

Visual story for the relaxed performance of  
**THE POLAR BEARS GO UP!**



Friday May 31, 2019 | 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm | Performance Works Theatre

**This visual story is intended to help prepare you for a new experience and help to become familiar with the surroundings and the performance.**

## **ABOUT THE POLAR BEARS GO UP**

- The performance starts at 12:30 pm
- 50 minutes
- Ends at 1:20 pm

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

- The lights above you always stay on. It may be a little bit dark sometimes, but never all dark.
- It is okay to move.
- It is okay to react on what you see.
- It is okay to make noise.
- During the show you might find something funny, you can laugh if you like.
- During the show you might see or hear something that makes you feel sad. You can feel sad if you like, that's okay.
- You might hear other people in the audience cheer, clap, shout out or scream. You can join in if you like.

## **CHILL-OUT IN THE LOBBY**

- During the show you might feel that you want to leave the theatre. It is okay if you need to take some time out.
- You can go to the chill-out zone in the lobby. You can visit the chill-out zone any time during the show.
- An usher can help you find the chill-out zone.
- You can return to the show when you are ready.

## ABOUT THE SET AND THE ACTORS

This is a picture of the set with the actors of the show.



Here are pictures of the actors:

**Ben Winger** will play the Tall Polar Bear



**Fiona Manson** will play the Small Polar Bear



Small Polar Bear

Tall Polar Bear

As you walk into the theatre you will see a large dark room with lots of blue wooden boxes that are different sizes. There are some patterns on the floor and some lights on the sides. It looks like a blue archway in a room.

You can sit on any of the seats. You can sit at the front or a bit further back. *It's up to you.*

You will also hear sounds of the birds tweeting, music playing and lots of interesting instrument noises. The music will get quieter and louder for a while.

When everybody is in their seat the show will begin and lights get a bit darker.

## **ABOUT THE SHOW**

Get ready to fall in love with these two adorable polar bears!

They've lost their prized balloon and they need to get it back. Plenty of laughs ensue as the pair come up with increasingly off-the-wall ways to reach their friend. They climb trees, jump on clouds, reach for the stars, bounce and boogie their way to the top, while stopping for sandwiches along the way, of course!

With no words, the artists skillfully and playfully tell the bears' story and create a magical world where anything is possible.

You will be swept away in this charming visual show.

## VISUAL STORY OF THE SHOW

**SPOILER ALERT!** The visual story tells you everything that happens in the show.



Two Polar Bears appear in the middle of the stage.

The Polar Bears will introduce themselves to you. They are happy to see you.

The Polar Bears will wave and sniff the room and the boxes. The Polar Bears are just getting to know the room. They are very friendly. ***You can wave back if you want to.***

The music will get a bit louder when the Polar Bears are doing the welcome dance and sniff.



Small Polar Bear is a bit tired and yawns quite a lot but Tall Polar Bear is not tired and tries to wake up Small Polar Bear with a scratchy back dance. The Polar Bear like to scratch their backs and do another dance. ***You can join the dance in your seat if you want to.***

A strange noise can be heard and the Polar Bear look for the noise. The Polar Bears are confused.

It's a hungry tummy noise so the Polar Bears decide to have some lunch.



The Polar Bears will make more music and sounds when they are getting the lunch ready. They play the drums on some spoons and cups, they shake their cereal and then blow into bottles. They make lovely music.



The Polar Bears have some lunch and take a rest but Tall Polar Bear is thirsty. The Polar Bears will open a cupboard to find a water tap and take a big drink. Small Polar Bear has lots of water and the music plays a bit louder.

There is a door bell sound. It's quite loud but it's okay. The Polar Bear rush around because they are excited.

The tall Polar Bear answers the front door and comes back with a parcel. It's a big cardboard box. The Polar Bears don't know what it is.

The Polar Bears look and listen to the box and they think it is making a noise. The Polar Bears are confused. It's so funny to see.

The Polar Bears open the box slowly and find a floating gold star balloon. They like the balloon a lot. The Polar Bears sniff and taste the balloon. The Polar Bears are very happy.

The Polar Bears play with the balloon and run around because they are excited.

They try to keep hold of the balloon but it floats up and away. This makes the Polar Bears a bit sad. Don't worry too much. The Polar Bears will find a way to reach the balloon.



The Polar Bears look for the balloon with binoculars and they try to reach it by jumping and using a trampoline. The music gets a bit louder and they do some dancing and jumping. It's funny to see.

