

# **A VISUAL GUIDE IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PERFORMANCE.**

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# VISUAL GUIDE FOR KIDNAPPED AT THEATRE ROYAL



I am going to Kidnapped at Theatre Royal, 282 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 3QA



The evening shows will start at 7.30pm.  
The afternoon show will start at 2.30pm.  
I should arrive a little earlier than this.

The show will last around 2 hours and 20 minutes  
and will include an interval break.



This is the entrance to Theatre Royal where the performance will be taking place.

I will enter through the automatic glass doors underneath the overhang.

If I have my e-ticket, I can show it to be scanned at the main door. If I don't have an e-ticket I can go to the box office to buy my ticket.



When I walk inside the theatre, I will see this area called the foyer.

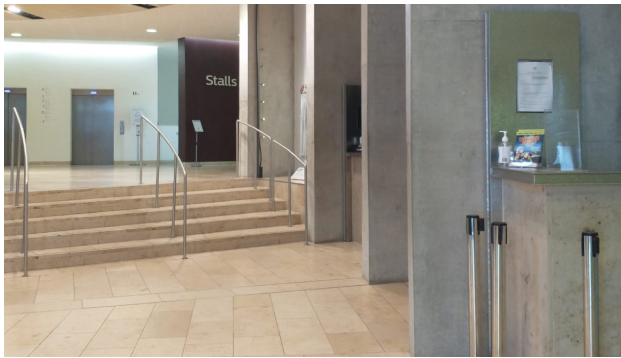
There will be Visitor Experience staff who can help with any questions about the event. It might be quite busy and noisy with other members of the audience.



This is the Box Office. This is where I can buy tickets.

If I have an e-ticket on my phone, or already have my tickets, I do not need to go to the box office.

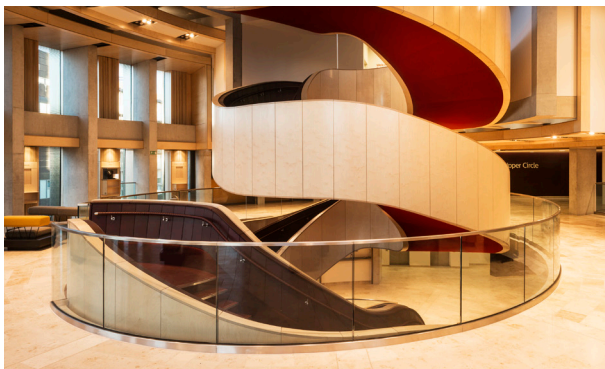
When I have my tickets, I can go into the theatre.



If I have tickets in the stalls, I can follow the signs in the foyer that will say "Stalls".

If I can't find it, I can ask a member of staff for help.

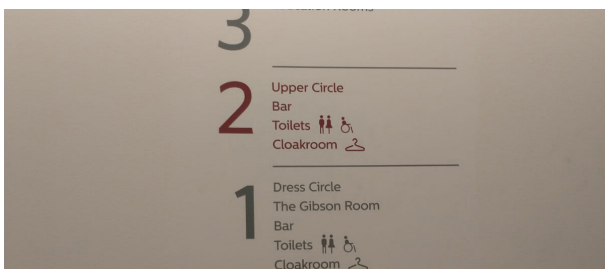
I can check on my ticket where my seat is.



If I have tickets that are in the Dress Circle, I will need to take the stairs or the lift to get to my seats.

The lift is located to the left as I enter.

The stairs are very large, and in the middle of the foyer.



I can find signs on the wall that will say which level I need to go to so I can get into the auditorium where my tickets are.



I can find bars on level 0, level 1, level 2 and level 4 where I can buy snacks and drinks before after the show.

There are also toilets on level -1, level 0, level 1, level 2 and level 4

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If I do go up the stairs, I can't access the auditorium from level 3.

Level 3 only has rooms used for different things, and I won't be able to get into the auditorium to see the show from here.

I should go onto a different level to get into the auditorium.

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**Auditorium/ Performance space:** Kidnapped takes place in a traditional theatre.

