

HE HACKNEY EMPIRE

Dress Circle – First Floor
Visual Story

The show you are seeing is being performed at Hackney Empire. This is the outside of the theatre. The red arrow points to the way in.



This is the main entrance to the theatre. There is also lift access to all floors through this main entrance.



Here is the Box Office where you may need to collect your tickets from. If you already have your tickets, you can walk past the Box Office. There may be a queue here as other people will be collecting their tickets.

If you are a wheelchair user, you can enter the theatre using the ramp here. A member of our Front of House staff (like the one shown in the picture to the right) will be on hand to assist you with the lift. The Front of House staff are the people who look after the audience.



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This is the foyer (the area immediately after the Box Office). The foyer can get quite busy before the show. Lots of people wait here to go into the auditorium (where you will watch the show) so it may be quite full.



As your seat is in the Dress Circle, you can make your way up the stairs at the back of the foyer.



At the top of the stairs you will get to the Foyer Bar. People may wait here for the show to start and there may be people buying drinks. You can stay here, or if you'd prefer, you can go to the stairs in the corner to enter the Dress Circle.



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This is the Dress Circle. It bends around like a semi-circle. A member of our Front of House staff will direct you to your seat. If you have any problems finding your seat, they will help.



Refreshments can be bought from the bar which can be found at the back of the Dress Circle.



If you need to use the toilet, then look out for our toilet signs which you can find on the walls of the auditorium.



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Before the show starts there will be an announcement asking you to find your seats. A member of our Front of House team will be available to help you. You must be seated before the show starts.



In the interval (a short break half way through the show) you can walk around the theatre and go to the toilet, the bar and back to the foyer if you wish. There will be an announcement when the show is about to start again, and the curtain will open again.

During the show, people may be loud or make sounds at the characters, and at the end of the show, lots of people in the audience may clap their hands. This means they enjoyed the show. You can clap as well if you feel like it. Once the clapping has finished, you can leave the theatre the way you came in.

