

JUDITH KERR'S **MOG** THE FORGETFUL CAT

Adapted for the stage by
THE WARDROBE ENSEMBLE



**Relaxed Performance
Pack**

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Information for everyone

SHOW NOTES

- Mog The Forgetful Cat is 60 minutes long with no interval.
- You can bring anything with you to the theatre that will help you to feel comfortable. This might include ear defenders, fiddle toys, a bottle of water or something else. You will be able to keep these things with you at all times.
- Two characters will engage with the audience directly, so don't be afraid to speak back to them and get involved. It is also completely fine to not reply if you don't feel like it. Mr Bunce will ask audience members if they have any pets and what their pets' names are. Mr Thomas will also ask the audience to sing along to the song 'Bother that Cat'.
- There is no right or wrong way to watch our Relaxed Performance of Mog The Forgetful Cat. We want you to enjoy it! That means you can make a noise or get up and have a walk outside of the seating areas if you need to. We do ask everyone to stay away from the stage though so that everyone can be safe during the show.
- The ushers are there to help you. If you need to leave, they will ensure you are ok. They will show you where the toilets are too. They are good people to talk to if you feel worried about anything in the show. You can speak to them before, during or after the performance.
- Mog The Forgetful Cat is staged in an 'end-on' configuration, which means that all the audience members will be facing the same direction, watching the action on stage.
- Depending on the theatre that you see the show, audience members may be watching from above or below you. Here is an example of an auditorium at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre with different levels that the audience can watch from.



Who you will see on stage

THE PERFORMERS



Tom England
Mr Bunce/The Vet



Max Gallagher
Musician/Larry



Georgina Goodchild
Mog



Maria Goodman
Debbie



Kerry Lovell
Mrs Thomas



Jesse Meadows
Nicky



Ben Vardy
Mr Thomas

You will also see these performers playing animal characters too, including cats, dogs, rabbits and birds!

When you enter the auditorium

The stage will look like this:



TYPES OF ACTION

FAST PACED ACTION

There are moments when the performers move quickly around the space and the action onstage can be fast-paced.



ACTORS COME CLOSE TO THE AUDIENCE

There are moments when performers will come to the edge of the stage. They might ask you a question if you have your hand up. Or invite you to join in with a song. It's ok to say no to any invitation to get involved.



LOUD NOISES

There are moments in the show when the animal characters make loud noises, such as a loud Meow or Woof. The audience are also asked to join in with the song 'Bother that Cat', which can be quite loud. On Relaxed Performance days, we lower the volume of certain sound effects, but there may still be a few loud ones.



SADNESS OR FRUSTRATION

There are moments when the characters get a bit cross, sad or frustrated. They may shout and their faces and movements will show how they feel. These moments are short and the characters always feel happy again.



SCARY MOMENTS

There are some moments which can be scary to young audiences, such as Bruno the Dog and the Burglar.



The Story of Mog The Forgetful Cat

Adapted for the stage by The Wardrobe Ensemble

Mog, Debbie and the musician will be played by different actors from the ones you see in these production photos. These photos were taken from a previous production. You can see the new actors faces in the headshot photos above and will do all the same action.

PART ONE: Mog The Forgetful Cat

Mr Bunce talks to the audience about their pets, before introducing all the animals in his pet shop.

The audience then meet Mr Thomas, Mrs Thomas, Debbie, Nicky...and their forgetful cat called Mog.

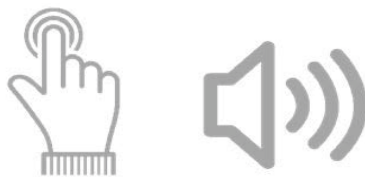


After playing in the garden, Mog wants to go back inside but forgets she has a cat flap. So she goes to the street. She meets a big scary dog called Bruno, who chases her all the way back to the house.



Mog 'Meoows' loudly at the window and causes Mrs Thomas to drop her peas all over the floor. Mr and Mrs Thomas are not happy with Mog.

Mr Thomas asks the audience to join him in singing "Bother that Cat". Nicky and Debbie tell their parents that it's not Mog's fault and that she's a lovely cat.



Debbie and Nicky go to bed. As Debbie is sleeping, Mog licks her face as if she was a kitten. Debbie has a bad dream about a tiger and wakes up crying.

So Mog runs into the garden. She is not very happy.



From the garden, Mog sees a man enter the house and thinks “that man will give her, her supper”. But he is infact a burglar trying to steal the Thomas’s silver! Mog “Meeooows” loudly, which wakes up the Thomas family and they stop the burglar from stealing.



The policeman presents Mog with a medal and Debbie gives her a boiled egg.

The seasons change. It is now Summertime.



Part Two: Mog and the V.E.T.

Mog is playing in the garden and hurts her paw. Mrs Thomas has to take Mog to the Vet.
Mog does NOT like the Vet.



There are a lot of animals (and their owners) waiting at the vets.



The vet notices that Mog has a thorn in her paw and tries to get it out. But Mog doesn't want to be touched by the Vet and runs into the waiting room with all the other animals.



The Vet finally gets the thorn out of Mog's paw, so Mog and Mrs Thomas can go home. They are exhausted. Mog has a lovely dream and is all better again.

Part Three: Mog's Bad Thing

The seasons change. It's Autumn.

Mog goes mouse hunting, has a wee behind her favourite tree, then goes to sleep on Mr Thomas's chair. He is not very happy about this.

It's the day of The Cat Show. It's taking place in the Thomas's garden and is hosted by Mr Bunce. Mog is not interested in taking part.

After a big sleep, Mog goes outside to do some more mouse hunting, but there is a big white tent in the garden, covering the tree where Mog goes to the toilet. So instead she does a wee on Mr Thomas' chair! Mr Thomas gets cross.



Mog hides in the attic.



Meanwhile, The Cat Show starts. There are a lot of cats doing different tricks and dances to try to win a prize.

From the attic, Mog looks down at the tent and decides she wants to the show. She jumps out of the window and flies spectacularly through the air, landing centre stage.



To everyone's surprise, Mog wins the cat show!

The tent disappears and Mog's garden returns to normal. Mog is very happy.

The seasons change again. Autumn turns to Winter.

The Thomas family think about all the exciting things they have done together that year, and how lucky they are to have such a remarkable cat.

The End!

Thank you for coming to see Mog The Forgetful Cat!

For venue access information, please visit the theatre's website.

We would also love to hear your thoughts on this Relaxed Pack and how we can improve. If you would like to send across your feedback, please email emily@thewardrobeensemble.com

