

# Drag Queen Storytime Visual Guide

### What is a Visual Guide?

A visual guide gives you lots of information about Z-arts and the show you are going to see, using pictures and accessible text.

They are suitable for anyone who would benefit from a clear and accessible introduction to Z-arts and the show.

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## **Getting to Z-arts**

Z-arts looks like this. It is opposite Hulme Park.

When you enter Z-arts, you will see a sign, some plants, some fish and some steps. On your left, there is a ramp. If you go up the ramp or up the steps, you will get to our Box Office desk.





# **Box Office**

A member of staff will be behind the Box Office desk to greet you.



Here you can let Z-arts staff know you have arrived for the show.



Anyone wearing a blue top and lanyard like Paul's is a member of staff at Z-arts.

They are happy to help you.



There are ear defenders

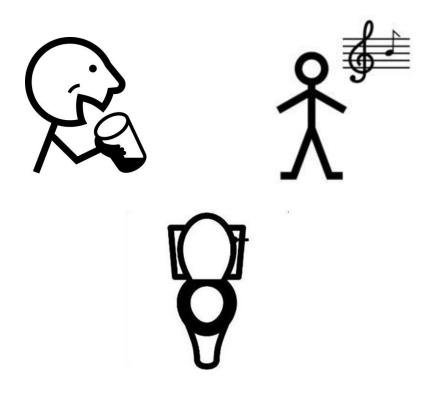
available for all ages and in all

sizes. Please speak to our Box Office

for more details or to request a set.



Staff have a keyring with laminated Makaton cards attached. The Makaton cards have simple images and symbols that you can use to help communicate with our staff.



#### Z-arts Café

If you look to your left when you're standing facing the Box Office desk, there is a corridor with lots of posters. This takes you through to Z-café.

Z-arts café has lots of chairs and tables. You can buy food and drink from the counter. In the picture, the café is empty, but it can sometimes be busy and noisy, particularly on a Saturday.





You can ask the Z-arts staff member behind the counter anything about the café and what it has to offer.

There is a visual menu available at the café. This is a printed menu with pictures and large print. You can take this to your table if you would like to use it. Ask a café staff member for one.

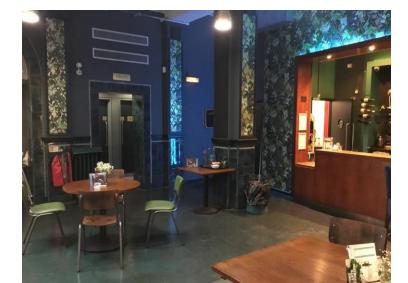
Accessible cutlery is also available. The cutlery has large easy grip, latex-free rubber handles. The spoon and fork have bendable shafts that bend for left or right-handed use. Ask a café staff member for cutlery.

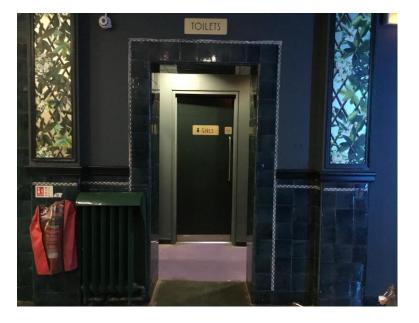




There are boys' and girls' toilets and an accessible toilet in Z-café. They are on the left when you are facing the counter.

There is a sign above the entrance way to the toilets. When you go through and turn to your right, you will be in a small corridor.





The doors to the toilets have signs on to show you which toilets are for boys and girls.

The accessible toilet is a little further along the corridor. It is on the left next to the boys' toilets.

The accessible toilet has a sign on it to show you that it is the accessible toilet.





# **STUN**

STUN is a studio space upstairs. This is where the show will happen.

A Z-arts staff member will take you upstairs to the studio space. You can use the stairs or a lift.

The staff will let you know where to sit. There

will be staff members who you can talk

to or ask for any guidance before, during and after the show.



# What to Expect in DRAG QUEEN STORYTIME

This is Blaq Ivory.

They are a performer.



Before the show, there will be arts and crafts activities for you to get involved in.

You can make an alien ahead of the show!

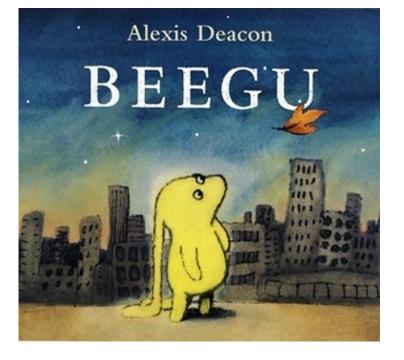


You can sit on big pillows in a circle to hear the story, or on the chairs in the theatre.

Blaq Ivory will sit on the floor with the audience to share the story.



Blaq Ivory will be reading "Beegu" by Alexis Deacon.



You will be able to participate in parts of the story. You can even pretend to fly a spaceship!



At the end of the show, Blaq Ivory may bow. When this happens, the audience might clap their hands, whistle or cheer to show they have enjoyed the story. You can join in with them if you like, but you don't have to.

All of the lights will come on again when the story is over. You can have a photo taken with Blaq Ivory if you wish.

