



# WOW! It's Night-time



## Visual Story

A visual resource for children and adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. This resource is intended to help prepare any visitors for a new experience and to help them to become familiar with the show, surroundings and situation.

## The Show

The show lasts for approximately 35 minutes without an interval.

In the show there is only one performer but several puppets.

Recorded music is played during the show. Sometimes the performer will sing along and may ask you to sing along or join in too. But it is up to you whether you want to and you don't have to if you don't want to.

Sometimes the performer and puppets may come out into the audience to see you. There is no need to be scared as they are very friendly and will not be in the audience for long.

If you are attending for a relaxed performance then the house lights will be left on throughout the relaxed performance and also the auditorium door will be left open in case you need to take a moment outside in the box office area.

## What Happens

The show is based upon the book **WOW! It's Night-time** by Tim Hopgood.

The curious little owl is ready to discover the wonders of night-time, from the big, bright moon to the bats in the sky and the foxes deep in the forest. But where are all the other owls? When the wind blows the leaves from her tree, you'll soon see...



## Characters

As this is a puppetry show the characters are mostly puppets. The performer plays the part of the Night Watcher.



The Little Owl



Foxes



Mice



Mole



Rabbits

Some of the other animals are represented by shadow and paper puppets

In this section information that is particularly important such as loud noises or flashing lights; will be in blue font.



As this show is set in the night time it is always quite dark.  
A lot of the puppets and set have lights in them so that they glow up in the dark.

As you enter the auditorium there is a large glowing umbrella tree on stage and it is quite dark.



When the show starts the performer enters through the audience.

She may ask your help to find the owl she has been looking for.

The Night Watcher is looking and listening for creatures that come out in the dark. She carries a large suitcase with all her special equipment including an ear trumpet shaped like a bat's ear. She enters looking for her friend the owl and shelters under a tree waiting for the owl to appear.



When she gets on stage she opens her case and takes out an ear trumpet.

She listens and can hear many different strange sounds.





She sings a song about the night time and tries to go to sleep under a blanket but can't sleep.

The owl comes out.

She has big glowing eyes and a glowing body.

She flies around the stage as music plays.

The Night Watcher listens in her ear trumpet again and hears all the different sounds of the night.

The performer pulls a curtain around the tree and leaves fall.  
The lights go slightly darker.



The tree glows and the performer appears with a red glowing nose and glasses. She is a mole!

The mole digs around throwing leaves into the air.



The owl comes out singing 'Wow!  
Wow! Wow!'

More leaves fall and then the tree glows blue and 2 foxes appear. Music plays and they dance around the stage.

The foxes sing jazzy songs.



The owl reappears singing Wow! Wow! Wow!





The tree glows pink and three balls with ears appear. They are rabbits!



The three rabbits bounce and squeal! Circus music plays and they perform some rabbit acrobatics!

The owl reappears singing Wow! Wow! Wow!

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The wind blows and the tree spins around.

Leaves fall.

The performer pulls a curtain around the tree and the lights go darker.



The Night Watcher puts on gloves which become mice.

The owl comes out and notices the mice. [The mice squeal!](#)

The mice hide from the owl.

[There is a storm with some thunder and lightning.](#)

[The wind blows.](#)



[The stage gets darker with just a purple glow from the tree. In the shadow we see some bats.](#)

[The bats appear under the branches of the tree then fly out casting shadows all around - don't be scared bats are shy creatures.](#)

The owl reappears singing [Wow! Wow! Wow!](#)



The mice come back. This time there are 5! They sing a song and perform tricks. They are 5 singing mice! [At the end of the song we hear clapping and cheering! You can clap if you want. There is also lots of squeaking from the mice!](#)

The owl reappears singing 'Wow! Wow! Wow!'





The wind blows. The owl is cold. The performer pulls the curtain around the tree and pulls lights down from inside it.

It is cloudy and raining. It rains and the Night Watcher wears a beautiful rain cloud hat - The Night Watcher makes a pitter-patter sound and asks the audience to join in making a pitter patter sound of the rain by tapping their fingers. You can join in if you want to.

The owl comes back and they sing a song about the rain.

The owl flies up the aisle past the audience.



The performer opens the front of her skirt to reveal her petticoats. Inside her dress are paper moths. They flutter around.



The owl reappears singing  
Wow! Wow! Wow! ,



The Night Watcher pulls the cover off the top of the tree. Leaves fall down.

Behind the tree there are lots of glowing eyes. Owl eyes!

They sing a song about sunrise.



The Night Watcher tips the tree forward so that it becomes the sun! It is lit up brightly. The sun has come up!



Another little owl comes out.



As the sun is up it's time for owls to go to sleep! Both of the owls are tired and their eyes slowly close.

The lights get brighter and the performer flies the little owl up the aisle past the audience and out of the back door.

The performer comes back on to the stage to take a bow.

You can clap to show that you enjoyed the show if you like.

She walks up the aisle again saying goodbye to the audience as she leaves.

We hope you enjoyed the show.

