

## PIPPY LONGSTOCKING: A VISUAL STORY GUIDE

This pack is designed to help familiarise your group / family with the story, characters and events of the show. It highlights moments of sudden action, lighting/sound changes and explains the story to you as it unfolds.

### Welcome!

We hope you enjoy our production of *Pippi Longstocking*!

This visual guide can be read before the show. It tells you more about the play, so you will know what to expect during the performance.

### How long does the play last?

Act One is 55 minutes

Act Two is 50 minutes

There is one 20 minute interval.

The Set (what the stage looks like)



- When you arrive at the theatre, the auditorium lights will be on, so you can find your seat and see the stage. An usher will help you find your seat if you are unsure where to go.
- On the stage, you will see a large doughnut shape, with two large wooden triangles behind it. There is also a hanging circle and triangle with lights in it.
- There is also a backdrop which gets lit up in all different colours.

- You can see the doughnut has a little area for our very own live band. You can see all the different instruments that are played in the show here, including drums, guitar and lots of percussion.

### What to look out for!

- Pippi Longstocking is quite a noisy play! We have lots of live music, and some loud songs, as well as underscore music to help us tell Pippi's story. We also have a lot of special sound effects.
- Sometimes the lighting will change, and there may be different coloured lights. Sometimes it might go dark on stage, or very, very bright. But it will never go completely dark in the theatre.
- *Pippi Longstocking* has lots of exciting moments, some of which are quite surprising and involve sudden and surprising action, (including moments when our characters might be amongst you in the audience) or talk to you from the stage.

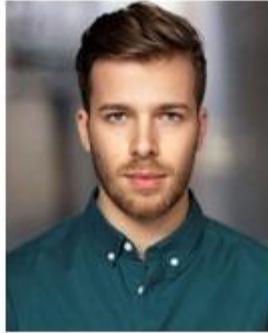
### The Actors

Here are pictures of all the actors you will see in the play. There are photos of them out of costume, so you can see who is who, (and all the characters they are playing). Some actors play more than one character, so there may be more than one costume. They will introduce themselves at the start of the play.





**Scott Brooks**  
Bengt



**Matthew Churcher**  
Tommy



**Philippa Hogg**  
Annika



**Hanora Kamen**  
Ebba/ Mr Nilsson



**Rowena Lennon**  
Mrs Settegren



**Emily-Mae**  
Pippi



**Alex Parry**  
Mr Settegren



**Luke Potter**  
Captain Ephraim  
Longstocking



**Stu Barker**  
MD

## Story Notes

These pages describe what happens in our production of Pippi Longstocking. It is designed to give you all the information and insight you might need before you watch the show. There may, therefore, be a few spoilers - but not too many!

## Act One

On the stage you will see the sailors and Pippi with her Dad Captain Ephraim Longstocking (and her Monkey Mr Nilsson) sailing their ship through a storm. The sailors are washed away and Pippi and Mr Nilsson are left shipwrecked on the shore. They go to find Pippi's home, the Villa Villekulla.

Next we meet the Mayor of Little Town who tells us about the Little Town Festival and shows us around the town. Little Town is a very safe and sensible place, with a square, the police and ladies in the coffee shop. We meet Ebba the teacher at the school and the Mayor's children Tommy and Annika who think Little Town is a bit boring.

Pippi arrives in Little Town (walking backwards!) and meets Tommy and Annika who live next door. They become friends and make messy pancakes together. After all this fun Pippi is tired and sings herself to sleep the wrong way up in her bed!

The following day Tommy and Annika are excited to see Pippi and join her in being 'Thing Finders' where you have to explore and make exciting discoveries, recycling and re purposing lots of things!

Tommy and Annika are joined at school by Pippi who doesn't know how school works; she tells Ebba the teacher and the class a story about a snake and draws a horse on the walls. In the playground Pippi is teased by Benght, but Pippi won't let him get the better of her, she puts him up in the tree!

Ebba visits the mayor to discuss Pippi's behaviour, they decide to invite Pippi to a coffee party so she can see how to behave. At the coffee party Pippi tries to behave but can't stop herself from eating all of the cake. Everyone is disappointed with how Pippi behaves and she goes home in disgrace.

Mr Nilsson and Pippi pack their bags to leave Little Town, but Tommy and Annika visit and they decide to all be shipwrecked together.

You have 20 minutes before Act 2 begins!

## **Act Two**

Pippi, Tommy and Annika are shipwrecked (they will be in the box above stage at the start of the show). They end up on a sunny island. The story Pippi is telling gets a bit scary with pirates!

The Mayor is worried about Pippi ruining the Little Town festival, and asks the Police to take Pippi to a Children's home. The Police visit Pippi where she joins them in a game of tag (this happens throughout the theatre so watch out for Pippi!). The Police become friends with Pippi and ask her to 'lie low' for the festival. Pippi does exactly this!

The Little Town Festival takes place with lots of different acts including the Police who tell jokes. The Mayor is concerned the festival is not how he planned it, so he gets the band to play, but under Pippi's influence they are having more fun, which the Mayor doesn't want!

The Mayor leaves to go to his office in the skyscraper but a candle he has lit starts a fire. It will be rather dark on stage for this. The Mayor is stuck in his office and so Pippi must rescue him, he climbs out of the building and walks the plank to safety. However the building is still on fire so the audience must help by passing buckets through the stalls to help put the fire out. An usher will tell you when you need to do this. There will be smoke and red lights in the theatre at this moment.

Pippi is rewarded for her courage by the Mayor who gives her a present. She then gives Tommy and Annika a present because it is Christmas at Villa Villekulla. Pippi decides to stay with her friends at Villa Villekulla. There may be a loud pop when confetti is released during this last song which falls over the auditorium

The play has now ended.

Thank you so much for joining us! We hope you enjoyed the show.