Small Polar Bear tries to stand on a box to reach but is too small. Tall Polar Bear stands on a box but the box is not a strong box and Tall Polar Bear gets the box stuck. Small & Tall Polar Bear play with the box.



The Polar Bears show you a map of the ground up to space where the balloon is stuck. They have mini Polar Bears to show how far they have reached.

The Polar Bears climb the trees to reach a bit higher.



The Polar Bears go up in a lift in a very tall building to reach a bit higher.

Small Polar Bear wants Tall Polar Bear to zoom into the sky in a catapult and they test the idea with mini polar bears in costumes. Tall Polar Bear doesn't think this is a very good idea and says no. Tall Polar Bear is very sensible.

The Polar Bears use a cable car to reach a bit higher. (A cable car is a small room on a long line that usually takes you up or down a mountain). They are getting much closer and it begins to snow.



The Polar Bears hop onto a plane and fly through the clouds. The plane might fly into the audience where you are sat. Don't worry, it won't touch you. The plane has a lovely red color. ***You can wave at the plane if you want to.***

Tall Polar Bear has an idea. A rocket!



Tall Polar Bear and Small Polar Bear work together to build a rocket. It is very shiny and the music is a bit louder.

When the rocket is ready the lights in the room will get a bit darker and the music will be a bit louder. The rocket will glow red at the bottom. It is all quite bright and loud for a bit but it's exciting and fun.

The Polar Bears are ready to take off and they fasten their seat belt to be safe.

You will hear a countdown voice. ***You can count along with the voice if you want to.***

The Polar Bears are now in space and they pretend to float around a bit and try to eat some marshmallows that look like they float away. It looks very fun. ***You can pretend you are in space too if you want to.***

The Polar Bears land the rocket in space and get ready to look for the gold star balloon.



The Polar Bears help each other and Small Polar Bear finally reaches the balloon. The Polar Bears are very happy.

The Polar Bears both kiss the balloon and they hug each other to show that they are very happy.

Tall Polar Bear ties the balloon to Small Polar Bear to stop the balloon from flying away again and they prepare to go home in the rocket.

***You can wave goodbye to the Polar Bears if you want to.***



They are going home with their gold star balloon.

There is another doorbell sound. It is quite loud but it's okay. The Polar Bears answer the door and bring back a large balloon. They like the balloon and want to share it with you. The Polar Bears float the balloon into the audience. ***You can touch it if you want to.***

This is the end of the show. You can clap now and the Polar Bears will wave again and smile. They are happy you came to see them. They will walk away and the lights will get brighter again.

## ABOUT THE VENUE

Welcome to the Performance Works Theatre. This is what the building looks like from the outside.



This venue is at the end of Cartwright St on Granville Island, next to the Granville Island Hotel.

Here is a picture of the front entrance. There is a set of double doors which open outwards. They are not automatic.



When you enter through the front door, you will see a hallway.

Here is a picture of the lobby from the entrance:



Here is a picture of the lobby from the opposite side.



## Usher

You will be met by one of the Ushers. The ushers will be wearing a white shirt with blue letters that says “VOLUNTEER”.



You can ask an usher if you have any questions and they will do their best to help you. The ushers will be available to show you into the Performance Works Theatre find a seat, the bathroom or anything else they can help with.

***If you need help, ask them!***

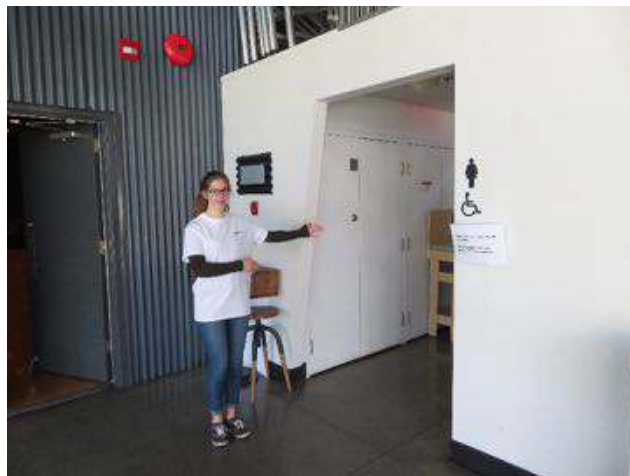
## Going into the theatre

To enter the Theatre you will need to go through the double doors at the far end of the lobby.



The doors will be open when it is time to go in.

## Washrooms



The women's washroom is to the right of the theatre doors. There is an accessible stall in the women's washroom. It is the last stall on your right.



The men's washroom is to the left of the box office. There is an accessible stall in the men's washroom. It is the first stall on your left.