

# The Little Mermaid

## Visual Story

You are going to the theatre to watch The Little Mermaid!

The show is at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham, in the Irving Studio.



When you walk in,  
you will see the set for  
the show. It looks like  
an old dockyard, with  
wooden decks, blue  
sails and a sandy  
coloured floor.



You will see three  
performers on the  
stage in the show.  
Their names are Sian,  
Georgia and Callum.





Georgia plays the part of Merryn, the Little Mermaid, Callum plays the part of Meryasek, King of the Sea, and Sian plays the part of Sennen. Callum and Sian also puppeteer the friendly ocean creatures you meet!

When the lights get darker, it's time to sit down and watch the show.

As the show starts, you will see Chip the crab, before meeting Merryn.



Merryn is very excited that it is her birthday! She plays with Chip the crab, and Lady Kipling the fish.



Merryn's dad, or Tas, Meryasek enters, and she hides from him. Jumping out from behind seaweed and





making him jump.

Meryasek sings a song about the 'Hoomans' who live on the surface. Meryasek tells Merryn to be careful around the 'Hoomans' as they can be dangerous.

Meryasek leaves and Merryn is visited by Zennor the seal. They play together and Merryn gives him a birthday hat to wear.

The scene changes, and Meryasek enters. He welcomes you all to Merryn's birthday party, asking you to



help with his surprise.  
This is where you will  
be able to wave your  
fish drawing if you  
have brought one with  
you!

Merryn enters and the  
audience shout  
'Surprise!' She is then  
crowned Princess of  
the Sea, and presented  
a crown and a  
necklace by two  
audience members.

Merryn sings a song  
about the 'Heart of  
the Sea', a song that  
her Mother taught her.  
Meryasek and Zennor  
the seal dance with



her, before she swims to the surface.

At the surface Merryn sees a flock of strange birds, and a far off land, before she is interrupted by Sennen on his boat.

Sennen enters, hunting for Crab. It is his birthday too. Sennen and Merryn spot the stars together, and Sennen makes a wish for a friend.



There is a crack of thunder. A storm starts, and both Sennen and Merryn are scared.



Sennen talks into a radio, but no one responds. A big wave knocks Sennen into the water. The water is a sheet of plastic that is swept from side to side, as Merryn saves Sennen, dragging them to the shore.



Merryn sings a song to Sennen, trying to help them. An owl hoots and Merryn tries to hide.

Sennen wakes up, confused as to how they got to shore. Merryn swims back home.

Zennor the seal finds Merryn, but is stuck in some fishing net from the storm. Merryn helps him get free.



Meryasek enters, and asks Merryn where she has been. He is upset that she was in danger.



Meryasek leaves and  
Merryn talks to  
Zennor about wanting  
to go and see 'Sennen'  
again.

Zennor exits, and  
Merryn sings a song.  
She decides to go and  
meet the Sea Witch,  
Moryon Wicca.



The stage gets darker, and smoke appears. A puppet of an eel and a squid appear. They circle around Merryn.



Merryn talks to the Sea Witch, who speaks with a loud, echoey voice.



The Sea Witch gives Merryn a potion, the Squid appears behind her and hands her the glowing blue bottle.



Merryn swims to the surface, she drinks the blue bottle. It makes her stomach and tail feel funny. She moves around the stage, before hiding behind some seaweed.

It's quiet for a while, then Merryn's feet appear from the seaweed. She crawls out and tries to stand, using her new legs. It takes her some time.

She sits down, tired.  
Soon, Sennen appears,  
walking along the  
beach. He says 'Hello'  
and tries to help her.  
Giving her new shoes,  
his coat and trying to  
walk her home.



When Merryn tries to  
walk it looks like she's  
dancing. Sennen  
laughs, and sings a  
song to Merryn that  
she recognises. It's the  
song from the night  
she saved Sennen from  
the ship wreck.





Sennen and Merryn become friends. Sennen takes Merryn on an adventure where they see a butterfly, a beautiful countryside and a badger.



Sennen goes to get some Cocoa, as Merryn goes for a swim. He rushes in to try and save her, but notices she is happy swimming in the water.



Sennen and Merryn chat about what has happened, and



discover that it was Merryn who saved Sennen from the wreck.

Merryn explains that she must return to the sea. The magic returns, and her tail reforms.

Merryn swims home, and convinces Meryasek to join her back at the surface.

Meryasek is unsure,



Merryn asks you as the audience to show her your fish friends again. After seeing the fish, Meryasek feels confident enough to swim to the surface.

At the surface, Merryn and Meryasek meet Sennen, who has got a new boat. He has called it Merryn, Princess of the Sea.

Sennen explains that he has adapted the fishing techniques that his Dad taught him, and is now hunting plastic.

They sing a song together, dancing.



The lights fade. The story is finished.



When the lights come back up, the actors will be onstage to take their bows.

They will leave the stage and the lights will come up on the seats.

You will leave the theatre through the

door you came in.	
Thank you for coming!	