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Accessibility for Families Snow Queen by Mike Kenny

This form is to help venues give guidance to families who are concerned about the accessibility of the show or want further details.

Synopsis	<p>Kai and Gerda have been friends for as long as they can remember and live next door to each other in a tower block. Enjoying their summers under the roses on Gerda's Grandma's balcony and playing together. This unexpectedly changes when Kai's mum passes away. In Kai's vulnerable state he is pulled under the control of the Snow Queen, who takes him away to her castle and freezes his heart and erases his memories.</p> <p>Gerda is frustrated that life has changed and that Kai has run away. She talks to her Grandma who advises her to be a good friend. Gerda decides she must go on a journey and save her best friend.</p> <p>Gerda begins her journey and comes across two singing flowers in a beautiful garden. They wish to keep her and lull her into staying with them through hypnotic songs. Though Gerda's love for Kai is too strong and she breaks free from their musical trance and leaves.</p> <p>Gerda finds herself in a forest and is captured by a robber women and her daughter. The girl wants to keep Gerda and takes her to their house. The robber girl takes pity on Gerda after hearing her story and sets Gerda free. She gifts Gerda a reindeer to ride to the Snow Queen's castle.</p> <p>In the castle Gerda finds Kai. He has been set a difficult task by the Snow Queen but doesn't remember Gerda. Gerda cries when she realises she has come so far only to be forgotten by Kia. A tear falls onto Kai's hand and the warmth melts his heart and his memory returns.</p> <p>Kai and Gerda set about completing the Snow Queen's task as quick as they can as they fear the Snow Queen will return. They uncover the meaning of the riddle and Kai denounces the Snow Queen and is free.</p> <p>Gerda and Kai return home and reunite with Gerda's Grandma.</p>
Characters	Gerda, Kia, Grandma, Reindeer, Robber Women, Robber Girl, Snow Queen, Flowers
Difficult Themes	Like many fairy tales, the Snow Queen story includes themes that children will learn from and be entertained by as well as some thought-provoking moments. In our version of the story, Kai's mum passes away in the beginning and while he is in a vulnerable state the Snow Queen pulls him under her spell. His best friend, Gerda, goes on a journey to save her friend and he finds closure in the process.
Loud Noises	No
Special Lighting	When we are performing in schools no lighting will be used. In theatres we will be using lighting and there are a few moments when flashing lights are used.
Distressing/Upsetting	As mentioned above, in the beginning of the show Gerda is informed by her

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content	Grandmother that Kai's mum has passed away. This is then mentioned a couple of times throughout the show. However we would describe this theme as context for Kai and Gerda's journey, which is about friendship and growing up.
Audience Interaction	If time allows, the cast will greet and chat to the audience as they arrive and take their seats. Following the show the cast will go into the foyer/stay in the room to chat to the audience and take photos.