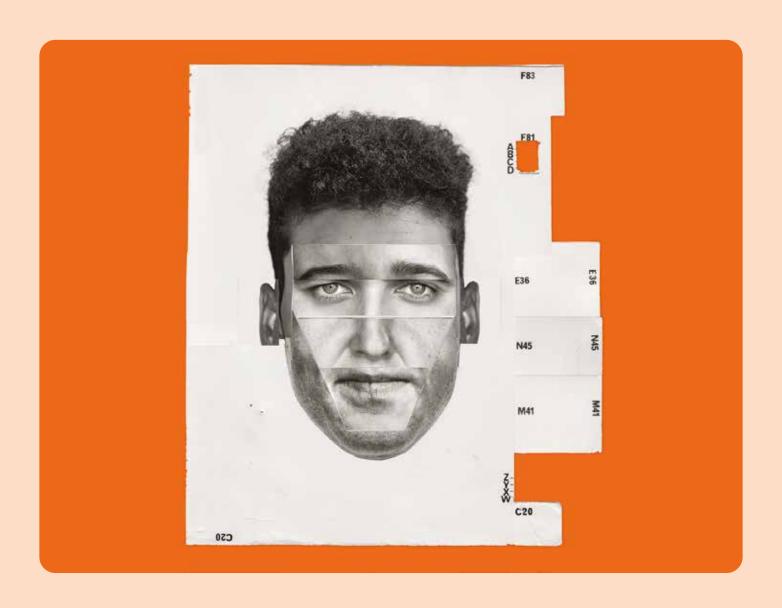




# Imposter 22 Visual Guide for The Royal Court Theatre, London





# **About The Royal Court Theatre**



You are visiting the **Royal Court Theatre** 



The Royal Court Theatre is next to **Sloane Square** Underground Station



The **front** of the theatre looks like this



# Before the show



You can enter through the front entrance or the side entrance

The side entrance is step-free



When you first enter the building, you will see the **Box Office** 

At the box office you can

- Collect paper tickets
- Find out where to go
- Collect visual guides
- Collect ear defenders and fidget toys



You can enter through the front entrance or the side entrance

The side entrance is step-free





You can get to every floor of the theatre by **stairs** or **lift** 



There are **toilets** around the theatre

- The Bar & Kitchen toilets in the basement level are gender neutral
- On the Stalls and Circle level there are accessible toilets
- In the Balcony, the toilets are split into 'Men' and 'Women'



The **accessible** toilets are usually **less busy** but you may still have to queue

The accessible toilets have **hand towels** instead of hand dryers



There are 2 quiet spaces

You can use these at any time

You can **ask staff** to help you to get to the quiet spaces if you need





#### There is a cloakroom

You can leave **bags and coats** in the cloakroom if you want to

The cloakroom is on the stalls level

You will need to pay £1 for each item that you leave

**Don't forget** to collect your things when you go home

You can also pick up visual guides at the cloakroom



#### There is a Bar & Kitchen

It can sometimes get **busy** in the bar

You can **book a table** before you come by emailing

foodanddrink@royalcourttheatre.com





You can **pay** by cash or card at the bar

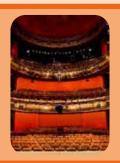


### There is a bookshop

You can buy **plays** and **books** about theatre



# Watching the show



Imposter 22 is in the **Jerwood Downstairs** auditorium



There will be **announcements** over the speakers saying when the show will start

A **bell** will ring when it is time for the show to start



The **ushers** at the Royal Court Theatre wear red t shirts

They can **help** you to

- Find your **seat**
- Find the toilets
- Go to the quiet room
- Get information and assistance



There will be a **20 minute interval** in the middle of the show

In the interval you can

- Go to the toilet
- Buy food and drinks

You can stay in the auditorium if you want to



# **Access Information**



Imposter 22 is a **Relaxed Performance** 

This means

- You can move or make noise if you need to
- You can go to the quiet room
- You can come back into the auditorium after you have been to the quiet room
- The sound will be at lower levels
- The house lights will be on
- There will not be sudden bright lights or flashing



**Quiet space 1** has a screen so you can watch the show

**Quiet space 2** does not have a screen



There are ear defenders and fidget toys available



# **Trigger warnings**



## **Sensory trigger warnings**

The show includes

- Loud music
- Shouting
- One very loud scream in the middle of Act 2

This happens when Blossom and Chloe are on the pedalo



## **Emotional trigger warnings**

The show includes

- Death, including suicide
   This is talked about but not shown
- Sex

This is talked about but not shown

- Drugs
- Swearing
- Slurs and stereotypes about homelessness
- Slurs and stereotypes about learning disability

The word 'retard' is said once towards the end of Act 2





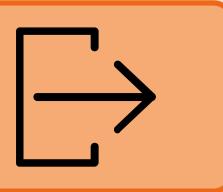
## **Emotional trigger warnings**

The show includes

Violence

Characters tie each other up towards the end of Act 2

Characters punch each other towards the end of Act 2



You can **leave** and come back at **any time** 



You can collect **ear defenders** and **fidget toys** at box office

You can **bring your own** access tools if you want to



# Who is in the show



Kirsty Adams plays Blossom



Cian Binchy plays Jake



Housni Hassan (DJ) plays Kev



Dayo Koleosho plays Todd



Stephanie Newman plays Rose on some performances





Lee Phillips plays Geoff



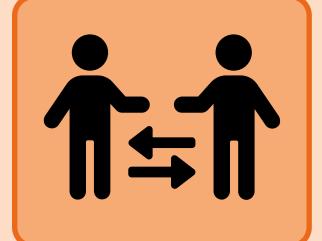
Charlene Salter plays Chloe



Anna Constable plays Rose on some performances



Jamael Westman plays Danny



Sometimes the characters in the show **pretend to be different characters** to help tell the story