I will watch the performance in this large room. My seat number is on my ticket. It will have a letter for the seating row and a seat number. A member of the front of house team can help me find it.

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The lights will dim when the show is ready to start and the actors will come on to the stage.

The actors won't talk directly to me during the play. They will be in character.

I will need to be quiet while watching the show.

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At the end of the show the audience will clap to show the actors that they enjoyed the performance.

When the clapping has ended, the lights will get brighter. This means the show is over.

I can now leave the theatre. The front of house team will show me which way I can exit.

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# VISUAL STORY SYNOPSIS

## KIDNAPPED

Kidnapped is a new play by Isobel McArthur and MJ McCarthy, based on the historical adventure novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. The play is set in 18th Century Scotland but contains contemporary design elements, verbal references, music and comedy.

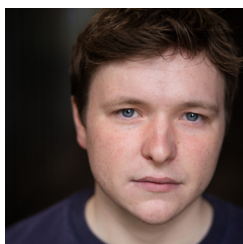
Following his father's death, Davie Balfour is kidnapped by pirates while trying to find his uncle, who has answers to a family mystery. Davie survives a shipwreck, gets caught up in crime, and encounters treacherous villains. He forms a bond with Jacobite outlaw Alan Breck Stewart, falling in love as he tries to make his way home.

Things to know about the show:

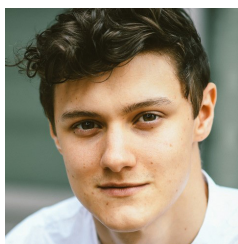
- Loud live music and sound effects are used throughout the show
- There are moments of dim-lighting and darkness onstage
- There are also some very bright, sometimes flashing, lights
- Gun-shaped props and gun-shot sound effects are used throughout
- There are several special effects in the show, including one fire effect
- There are instances of combative violence with prop-swords and prop-daggers
- In the text, there are swear words and some heated arguments
- There are a few expressions of affection, both verbal and physical
- Some characters speak in Gaelic at various points and play multiple roles

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## ACTORS AND CHARACTERS



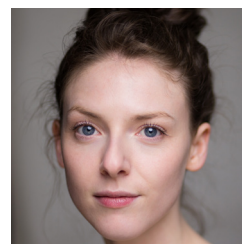
**RYAN J MACKAY**  
Davie Balfour



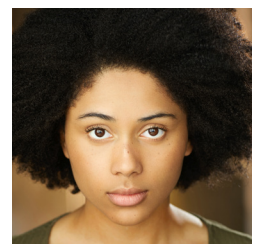
**MALCOLM CUMMING**  
Alan Breck Stewart



**KIM ISMAY**  
Frances



**CHRISTINA GORDON**  
Ensemble



**DANIELLE JAM**  
Ensemble



**FATIMA JAWARA**  
Ensemble



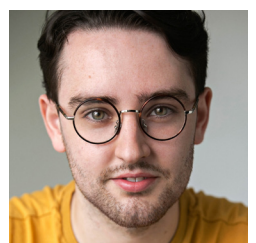
**GRANT O'ROURKE**  
Ensemble



**DAVID RANKINE**  
Ensemble



**KAREN YOUNG**  
Ensemble



**ISAAC SAVAGE**  
Performing Musical  
Director



# KIDNAPPED - SCENE BREAKDOWN

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## PRE SHOW

Before the show starts, while the audience enter, characters from the play walk around the auditorium. They are playing Wandering Scots and may talk to me looking for help, directions, water or snacks.

## PROLOGUE

Frances and the Tennessee Trio open the show, playing the song 'I've Been Everywhere'.



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## ACT ONE

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### SCENE 1

Davie meets his guardian, Mr Campbell to discuss his father's death. Unexpectedly, Davie finds a letter from his father instructing him to go to his uncle who will inform him of a mysterious family secret. Davie sets off to find him.



### SCENE 2

Davie travels to the House of Shaws. Along the way he meets a mother, a shepherd, and Jannet Clouston.

### SCENE 3

Davie arrives at the House of Shaws. He meets Ebenezer, who tries to get rid of him but eventually reveals himself as Davie's uncle and offers him money. Meanwhile, Frances sings 'The Gambler' with the band.



