



SmartyPants and the Swordfish Pre-Show Guide

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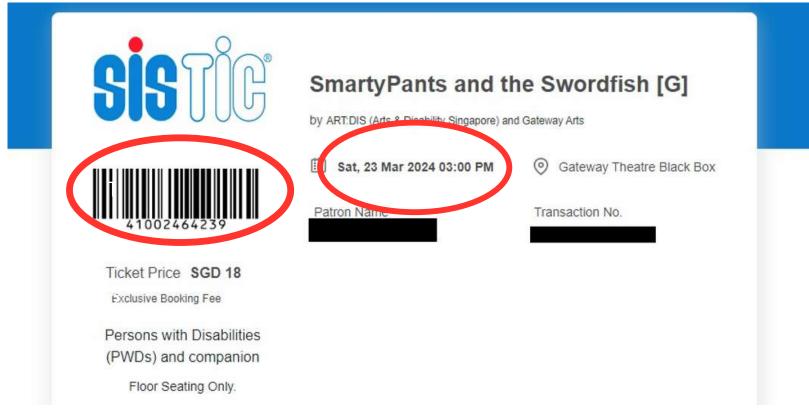
SmartyPants and the Swordfish will take place at the Gateway Theatre Black Box.





Most audiences will be seated on the floor. There are chairs available for those who require audio description, or are seniors or pregnant.

Remember to bring your ticket.



You can show the e-copy on your mobile phone, or print it out before coming. What is on your ticket?

- 1. Date and time
- 2. QR code for entry

Show your ticket to the usher.

Ushers can be from ART:DIS or Gateway Theatre.







Level 7



Level 8

Ushers will be on Level 7, near the stairs leading to the Black Box. If you feel lost or uncomfortable, please ask them for help.

Before the show:

The performers will play a game of basketball, give out paper swordfishes, spears, and balls (to throw later when asked to do so) and do a wave with the audience. This will take around 5 to 10 minutes.

After the show:

There will be a discussion about the show. This will take around 20 minutes.







Audio Description

Actions on stage that are not spoken will be described through a scripted and live voice-over, to be heard through a headset.

Creative Captioning

Dialogue, sound effects and music will also be shown as words and images on stage in a way that matches the style and tone of the show.

Speech-to-Text Interpretation

Dialogue that is spoken can also be read in written form.

Singapore Sign Language Interpretation

Especially for the post-show discussion, things that are said will be translated to sign language, and vice versa.

If you need any of the access services above, please let us know before you come for the show, at nurarina@artdis.org.sg

The stage is for performers only. Performers will act and operate puppets.





The audience will sit and enjoy the show.

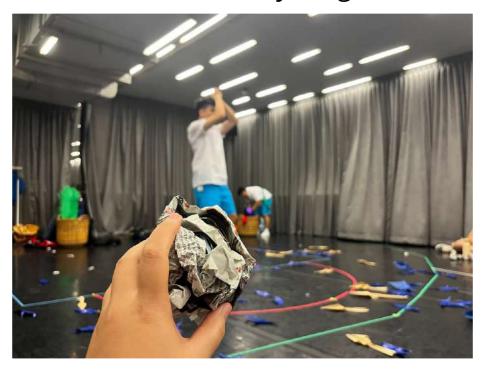
The performance space can be quite dark. Watch your steps.

Lights and sound will change to create different environments (e.g. underwater).

During certain parts of the show, the performers will ask the audiences to participate. You may choose to participate, or not to.

Examples:

- Performers will ask the audiences to throw paper swordfishes, spears and balls at the different characters.
- The Queen Swordfish will ask the audience to chant: "We are fish. We can fly." together with her.





The performance will show some examples of bullying and violence.

Examples:

- Other children in the village call Nadim "Smartypants", and the King shouts "kill the boy".
 The performers are just acting and nobody is really hurt.
- By showing examples of bullying, we see that it is very harmful and we should work hard to stop it.



These are the performers.

Those in the top row are puppeteers, and those in the bottom row are actors.





ZAINI HASSAN







This is Zaini. He plays a few characters including Nadim and Baby Fishy.









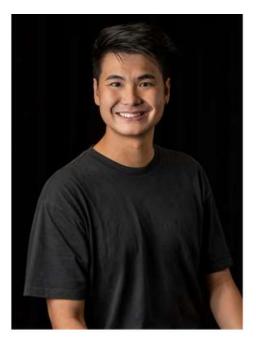




JOHANNA VAN

This is Mary. She plays a few characters including Queen Swordfish (Queen S) and bird.

