

The Everywhere Bear



Relaxed Pack 

**A Polka Theatre, Little Angel Theatre and Royal
& Derngate, Northampton Co-Production**

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One small bear's big adventure...

The Everywhere Bear has a wonderful time with the children in Class One, but one day he gets more than he bargained for when he falls unnoticed from a backpack and embarks on his own big adventure! He's washed down a drain and whooshed out to sea, rescued by a fishing boat, loaded onto a lorry, carried off by a seagull... how will he ever make it back to Class One?

This captivating and beautiful story, from best-selling author **Julia Donaldson** and illustrator **Rebecca Cobb**, springs to life with rhyme, original music and delightfully expressive puppets in Polka's fun and exciting stage adaptation.

Creative Team

Based on the book by **Julia Donaldson** and illustrated by **Rebecca Cobb**

Adapted for Stage by **Peter Glanville** and **Julian Butler**

Directed by **Peter Glanville**

Music and Lyrics by **Julian Butler**

Set and Costume Design by **Laura McEwen**

Puppets designed and made by **Jan Zalud**

Associate Director, **Maia Kirkman Richards**

Lighting Design by **David Duffy**

Assistant Lighting Design by **Ash Copeland**

Stage Manager **Alexandra Bradford**

Cast

Lottie Johnson

Calum Brice



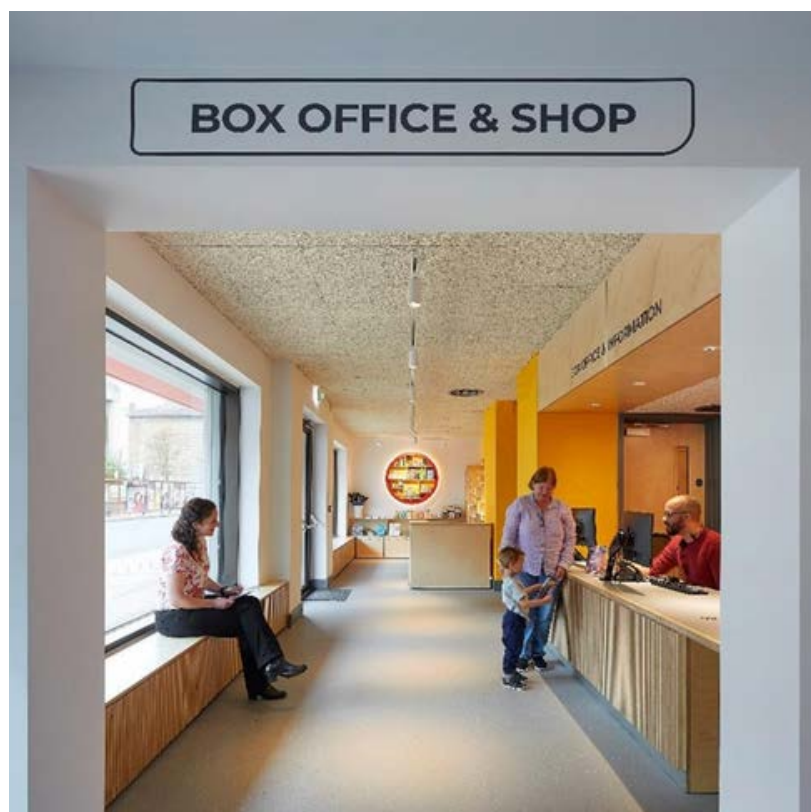
The Location

When you get to Polka Theatre, this is what it looks like:



When you enter through the main entrance, to your left will be the Box Office and the Shop. Please feel free to browse the shop whilst you wait.

Box Office



Shop



When you enter through the main entrance, to your right will be the Café. We serve hot and cold food, pastries, sweet treats, and hot and cold beverages.

Café



Adventure Theatre

This is where the performance will take place. The seating is sold at 50% of its full capacity for the relaxed performance, therefore, the auditorium will not be full. House lights will remain on during the performance so the space will never be in complete darkness, and the volume of the show will be reduced if necessary.

The seats are not allocated which means you can choose which seat you would like to sit in - either on the blue benches or on the foam seating in front of the benches.



