

THE Dinosaur WHO CAME FOR CHRISTMAS



**RELAXED PERFORMANCE
PRE-SHOW INFORMATION**

Sun 16 Dec, 2:30pm
Guildhall Theatre

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Welcome to The Dinosaur Who Came for Christmas at The Guildhall Theatre

We are so glad that you want to come to see The Dinosaur Who Came for Christmas. This booklet will tell you a bit more about what to expect when you visit us. We hope that we have told you about most things here, but if there is anything else that you want to know, please phone us on **01332 255800** or email **boxoffice@derby.gov.uk**.

Relaxed Performances are designed especially for visitors who would like a more relaxed performance space. This can be anyone who doesn't like sudden or loud noises or flashing lights and anyone who finds it hard to sit still for a long time! So this show is perfect for families with young children and for children and adults who have disabilities such as autism or adhd.

No-one will mind if you make a bit of noise or if you need to get up and go out for a while. The theatre doors will be shut but there will be members of the Front of House team who will let you in and out whenever you want. There is a quiet area outside the auditorium where you can go before the show and which will stay open during the performance in case you want to relax in there before going back in to see the rest of the show. There will be a tv in this area which will show what is happening on the stage, so that you don't miss anything!

There will be some changes to the show so that there aren't so many bangs and flashes and the lights will stay on low so that it doesn't get completely dark.

The important thing is that this is a show especially made for you! Everyone at Derby LIVE wants you have a wonderful time and not feel that you have to be quiet and still.



THE THEATRE

Here is a picture of the **Guildhall Theatre** where you will be watching **The Dinosaur Who Came for Christmas**.

We suggest that you arrive early so that you have enough time to collect your tickets, have a look around and find your seat. We have made sure that the hand-dryers in the toilets are turned off and that there are paper towels in there to dry your hands with.



PARKING

There are a number of **car parks** around the city centre. The Assembly Rooms car park is nearest to the Guildhall Theatre, or you could try Chapel Street, Parksafes on Bold Lane or Darwin Place.

Visit **[derby.gov.uk/parking](https://www.derby.gov.uk/parking)** to find out more about car parking in Derby, including charges, season tickets, blue badge holder parking and contact details.



Here is a picture of the Assembly Rooms car park.



THE BOX OFFICE AND FOYER

When you walk in the Guildhall Theatre you will see the **Box Office**.

You can collect your pre-paid tickets from here if they haven't already been posted out to you.



There is seating in the Guildhall Theatre **foyer** where you can relax before the show starts. The foyer will have christmas decorations and pictures of dinosaurs to see. The building and especially the foyer will get very busy before the show. This is because people are waiting to go into the auditorium where the stage and seats are. If you find it too noisy and too busy, ask one of our Front of House team if you can go into the auditorium early. If that isn't possible, because they are still setting it up, then they will show you where the quiet area is and you can sit there instead.



Whilst you are waiting to go in, you can get a toy from the quiet area in the Guildhall Theatre bar, upstairs.

These are sensory toys that you can play with during the show and return afterwards. They can't be taken away.



THE BAR AND CHILL OUT AREA

If you want somewhere quiet to sit before, during or after the show, then you can sit in our **chill out area** in the **Bar**, upstairs, next to the auditorium.

There is a lift available.

Hot and cold drinks will be available from the bar.



TOILETS

There are **toilets** in the upper foyer at the Guildhall Theatre.

There will be lots of **Front of House staff** around to help you find them.

There is a lift available.



This is a picture of last year's Guildhall Theatre Christmas show **Prince Stropky Pants and the Christmas Caper**

ABOUT THE VENUE



The **Guildhall Theatre** is a Grade II listed building situated on the **Market Place**. It is a small and intimate venue.

It has raked (sloping) seating for 182 **downstairs** and a small **balcony** area seating a further 60. The balcony is not accessible to wheelchairs or those customers with mobility issues.

You will have some time to find your seat before the show starts, there will be lots of **Front of House staff** around to help you. You can take in any electronic devices that you may need. You can also take drinks in, if they are in paper or plastic cups.

Before the show the **characters** will come into the audience to say hello. When the show begins, you will see the characters performing on the stage. The performance has two parts with an **interval** (break) of about 15 minutes in the middle.



You are welcome to get up out of your seat if you need to move around. You can leave the auditorium at any time and come back in when you are ready.

THE STORY

PJ is lonely and desperate for a friend. One winter's day PJ is chased by a bully onto a rubbish tip. Whilst hiding, PJ discovers a dinosaur egg. Later that evening, to PJ's amazement, the egg hatches. PJ takes great care of the baby dinosaur, but it grows and grows and grows. Soon, it's clear that the dinosaur must be moved elsewhere, before PJ's Mum and Dad discover it.

