



# BIRTHDAY PARTY

## A VISUAL GUIDE

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We Look forward to welcoming you to Spot's Birthday Party.  
We hope you enjoy the show.

## **RELAXED PERFORMANCE**

Relaxed Performances are open to everyone but are especially tailored to support audiences with additional needs who may benefit from a more relaxed performance environment. This may include children, young people, and adults with neurodivergence, such as autism, learning difficulties and other sensory or communication needs.

Throughout the performance theatre doors will be closed, lights on and audience members will be free to come and go from the theatre if they need a break from the performance. There is also a relaxed attitude to noise during the show, and the sound and lighting will be adapted to more comfortable levels.

## **SHOW INFO**

### **HOW LONG DOES THE SHOW LAST?**

The running time is 50 minutes with no interval.

### **WHAT IS THE SHOW ABOUT?**

Based on the beloved **Eric Hill** classic ***Happy Birthday Spot***, this brand-new adaptation is the perfect introduction to theatre for children – they'll be encouraged to sing and dance along with Steve the Monkey, Tom the Crocodile, Helen the Hippo and Sally and Sam, Spot's parents, to say a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPOT!

Spot's Birthday party is about Spot and his mummy and daddy getting ready to celebrate his birthday. Spot has a visit from his friends Steve the monkey, Helen the Hippo and Tom the crocodile. Spot will enjoy learning colours with his coloured balloons, dress up and have yummy birthday cake.

### **WHAT AGE IS THE SHOW FOR?**

The performance is recommended for children aged 2+ and their grown-ups.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There may be an announcement just before the show asking for mobile phones to be switched off and advising that photography or filming of any kind is not permitted.

## THE ACTORS

There are three actors in the show, one male and two female.

All the actor's act, sing and dance during the show, to help to tell the story.



This is Amber  
Amber is an actress.  
Amber plays the role of Spot.



This is Jess  
Jess is an actress.  
Jess plays Sally the Dog  
And Helen the Hippo



This is James  
James is an actor  
James plays Tom,  
Steve and Sam



## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

- The show can be quite loud in places, with different sound effects, music and songs throughout. However, the volume will be reduced during the relaxed performance. There are no loud bangs or crashes.
- You are welcome to sing along and join in with the songs if you would like to – other audience members may also be quite loud during these parts!
- There are other moments during the show when the actors will talk directly to the audience, or ask questions like “What colour is this balloon?” You can reply or not, it’s up to you - no one will be made to feel embarrassed.
- Throughout the performance the lighting changes and especially during songs.

## **THE STORY**

Below is a summary of the story which means we tell you what will happen. This might be helpful to know before you come to the theatre, but if you want the story to be a surprise then we suggest you don’t read these pages. Please don’t share these with other people as they might want the surprise too.

The story of Spot’s Birthday Party starts with Amber, Jess and James who are looking for spot. They sing ‘where is spot’ and ask the audience if they have seen him. Spot is hiding. Spot loves to play hide and seek around the house. Jess and James find Spot and put on their party hats. Everyone in the audience is given a party hat to wear too. You can put yours on and sing a long if you like. They sing the song ‘Party hats’. Sally, spots mums comes in to see Spot and get ready for the party. Spot and Sally decide to look for Tom the crocodile who is hiding under the bed. Next they look for Steve the monkey. Steve is hiding behind the blue door and is looking for his bananas. Steve sings a song about bananas and asks his friends to count along.

Next Helen the Hippo is found, and Spot and Helen look for their friend Tom the crocodile. Tom is still hiding under the bed but comes out to play the ‘Crocodile bop’ game which is his version of musical statues. You can play along with Tom by dancing in your seats if you like. The music stops and starts, and it is a lot of fun. After this Sam, spots daddy arrives with coloured balloons and everyone sings about all of the different colours. Can you help Spot put the coloured balloons next to the same colours in the room?

Helen announces that she has planned some dressing up. So all of the characters dress up as Wizard, Astronaut, Diver, Superhero etc and sing a song about how fun it is to dress up. Finally, Sally reveals her surprise, it’s a yummy birthday cake. Everyone sings happy birthday and Spots friends, Hellen, Tom, and Steve get to take some birthday cake home with them. We say goodbye and spot feels tired, so he gets his teddy and gets into bed. Spots mum and dad wish him sweet dreams and Spot falls asleep with lots of wonderful birthday party memories of the best birthday ever.

## THE SET

When you enter the auditorium, the stage will look like the picture below. The stage is the area where the actors perform the show, and the set is the name for the scenery, landscaping and objects used on the stage during the performance.



When the show has finished, the cast will come back onto the stage and bow. The audience will clap to show the cast they enjoyed the performance. You can also clap if you would like to!

At the end of the show, the lights will get brighter.

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions about the show itself and would like to find out more, please get in contact with Sam Bradshaw Productions via [sambradshawtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:sambradshawtheatre@gmail.com).

If you have any feedback about the show please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.



**GALLERY**

