**Pre show Information - Solstice**

This information is to help you decide if Solstice is for you.

Content notes, including what happens in the show, are further in the document.

**The Space**

Solstice is a trail through six of the rooms on the first floor of Battersea Arts Centre. Each space is decorated differently using materials, structures, lighting and sound. In some of the rooms there will be performances that audiences can stop to watch or move past. The rooms are not set up as traditional theatres, rather they are meant to be explored and it is up to each individual how long they stay in each room.

The rooms are all on the first floor which can be reached either using the main staircase in the foyer, or taking the lift which is signposted in the foyer as you come in to the building.

On reaching the first floor the trail begins to the right as you come up the staircase, or to the left as you exit the lift.

There will be staff on hand to show you where to go.

There are no rest points along this 30-minute trail, however there will be portable seating available across the trail if you would like to have a seat. Ask a member of staff if you would like a portable seat.

**The Performers**

There are four performers in Solstice. They play different creatures and characters and help bring the feeling of the seasons to life. There are also puppets, operated by the performers, throughout the trail.

**Lighting and Sound**

The lighting and sound is atmospheric. The trail recreates the four seasons of the year. The show is still in development but it is unlikely there will be any sudden noises or flashing lights. A more detailed description of the lighting and sound will be provided ahead of the shows run.

There will be a storyteller in the Autumn room, along the trail.

There will be text copies of this story available at the entrance of Solstice, if you would like one.

There will be a moment where there is spoken word over music.

Ear defenders are available.

A sensory map of the trail is available

**Participation**

Audience members will be able to touch, feel, explore and interact with the characters and decoration. There is no required participation and audience members can interact as much or as little as they desire.

There will be opt-out of audience participation and interaction tokens available. We can offer you light-up armbands to wear during the experience that will show that you wish to opt-out of any participation and interaction.

**Access Information**

A number of accessible performances are being developed and more information on this will be published in early October.

We have a Chill-Out space available on the first floor. Staff will on hand to direct you to this space.

All time slots for Solstice are relaxed

A regular time slot runs for approximately 30 minutes.

A ‘Take Your Time’ Slot runs for 45 minutes, if you require additional time on the trail. These slots are available at 2:30pm and 7:45pm each day from December 8th onwards.