### SCENE 4

Ebenezer and Davie arrive at a portside tavern where Davie meets Ransome, a young Cabin Boy. Unaware of the trap, Davie accompanies Ransome to the ship called The Precariosa and is kidnapped by the pirates.

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## SCENE 5

Frances describes her first husband's infidelity. Davie wakes up tied to the mast of the ship. As a man jumps aboard from a sinking ship, Frances recalls falling in love at first sight. The man asks for safe passage to France.

## SCENE 6

The man introduces himself as Alan Breck Stewart, a Stewart clansman and Jacobite. He tells Davie and the crew about the Jacobite rebellion.



## SCENE 7

Davie overhears the Captain's plan to kill Alan and tells Alan about the plan. They make a pack to stand by each other's side. Alan and Davie fight the Captain and his crew – while a pirate sings 'Two Tribes'. Davie shoots the captain, saving Alan's life. To show his thanks, Alan gives Davie a silver button from his coat. The ship hits the Torran Rocks, and Alan and Davie are thrown overboard.



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## 20 MINUTE INTERVAL

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## ACT TWO

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## SCENE 1

A mermaid sings 'Don't Give Up'. Davie struggles in the sea but eventually finds strength to swim to the surface.



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## SCENE 2

Davie washes up on an island. He is met by a Gaelic speaking Islander who recognises the silver button from Alan. Davie realises that Alan must be dead and asks the Islander for directions to Appin where he can share this news with James of the Glens, Alan's chieftain.



## SCENE 3

Davie arrives in Appin and asks some locals to direct him to James of the Glens. Colin 'The Fox' Campbell – Appin's factor – is shot and Davie is accused of being an accomplice. Davie runs and Colin's men – the Red Coats – pursue him. During this sequence, Frances describes meeting Robert Louis Stevenson's parents for the first time.



## SCENE 4

Davie falls down into the cave of James of the Glens. He tells James and the clansmen of Alan's death. But, Alan is alive and standing behind him. The two embrace, relieved and delighted to see each other. Alan offers to take the blame for the death of Colin 'The Fox' and they go on the run together.



## SCENE 5

Frances and the band play 'Here Comes the Rain Again' while Alan and Davie are on the run from the Red Coats.

## SCENE 6

Exhausted, Davie and Alan rest for a night. Davie accuses Alan of killing Colin 'The Fox' but Alan explains he would never risk hitting Davie. The two make up and the band plays 'Only You'. Alan and Davie kiss and go to bed together.



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## SCENE 7

Davie and Alan hide in the tree. Some Highlanders arrive and give Alan a hearty hello in Gaelic. Davie faints and Alan asks the Highlanders if they can take Davie to Cluny's cave to recover.

## SCENE 8

Cluny's Cave is full of dancing, drinking and gambling. As Davie rests, Cluny invites Alan for a game of poker. Running out of money, Alan takes Davie's money and loses it.



## SCENE 9

When Davie wakes up, the couple argue over the lost money and Davie decides to go the rest of the journey to Queensferry alone.

## SCENE 10

Davie encounters Rob Oig and his henchmen on their way to hand Alan over to the authorities. After a moment of uncertainty, Davie turns and stabs Rob. Alan and Davie fight the henchmen and win. Alan carries injured Davie to Queensferry.



## SCENE 11

Alan and Davie return to the tavern. Mr Rankeiller explains what happened between Davie's father and his uncle, and how his uncle came to have ownership of the estate. Alan tricks Ebenezer into admitting he arranged Davie's kidnapping and the estate is entrusted to Davie. Davie asks Alan to come and live with him, but Alan must board a ship to France. During an emotional farewell, Frances reflects on the loss of a loved one.



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## SCENE 12

Frances and the band play 'Big Country' as Davie transforms into a mature man. Alan and Davie reunite at the House of Shaws. During the final chorus of 'Big Country', Robert Louis Stevenson appears. The show ends as Frances reaches out her hand to him.

## END OF SHOW