For example

- Danny sometimes pretends to be Joe
- Chloe and Jake sometimes pretend to be Rose's parents



# What happens in the show



In the show, the characters are **telling a story** about something that has happened

This is called the re-enactment



When the characters are doing the re-enactment, they go to a special part of the stage in the **middle** 



Sometimes the characters **talk to the audience** about what is happening in the **story** or things that have happened in the **past** 



There are **projections** on the stage which tell the audience about the **time** and **place** 



On the next pages the **trigger warnings** are in **red** 



# What happens in the show: Act 1



Jake tells the audience that they are going to act out something that has happened. This is the re-enactment

The audience need to be **witnesses** and tell the police what they've seen at the end of the **re-enactment** 



## Talking about death

The characters think that **Joe** is **dead**. They are **worried** that they will go to prison

Any of the characters **except Danny might** have **killed Joe** 



# Slurs and stereotypes about homelessness

**Danny** is a person who is experiencing **homelessness** 

**Chloe** tells **Danny** she will pay him to play **Joe** in the re-enactment





#### In the re-enactment

Joe is on a bus looking sad, so Todd gives him a hug

Joe follows Todd off the bus and introduces himself to him. He asks him lots of questions



# Making fun of learning disabled people

#### In the re-enactment

Joe joins the acting class. During a mirroring exercise, he copies Blossom

Blossom says Joe is making fun of her

The others ask **Joe** why he is there. He says that he has been feeling **left behind** in life

The others feel sorry for Joe

**Blossom** is **angry** because she thinks Joe is making fun of her





#### In the re-enactment

**Chloe** thinks something isn't right about **Joe** 

Rose asks Joe to marry her



### **Talking about sex**

In the re-enactment

At Rose's house

Rose and Joe have had sex

Rose's parents arrive home and question Joe

Rose and her parents throw Joe out



# Slurs and stereotypes about learning disability

Everyone feels sorry for Danny because he is **not** doing a **good performance** 

Everyone tells **Danny** how to **pretend** to be **learning disabled** 





## **Stereotypes about homelessness**

**Danny** tells the other characters **he does not** like what they are saying about people experiencing **homelessness** 

The others put **Danny** in a giant **hamster wheel** 



### **Loud music**

In the re-enactment

Todd and Rose invite Danny to the island



# What happens in the show: Act 2



## **Talking about death**

**Todd** tells the audience that things are getting **serious** 

One of the group must have **killed Joe** 



#### In the re-enactment

Rose and Joe get married on the island





Making fun of learning disabled people's voices

In the re-enactment

Joe gets Jake out of signing on at the Job Centre

Blossom thinks Jake might have killed Joe



#### In the re-enactment

**Kev** discovers **Joe** is **sleeping** on the **island** 

Joe writes a letter for Kev to take to his mum



Thunder and lightning
Loud screaming

**Strong language** 

In the re-enactment

Chloe and Blossom are in a pedalo

They **practice** what they will **say** to **Joe** on the island

At the end of this scene, **Chloe** and **Blossom scream very loudly** 





Jake thinks Chloe and Blossom killed Joe

**Danny** has **disappeared**, so **Todd** plays the role of **Joe** 



## Talking about suicide

In the past

Kev is on a bridge at a train station

He is thinking of jumping off the bridge



## Tying people up

## **Loud shouting**

#### In the re-enactment

**Chloe** and **Blossom** arrive on the **island** 

They **tie Joe up** and tell him what makes them **angry** and **upset** 

Joe ties them up and tells them what makes him angry and upset





**Loud shouting** 

**Punches and kicks** 

Use of the word 'retard'

**Kev** arrives. He is **angry** with **Joe Kev punches Joe** and knocks him out

Joe is not dead

Chloe leaves her phone with him

Everyone leaves Joe on the island



In the re-enactment

Joe wakes up alone on the island
He thinks about drowning himself
but he gets a phone call





## Talking about suicide

The group find out that **Joe** did **not die** 

He called the Samaritans and got help

He did **not drown** and **nobody killed him** 

The police are not after them

The re-enactment is finished



## **Talking about drugs**

**Chloe** does **not** want to **pay Danny** for helping them with the re-enactment

The others help her to change her mind

Chloe gives Danny his money and Danny leaves





Blossom, Chloe, Geoff, Kev, Jake, Rose and Todd sit down together
They have been through a lot



### **Loud music**

The show is **finished**The actors will **dance**and **take a bow** 



# **Getting help**



If you feel **upset** and need to talk to someone, you can **call** 

Samaritans 116 123



If you need **information** about **learning disability** you can go to **www.mencap.org.uk** 



If you need **information** about **autism** you can go to **www.autism.org.uk** 



If you need **information** and help about **drug addiction**, you can go to

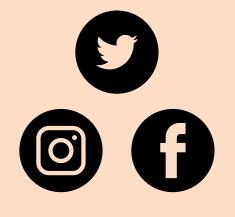
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