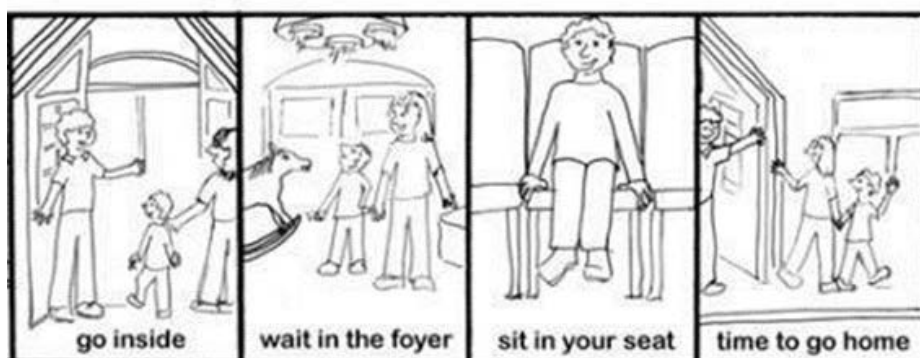
Chill Out Space - Clore Learning Studio

The Clore is the room located opposite the Adventure Theatre. You can leave the theatre at any time to take a break in the Clore and come back into the Adventure Theatre when you are ready.



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polkatheatre.com

Picture information strip- this is what you will do when you go inside:



To prepare you for your visit to Polka Theatre we have put together a synopsis - this is to help you to understand the story that you are about to see and prepare you for what to expect during the performance.

The performance will last approximately 50 minutes.

The Everywhere Bear

The show consists of 2 actors and several different puppets. The actors will play multiple roles throughout the show, as well as operating the puppets. Any role they play will be characterised by a change of clothing.

This is what the main featuring characters look like:

Matt



The Everywhere Bear



Mrs McAllister



Fishermen



Mrs Bishop



Miss Burke



This is the performance space and set as you first see it:



The set is positioned on top of specially designed flooring that is cut out in a circular shape. There are two oddly shaped tables, with one positioned at either side of the space. The back of the set is structured in a circle shape and is home to lots of additional features and compartments.

The set is moveable and will be moved several times to transform the space into different scenes. Throughout the show lots of secret compartments will be revealed in this uniquely designed, multipurpose set.



During the show, the actors might interact with you. You are welcome to respond to characters performance and laugh or smile at any time.



During the show, you might see something that makes you feel sad or scared. You are allowed to feel sad or scared, that is ok.



If you see this symbol, it means there will be a loud or unexpected noise and you can put your fingers in your ears.



If you see this symbol, it means there will be visual projections, or something visual happening onstage that will aid with the storytelling.



If you see this symbol, it means you will hear music or there will be a song.



If you see this symbol, it means you will hear a sound effect coming from the speakers.



If you see this symbol, it means there will be a change in lighting and you can cover your eyes.

Pre-Show

The 2 actors will come on stage before the show begins. One of them will play with a toy boat and the other will play with a toy truck.

🔊 There will then be a pre-recorded pre-show announcement coming through the speakers to alert the audience that the show is about to begin.

Scene 1. School Classroom, Friday Afternoon

🎵 The Everywhere Bear instrumental music will begin to play and then the actors will sing The Everywhere Bear song.

🎵 Mrs McAllister the teacher of class 1 will be introduced to the audience. The Everywhere Bear instrumental will continue to play at this time. There will be a projection reading 'school' visible on the set.
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🎵 Mrs McAllister acknowledges all of the children in class one, including new pupil, Matt. She then introduces us to the infamous Everywhere Bear and sings about all of the exciting adventures he has been on with Class one.

👁️ There will be projections of each of the illustrated children from the book on the set at this time.

Mrs McAllister will then choose Matt to take The Everywhere Bear home for the weekend.



Scene 2. The Everywhere Bear's weekend with Matt

There will be a scene change to Matt's home.

🎵 Matt will sing 'A Friend Like You' as he tries to figure out what to do with his new and only friend The Everywhere Bear.

👁️ They begin the weekend by doing some painting and Matt paints a beautiful portrait of The Everywhere Bear.

👁️ On Saturday they will go ice-skating followed by a pic-nic in the park on Sunday. A butterfly puppet will visit them at the park.

⚡ The weekend will come to and end and Matt and The Everywhere Bear will go to sleep ready for school the next day. The lighting will be darker at this time.