PJ moves the dinosaur to an abandoned shed in the neighbour's garden. However, a bully discovers PJ and the dinosaur. The bully is a massive 'dino-fan', and agrees to help PJ in looking after the dinosaur. Still the dinosaur grows, and PJ and the bully agree that it's probably best to try to find the dino's mother. They agree to return it to the rubbish tip.

PJ and the bully don't know, the evil neighbour, Lady Blunderbuss, has discovered their little secret, and is desperate to add the dino to her collection of 'big game' trophies. She imprisons the kids and steals the dinosaur. PJ and the bully work together to free themselves and they outsmart the cruel Lady Blunderbuss, rescuing the dinosaur in the nick of time. They hurry their pet to the rubbish tip, before Lady Blunderbuss can catch up with them, but when they reach the dump, there is the wicked woman, waiting for them.

Who knows what will happen next? Will PJ and the bully be OK? What happen to Lady Blunderbus? Will everything end happily ever after? And what's to become of the dinosaur?

AFTER THE SHOW

When the show has finished, you can leave the auditorium when you are ready, or say goodbye to the actors, and have your picture taken with them. There will be **Front of House staff** waiting at the exits to show you where to go and answer any questions you may have.

THE CAST

This is **Phil Coggins**.

Phil will play
Lady Blunderbuss.



This is **Laura Mae Mellor**.

Laura will play
Mum and Terry.

This is **Emily Vinnicombe**.

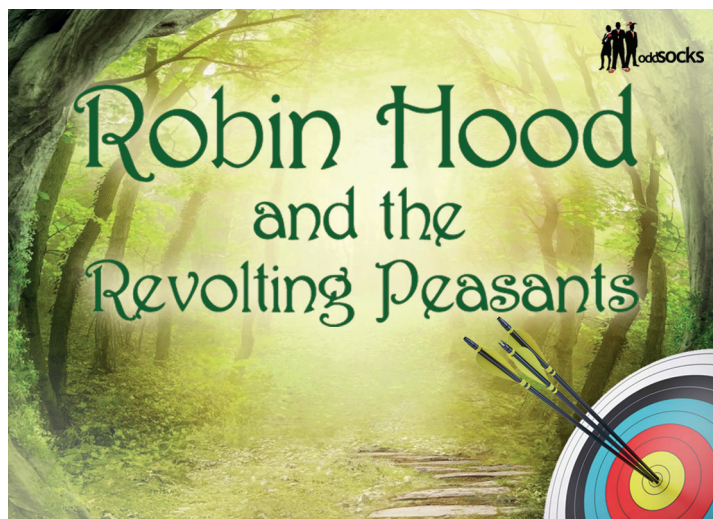
Emily will play
Granny and Belinda.



This is **Mark Roberts**.

Mark will play **P.J.**

IN DERBY COMING SOON



Tue 29 Jan - Sat 2 Feb
Guildhall Theatre

£18 - £14



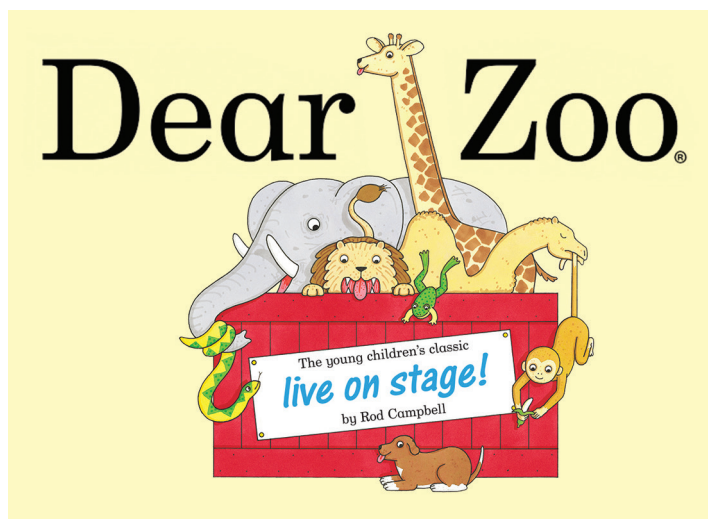
Sat 23 Feb
Guildhall Theatre

£9



Tue 16 Apr
Guildhall Theatre

£12



Sun 12 - Mon 13 May
Guildhall Theatre

£14.25



Sun 2 Jun
Chaddesden Park

Free



Mon 28 Oct - Sat 2 Nov
Markeaton Park

Keep an eye on the website for details

MORE CHRISTMAS SPARKLE AT



There are a relaxed performances of **Jack and the Beanstalk** at **Derby Arena** on **Wednesday 19 December** at **1:30pm** and **Thursday 27 December** at **6:30pm**

COMING SOON...



Fri 27 - Tue 31 Jul
Markeaton Park

£5 (Under 3s free)



Mon 29 Oct - Sat 3 Nov
Markeaton Park Community Room

£4.50