



**Extraordinary
Bodies**

Circus for Every Body

Waldo's Circus of Magic and Terror

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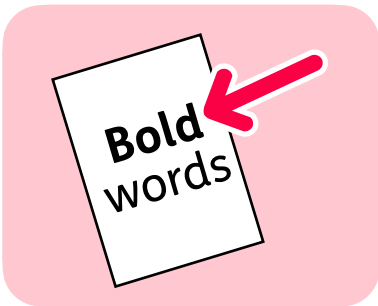


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Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



These are words that some people will find hard. When you see a bold word, we will explain it in the next sentence.



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Introduction



Waldo's Circus of Magic and Terror is a show from the Extraordinary Bodies circus company.



In our company, disabled and non-disabled people work together equally.



All of our performances are chilled.



This means that lights are left on low during the show.



You are allowed to:

- Make noise.



- Move around.



- Come in and out of the room if you need to.

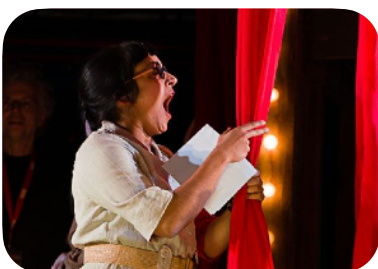


This show includes:

- Circus.



- Live music.



- Theatre.

Who is in the show



There are 16 people in the show:

- Krista.



- Mish.



- Mosh.



- Gerhard.



- Waldo.



- Joseph Benowitz.



- Renee.



- Dora.



- Dr. Margot Krüger.



- Queenie.



- Darragh Finnegan.



- Peter.



- Otto.



- Kurt.



- Wilhelm.



- VIP - played by Max Marchewicz, show interpreter. Max will be signing the words of the show.



There is also a live band in Waldo's Circus of Magic and Terror.



There are also 2 big screens showing the words that are being said.



You can borrow headphones during the show, with someone explaining what is happening on stage.

What happens in the show

The first half



We are in a travelling circus in Germany in the 1930s.



Circus people spend a lot of time practising their circus arts.



Mish and Mosh are clowns. They argue in Sign Language about who is the funniest.



Waldo runs the circus. He asks the audience for volunteers. He grabs Gerhard and his sister Margot, who is a doctor.



Gerhard jumps up and does some tightrope walking really well.

We hear that:



- There is trouble on the streets outside.



- The circus is running out of money.



Margot wants to go back to Berlin.
Gerhard wants to stay with the circus.
They argue.



Later, Krista and Queenie teach
Gerhard how to perform in the circus.



Later still, Renee is practising his circus act, high up on the trapeze.



Waldo is worried about money and needs to change the show.



Krista sings about her life as a disabled person working in a circus.



Queenie comes in and refuses to tell Krista her future. Krista makes up her own future.



Renee and Peter come in. Renee is bleeding. He has been attacked.



Gerhard wants to do an act with Krista.



Peter practices his act, but it goes wrong and Waldo sacks him.



Margot comes in wearing a **Nazi** armband and sees Gerhard and Krista kiss each other.

The **Nazis** are a political group that hates Jews, disabled people and others.

The Nazis are starting to run Germany.



The interval

There is a break.

After the interval



Peter is alone. He does a brilliant circus act.



Later, Waldo comes in with three drunken soldiers.



Then, Otto, Wilhelm and Kurt come in wearing Nazi armbands and singing.



Krista comes in and they make it difficult for her to leave.



Krista tells Waldo to say 'No' to the Nazis. Waldo says they need money from the Nazi government to save the circus.



Margot comes in. She cannot believe that Gerhard has fallen in love with a disabled person.



She says that as a doctor, she has been told to stop disabled people from having children.



Queenie sings about wanting to go back to her people and the woods.



Joseph, Mish and Mosh come in. Joseph and Mosh have been beaten up by the Nazis. Krista argues with Gerhard about the Nazis. Mosh dies.



They have a funeral for Mosh. Mish performs 'The Disappeared' song in BSL, before they all sing it together.



Later, Margot is starting to stop disabled people from having children.



Gerhard comes in. He makes Margot leave Dora alone.



Later, the circus show is about to start.



Krista and Dora are put in a box and magically, they disappear. Margot is shocked.

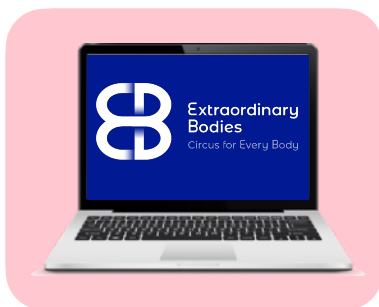


We find out what happened to Jacob, Mish, Krista and Dora.



The show ends

For more information



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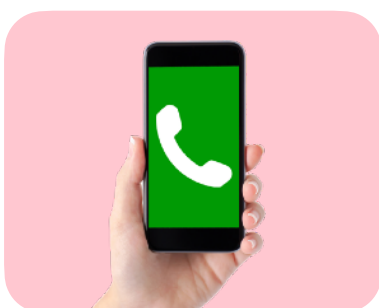
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