

Moonlight Dream

by Maiden Voyage Dance

Familiarisation Pack

Accessible performances

Fri 8 May | 12:15pm

Sat 9 May | 2pm



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Welcome to Moonlight Dream!

We are so excited to welcome you to Moonlight Dream at The Ark!

This pack is designed to help you get ready for the show.

If you have any questions for us, you can email boxoffice@ark.ie

Everyone is welcome just as they are!





About the show

Moonlight Dream is a dance performance about a Child going on a gentle journey to dreamland, guided by a Fox and a Bear.

There will be three dancers and one musician on stage.

The story is told through dancing, music and lights and objects on the stage. The characters do not speak.

Moonlight Dream is designed for 3-6 year olds.

It is 30 minutes long.

Meet the characters!



THE CHILD

The Child is curious and wants to journey to the moon to dreamland



THE FOX

The Fox is mischievous, always finding moments for fun to be had!



THE BEAR

The Bear is wise and caring, always looking out for others



Music

The music of Moonlight Dream is gentle and calm to help create a magical atmosphere!

There is one sentence sung out loud in the show: “You can go by car, you can go by train, you can go by elephant, you can go by plane, but have you ever gone by cloud.”

Musician Ursula Burns will be playing 3 different instruments on stage

The sounds will be coming from the instruments - this is called ‘Live Music’



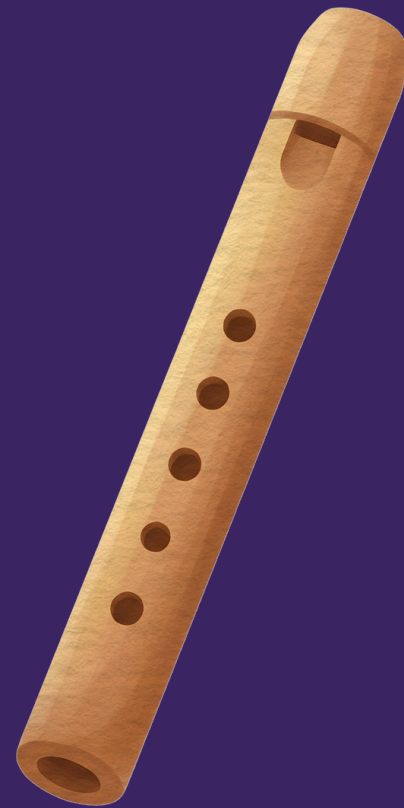
[Click here to listen to one of Ursula's songs on Spotify.](#)
[The song is called 'The Secret Melodies of Trees'](#)



Instruments



Keyboard



Wooden flute



Harp

The story



The beginning

The Child tries to fall asleep. She rests her head on a glowing globe and the music begins.



The middle

The Fox and the Bear appear and become friends with the Child. Together they set off on an adventure through the night sky!



