Trotter, Toto, Gertie, Dorothy
2. SCENE TWO - ON THE WAY TO MUNCHKINLAND

Summary of Scene:

The Mayor of Munchkin City marches his munchkins onto the stage, *shouting* orders to them, which they don’t understand.

The Witch enters and does her *evil laugh*. The crowd may *boo* her. This is what we do to a pantomime villain when they enter the stage.

The Mayor and Munchkins *sing and dance* “Happy”
3. SCENE THREE - MUNCHKINLAND

Characters:
Harry, Gertie, Dorothy, Toto, Mayor, Lovely, Witch

Summary of Scene:

Harry and Gertie arrive in Oz. Harry is singing and acting drunk. Dorothy and Toto arrive and are greeted by the Mayor and Munchkins. Lovely the Witch floats onstage and tells Dorothy that her house landed on a witch, and tells her to put on her red shoes. The Wicked Witch enters and screams because her sister is under the house. Dorothy travels down the Yellow Brick Road with Toto.

Gertie comes back onstage and sings “Oobla Di Oobla Da”, before bringing Harry along the Yellow Brick Road too.
4. SCENE FOUR- ON THE ROAD

Characters:
Lovely, Witch, Belinda, Bella, Wizard

Summary of Scene:
Lovely enters and **sings** “You’ll Always Find Your Way Back Home”, with **backup dancers**.

The Wicked Witch asks the Master of Evil for help, causing **flashing lights**. Belinda and Bella are summoned. They **talk to the crowd** before **singing** a verse of “Baby Shark”.

The Wizard appears **on a screen** before he walks onstage and shows a magic trick.
Summary of Scene:
Dorothy and Toto see the Scarecrow hanging in a field of crows. Dorothy helps the Scarecrow down but gets a fright and screams. Scarecrow and Crows sing and dance “If I Only Had a Brain” before going down the Yellow Brick Road.

Belinda and Bella enter, make jokes, and sing “Baby Shark”. They see Gertie and confuse her for Dorothy, and try to kidnap her. Harry enters, and the girls mistake him for Harry Potter and kidnap him instead, with all running offstage.
5. SCENE FIVE - THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD (Cont.)

Summary of Scene:

Dorothy, Toto, and Scarecrow come across the Tin Man who needs oil to move again. He agrees to join them to see the Wizard, then *sings* “Slide Some Oil” with his *dancers* before leaving.

The Wizard comes across the Lion, and he’s not scared of him, making the Lion *cry loudly*. The Wizard leaves and Toto enters, fighting with the Lion while *lights flash*. Dorothy and the gang enter, and she *slaps* the Lion for fighting. They all agree to see the Wizard together.

Characters:
Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Wizard, Lion
Summary of Scene:

Gertie finds Dorothy and friends, and they all agree to go to the Emerald City to find the Wizard of Oz. They all sing “Follow the Yellow Brick Road” as they exit the stage.

Lovely comes in to announce the interval, but the Wicked Witch interrupts her, laughing loudly, flashing lights, and talking to the audience.

Dorothy and friends come onstage to sing a final song before skipping down The Yellow Brick Road.
When the curtains close, Auntie Gertie will emerge from behind them to make an announcement about raffle tickets.

You can buy these tickets and be in with a chance to win prizes. All money raised will go towards helping children with Down Syndrome in Ireland.
Interval – Half Way Through the Panto

There will be a break half way through the Panto, after about 1 hour 30 mins.

This break will be for 20 minutes.

You can stay sitting in your seats or you can go out to the foyer for a walk around, or buy refreshments from our Bar, or use the Toilets or our Chill Out Space.
**Summary of Scene:**
The band will play an overture of music before the show starts again. Belinda and Bella enter the stage, having lost Harry. They decide to enter the Emerald City to look for him after singing “Baby Shark”.

The Wizard enters looking worried, and runs off to find a disguise. Dorothy and crew enters, and the Wizard reappears wearing a hooded cape, pretending to be the keeper of the gate. Toto is barking around his feet.

The crew sing a song with backup dancers.
Summary of Scene:

Dorothy, friends, and the disguised Wizard enter. The Wizard runs offstage before the curtain draws to reveal a fake Wizard of Oz, a large head that shouts at the crew. The Lion is so scared that he faints.

The Wizard tells them that he will help them, if they kill the Wicked Witch. They agree and Dorothy’s friends leave the stage.

The Witch enters and acts scary before capturing Dorothy. Belinda and Bella enter and try to catch Toto. The witch sings “Just You Wait”. They all leave while the witch does an evil laugh.

Harry and Gertie enter, and they pull a prank on Bella by selling her a fake potion. They leave laughing, and Belinda enters. Bella pulls the prank on her.

The Wizard enters, feeling regret. Lovely enters and tells him to find Dorothy.

Characters:
Wizard, Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Gertie, Witch, Belinda, Bella, Lovely
2. SCENE TWO – THE SPOOKY FOREST

Summary of Scene:

The Lion is trying to fight some Munchkins, and he sings “I’m a Mean Ol’ Lion” while they dance. They win the fight and make him cry loudly.

The Tin Man and Scarecrow enter and try to cheer him up. Harry enters and is mistaken for Harry Potter, so he leaves. Gertie enters and is lost looking for Dorothy. They decide to take a rest sitting on a bench. They sing a song, but during the song, a monkey monster takes one of them away as they scream and lights flash. When the monkey tries to take Gertie, it gets scared and runs away.

Characters:
Munchkins, Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow, Harry, Gertie
Summary of Scene:

Belinda, Bella, and other witches do a **song and dance**.

Dorothy is chained up in the Witch’s Castle. Belinda and Bella arrive as Toto escapes. Bella chases him. The Witch leaves and tells Belinda to mind Dorothy. Gertie and Tin Man arrive holding **masks** over their faces and trick Belinda, wrapping her up in a rope. They rescue Dorothy and all leave. Bella re-enters after chasing Toto. Scarecrow and Lion pretend to be guards and learn that the Witch’s weakness is water. They trick Bella and capture her too.
Summary of Scene:
This is a wild and zany scene where all of the characters run around the stage, with lots of **lighting effects** and sing songs, perform dances, and act very silly!

It is fast and hectic, but it is a lot of fun!

Characters:
All cast!
Dorothy and Gertie find each other, as the witch threatens them. Dorothy throws *pretend water* over the Witch. The witch *screams* as she is defeated, falling over and melting.

There is a lot of happy shouting and clapping as the Wicked Witch is gone! Munchkins come on stage *dance and sing* “Ding Dong the Witch is Dead” to celebrate.
The Lovely Witch tells the Wizard to confess to Gertie and Dorothy, before she flies offstage.

Gertie enters, and the Wizard tells her that he is Fred, her husband. She chases him around when she finds out, while lights flash. She sings a song, “You’re Timeless to Me” to the Wizard about their love.
Dorothy and friends return to tell the **Fake Wizard Head** that the Witch has been defeated. He tells them that they have had what they wanted inside themselves all along. He says goodbye to them, but tells Dorothy to stay.

The real Wizard walks onstage and reveals himself as Fred to Dorothy.

Dorothy **sings** a song, “There’s No Place Like Home”
All of the cast come onstage to do their bows. The audience will **clap and cheer** to tell them that they enjoyed it.

The cast will **sing** a song and do a **dance**, before Gertie tells some jokes and thanks the crowd.

The cast will **sing and dance** another song before saying goodbye, and the curtain will close.
After the show, the audience will leave the auditorium and go back to the foyer. Everyone will be very happy, and so it may be a bit noisy. The cast might appear if you would like any photos. Everyone will make their way home, and we hope they will have all had a good time!