👁️ The lighting will change again to signify it's Morning and Mum will enter to wake Matt up ready for school. There will be a projection of rain on the set and you will hear the faint sound of rain coming through the speakers. 🔊



Scene 3. The Street

- 🔊 Once Matt and The Everywhere Bear are ready for school and dressed for the bad weather, they begin their journey. Matt sings song 'Walking to School'.
- 👁️👁️ The projection of rain will continue to be visible on the set.
- 👁️👁️ During this scene there will be a short moment with a cat and mouse puppet.
- 👁️👁️ 2 characterful builders will appear and change the set to some roadworks.
- 👁️👁️ They will work with on opening a stinky drain and then move onto painting some yellow lines on the road. There will be a projection of the yellow line being drawn on the set at this time.
- 👁️👁️ Matt reaches the roadworks on his journey to school where he encounters the cat. He places The Everywhere Bear down on the ground to stoke the cat.
- 👁️👁️ When he picks up The Everywhere Bear he notices a large yellow stripe going across the bears body as he accidentally placed him in wet paint. Matt is upset by this.
- 👁️👁️ Matt's mum calls him to hurry up which prompts him to rush off. He leaves The Everywhere Bear behind. At this time there will be a river of flooded water that gushes down the street, which takes The Everywhere Bear and swirls him down the drain.



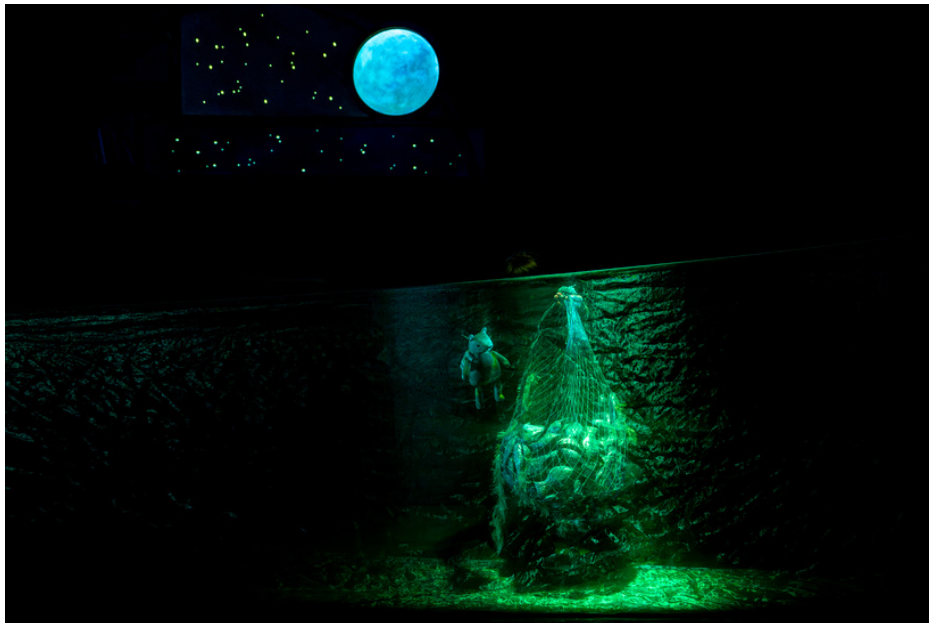
Scene 4. At Sea

👁️👁️ The lighting will go dark and there will be a projection on the set of The Everywhere Bear floating down the sewage drains. There will then be a big explosion of water which bursts out from the pipes and floods out into the ocean. You will hear additional sounds of water coming through the speakers at this time.

👁️👁️ The set will transform into the ocean and a blue cloth will be hung across the front of the stage. Through the blue cloth we will see a boat, a school of puppet fish swimming and The Everywhere Bear floating slowly across the sea. At this time a projection of the glistening moon and the stars will be visible on the set.

🎵 During this scene the performers will sing 'Lost', a song about The Everywhere Bear being lost.

🎵 Behind the water, the scene will return attention back to Matt who is arriving at school. He continues to sing 'Walking to School'. Here is where Matt will realise he has lost The Everywhere Bear.



Scene 5. The Boat

👁️👁️ Under the water we will see The Everywhere Bear floating towards a net of fish, where he then gets stuck. The lighting will be dark and the projection of the glistening moon and the stars will return. At this time there will be a scene change behind the water to a fishing boat.

🔊 We will see 2 fishermen working on a boat. During this scene the radio will read an announcement that a huge storm is on its way.

👁️ ⚡️ The storm will then begin. At this time the lighting go darker and will flash to represent lightening. You will hear the sound of strong winds and thunder coming from the speakers. Projection of rain will also be visible on the set.

🎵 The fishermen will reel in the fish they have caught and pack up their boat in a hurry. In their panic, they don't notice The Everywhere Bear amongst the fish caught in the net. During this storm scene the radio will sing song 'Fisherman's Round'.