This is Johanna. She plays a few characters, including Queen S and prefect.













ISAAC TAN

This is Wayne.
He plays a few characters, including the King, a fish and a student.



This is Isaac.
He plays a few characters including a fish and bird.













CLARIS TAN

This is Timothy.

He plays a few characters including the King, Motor Mouth (fish) and Boy.



This is Claris. She plays a few characters including Motor Mouth and the Prime Minister.













PERIYACHI ROSHINI

This is Alex.
He plays a few characters including the King and Pointy Mouth (fish).



This is Roshini.
She plays a few characters including Pointy Mouth, Nenek, and Lina.













JEREMY LEONG

This is Filmer.

He plays a few characters including the King and a fish.

This is Jeremy. He plays a few characters including the Minister of External Defence, and a fish.



JANEL JIANG

This is Janel. She plays a few characters including an elephant and a crab.





The story of the STUDENTS:

A group of students learn about the legend of Redhill.





The story of the KING:

Swordfish attack the village, and a boy called Nadim saves them. The villagers praise Nadim, and the King's advisors tell him to kill Nadim. The King listens to the advisors.





The story of the SWORDFISH:

Queen Swordfish finds out that people have been killing the fish in her kingdom. Baby Fishy gives her an idea on how to kill the people, but he dies while carrying out his plan.





The story of the PRIME MINISTER and MINISTER OF EXTERNAL DEFENCE: PM and MED tell the audience that people have been doing unkind things to them ever since they told the King to kill Nadim.





The story of the BOY:

The other children in the village bully Nadim and his friend Lina. After a while, Lina sides with the bullies. Nadim comes up with a clever plan to protect the village. When the villagers praise Nadim, the King kills him.





The story of the VILLAGE:

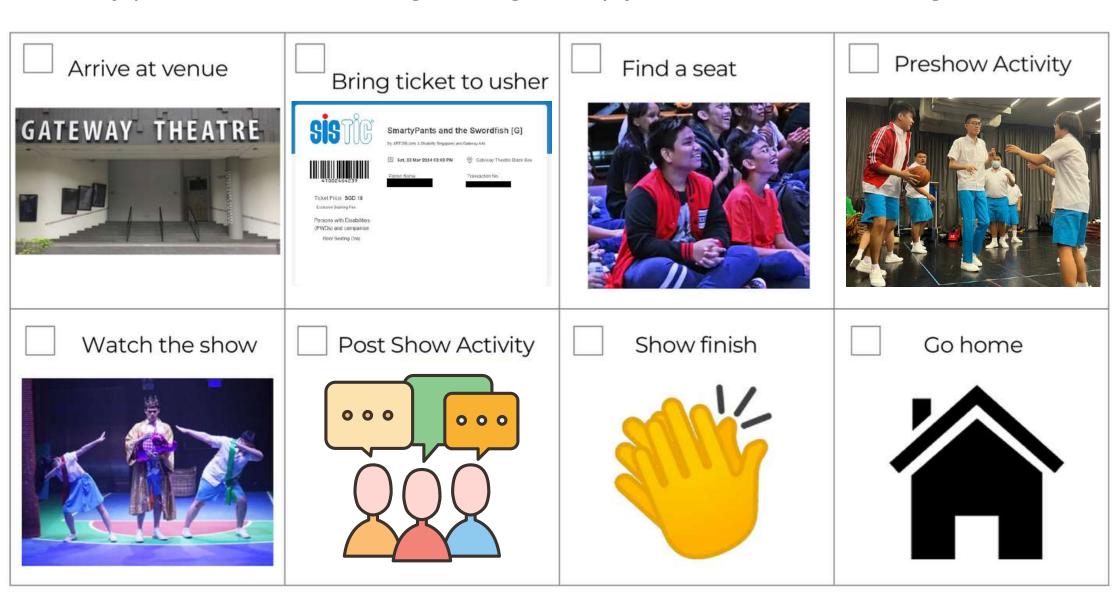
Nenek tells her grandchildren the legend of Bukit Merah. One of them asks Nenek why she and the other villagers did not protect Nadim from the King. Nenek says that she was scared.





Visual Schedule

You may print this out and bring it along to help you know what is coming next.



Enjoy the show!

If you have any questions, please contact us at nurarina@artdis.org.sg

You can scan the QR code for the programme booklet.



