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going to see

# HONK!

**THE UGLY DUCKLING MUSICAL**

DELAWARE THEATRE COMPANY  
RELAXED PERFORMANCE PRE-VISIT STORIES

# THEATRE



## DELAWARE THEATRE

I am going to the Delaware Theatre Company to see a play called *Honk!*



## HONK!

The musical called *Honk!* is about a duck who looks different than the other ducks.



## PLAY

A play tells a story with actors talking, moving, or singing on a stage.

Acting out a story is pretend and may not be like the real world.

# THEATRE



## ACTORS AS ANIMALS

In the *Honk!* play, the people are acting as animal characters.

The actors wear costumes that represent ducks, chickens, geese, cats, frogs, and swans.

The actors will move like an animal and make animal sounds.



## PROPS

Props are objects. They are used in a play to help imagine the scene and may be used for many purposes.



## MUSIC

A band will play music during the play. The band is on the stage.

The Cat also plays music on stage.

# THEATRE



## SOUNDS

I will see and hear the Cat playing an electric guitar. The sound will be a little high.

I will see and hear the ducklings playing the kazoo.

I will also hear muffled gunshot sounds when the geese fly off into the sky.

These sounds will not last long.

I can wear headphones or cover my ears before these scenes.



## GUN SHOT

The actors playing geese don't want to fly into the sky because hunters may shoot them.

When they go off stage to pretend flying off into the sky, I will hear muffled gun shots in the distance as hunters try to shoot the flying geese.

The guns I hear are not real guns. It is just a sound.

# THEATRE



## PRETEND

The actors pretend many things.

Sometimes they pretend to swim.

Sometimes they pretend to fly.

Sometimes they pretend to be mean.



Sometimes they pretend to be sad or hurt.

The actors are not really mean, sad, or hurt. They are only pretending.



# CHARACTERS



## UGLY

Ugly is a different looking duckling. He is a kind animal.



## IDA

Ugly's mother. She loves all of her ducklings.



## DRAKE

Ugly's father.

# CHARACTERS



## DUCKLINGS

Ugly's brothers and sisters. They think Ugly is different.



## CAT

The cat plays a guitar. He wants to eat Ugly.



## FARM ANIMALS

The other farm animals are the Turkey, Grace, Maureen, and Henrietta. They are friends with Ida.

# CHARACTERS



## GREYLAG & DOT

The geese help Ugly find his way home.



## QUEENIE & LOWBUTT

Queenie and Lowbutt live in a house and meet Ugly as he tries to find his way home.



## BULLFROG & THE FROGLETS

The frogs are friendly animals. They see the value of every animal no matter who they are, what they sound like, or what they look like.



# CHARACTERS



## PENNY

Penny is a swan and sees the beauty in Ugly.



## UGLY

Ugly is not a duck, but a swan!

# PLOT



## OPENING SCENE

We meet the animals on the farm.



## DUCKLING EGGS HATCH

Ida and Drake's ducklings are born.



## SWIMMING

Ida teaches Ugly how to swim.

# PLOT



## UGLY BY HIMSELF

Ugly sings a song about being different.



## SNACK SHACK

The cat tries to cook Ugly!



## NIGHT SCENE

Ugly is lost. Ida leaves to look for him.

# PLOT



## GOOSE CHASE

The geese help Ugly look for Ida.



## INTERMISSION

There is a 15 minute break from the play.



## INSIDE

Ugly meets a cat and chicken who are pets that live inside a house.

# PLOT



## IDA SEARCHES

Ida keeps looking for Ugly and runs into some familiar faces.



## MEETING SWANS

Ugly saves Penny the swan from a fishing hook.

She invites him to fly south with her and the other swans for the winter.



## FROGS

Ugly meets a group of frogs who celebrate being different.

# PLOT



## WINTER STORM

Ugly and the Cat get caught in a winter storm and freeze!



## UGLY CHANGES

Ida's tears thaw the ice and Ugly transforms into a swan.

He and Penny decide to stay at the farm.



## END OF SHOW

When the play ends, all the actors will come out on the stage to take a bow.

People will clap for the actors to show them how much they liked the play.

# THEMES



## BEING DIFFERENT

Different means that someone is not like everyone else.

Ugly does not look the same as the ducklings.



## BEING MEAN

Being mean or hurtful is when someone says or does something to another person to make them feel bad.

In *Honk!*, the actors playing the Ducklings are being hurtful to Ugly because he looks different.



## BEING DECEITFUL

Being deceitful is when someone lies to someone else to get what they want.

The Cat lies to Ugly because he wants to eat him.

# THEMES



## BEING HELPFUL

Being helpful is when someone aids someone else.

Putting other people's needs before yours is kind.



## BEING FORGIVING

Forgiveness is when a person chooses to not be mad at another person who has hurt them.

Forgiveness is a type of kindness.

Ugly forgives the ducklings for being hurtful to him.



## DIFFERENT IS GOOD

Being different means that someone is special and valuable in their own way.

Everyone learns that it is good that Ugly is different. Ugly is special and valuable just the way he is.