Scene 6. Mrs Bishop's Fish Shop

👁️ ⚡️ There will be a scene change to Mrs Bishop's fish shop. The lighting will brighten at this time and there will be a projection of the Mrs Bishop's Fish Shop sign visible on the set. During this scene, there will be a few moments where the lighting state will change.

One of the fishermen bring a fresh delivery of fish to Mrs Bishop's fish shop. Here we meet Mrs Bishop. She is loud and flamboyant and she loves fish. The fisherman and Mrs Bishop will make several fish puns before the fisherman leaves.

🎵 Mrs Bishop will then sing 'Mrs Bishop's Fish Shop', a song all about Mrs Bishop and her beloved fish shop. During this song a puppet seagull will fly on stage and attempts to steal Mrs Bishop's fish on several occasions.

👁️ The seagull lands on the counter and draws attention to The Everywhere Bear, who has been put out on display with the rest of the fish. Mrs Bishop notices The Everywhere Bear and in particular how awful he smells. She tosses him in the bin, ready to be taken to the tip.



Scene 7. The Tip

When Mrs Bishop throws The Everywhere Bear into the tip, a projection will appear on the set of the bear flying through the air and landing in the dustbin truck. We will then see the truck driving to the tip before it disposes of The Everywhere Bear with the rest of the garbage. There will be a scene change to the tip during the projection and the lighting will be darker at this time.

The performers return on stage, and one of them plays with a toy dustbin truck. At this time they will sing a reprise of song 'Lost', about how The Everywhere Bear is now lost in the tip. They sing about all of the things that were once loved, that now live in the tip.

The seagull puppet returns and it has a plastic bag wrapped around its neck. One of the performers frees the seagull from the bag. The seagull then takes The Everywhere Bear and flies away with him. The lighting will get darker at this time and there will be a spotlight focusing on the seagull.



Scene 8. Night time in the town



The scene changes to night and the glistening moon and the stars will reappear on the set. There will be a set change to the town filled with houses and glistening lights. Matt will appear in his window at home.

Matt talks out to the world from his window, and wishes that The Everywhere Bear is safe and being looked after. At this time the seagull will hover by his window.



The lighting will go dark which leads into another scene change. At this time there will be a projection on the set of the seagull flying The Everywhere Bear over the town.



Scene 9. Miss Burke



The lighting will brighten and we will see the seagull drop The Everywhere Bear into the basket of flowers hanging from a lamp post.



Here we will meet Miss Burke who works at the library. Song 'Bethany Burke' will be playing at this time. Miss Burke likes to rhyme.



Miss Burke notices The Everywhere Bear stuck in the flowers and climbs up the lamp post to rescue him. At this time she will receive a phone call and you will here the sound of a phone ringing coming through the speakers.



Scene 10. The Library

👁️👁️ Miss Burke takes The Everywhere Bear back to the library and places him in the lost and found section. There will be a scene change to the library at this time and there will be a projection on the set saying 'Library'.

🎵 Miss Burke will then sing song 'Happy Ending' which is about things that were once lost, being found again.

🎵 Miss Burke tells The Everywhere Bear that class one are on their way. She then proceeds to sing a reprise of song 'Class One', which is what Mrs McAllister sings at the beginning of the show. She sings about all of the children and shows us some of their favourite books.

🎵 Once class one arrive, she notices that all of the children have books except from Matt. He is still feeling sad that The Everywhere Bear is lost. She will then reprise a verse of song 'Lost', to make Matt feel better in knowing that nothing is ever really lost.

🎵 Matt then notices The Everywhere Bear in the lost and found section. He is overwhelmed with joy. Miss Burke will then reprise a verse of Happy ending.



Scene 11. The Classroom, Friday Afternoon



Mrs McAllister finds Matt sitting in the classroom on his own and reading *The Paper Dolls to The Everywhere Bear*. She encourages him to go outside and play during the breaktime, as his new friends are asking for him. This makes Matt very happy.



Mrs McAllister and Matt both leave the space, leaving *The Everywhere Bear* on his own on the shelf. At this time the lighting will go dark and a spotlight will focus on *The Everywhere Bear*, who begins to sing about his recent adventures and being lost. At this time his head will move.

The performers will return to the stage with the puppets and reprise 'The Everywhere Bear' song one final time before taking a bow.



The End.



The show has now finished. At the end of the show everyone will clap their hands, which is to show the actors and production team that they have enjoyed the show.

Thank you for coming - we hope you enjoyed the show!

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