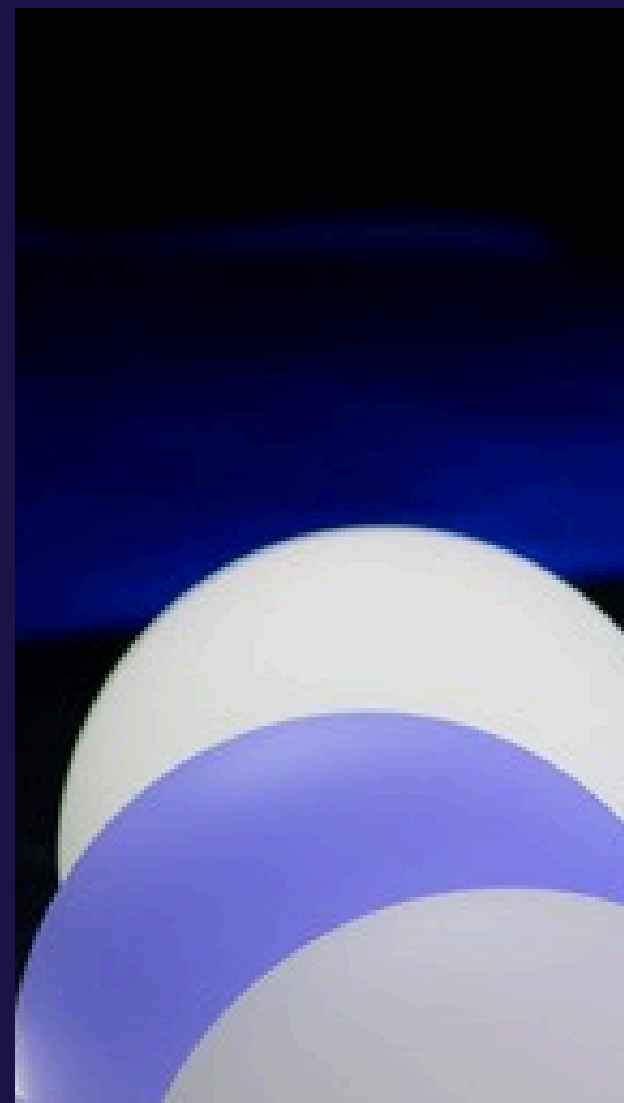
The end

They travel together through clouds and planets, all the way to the Moon.



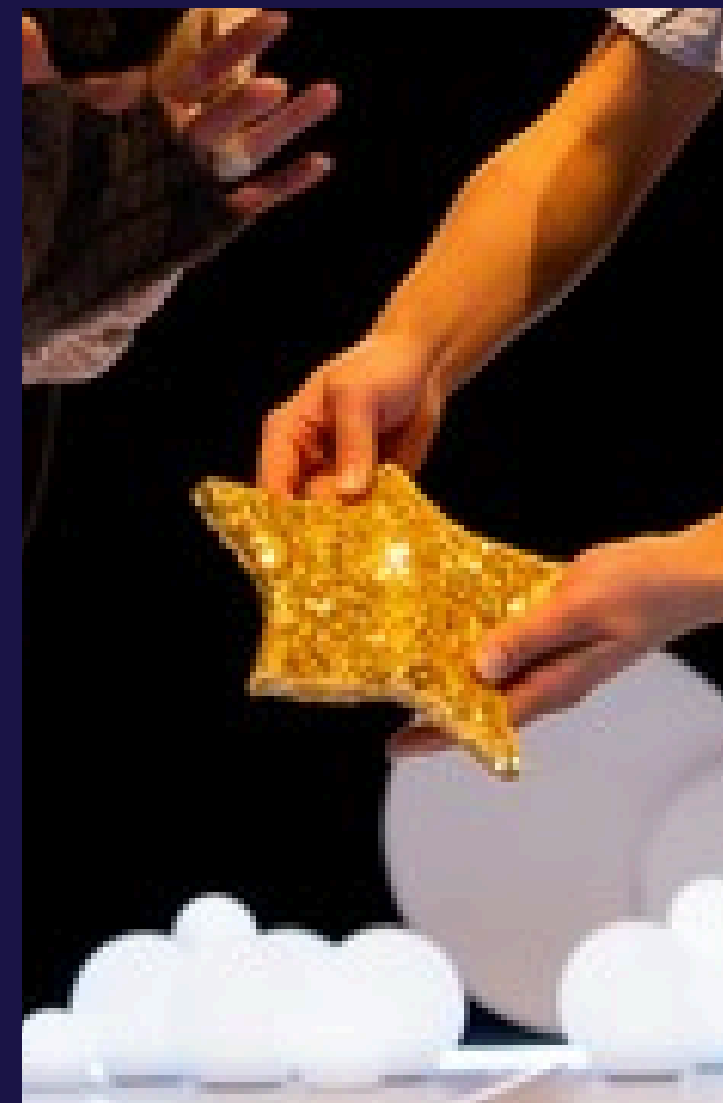
Glowing moon

A big glowing moon on stage



Colourful lights

Light up globes that change colour



Lucky star

A lucky star shining bright



Dancers up close!

Dancers come close to the audience to offer you a star!

On the stage

Lights and colours

The lights will dim, creating a cosy atmosphere.

The show starts dark like the night sky with the glowing bright moon.

The floor is lit by a ribbon of light all the way around it.

Light up globes begin white and gold before later changing colours!

The lights will be blue and violet at times.

The moon will be reflected on the dance floor



Accessible performances

12:15pm on Friday 8 May
2pm on Saturday 9 May



Touch
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Audio description

Audio description is a spoken narration of the visual elements on stage. It can be helpful for people who are blind, have low vision or neurodivergent.

The audio describer speaks into a headset, like a narrator of a story, and explains things like facial expressions, body language and costumes.

You can listen to it through a small device and ear piece. You can control the volume and turn it off when you need.

If you want to listen to the audio description, you can borrow a headset from box office.

Touch tour

A touch tour is a hands-on experience designed for people who are blind, have low vision, or have sensory processing differences.

Audience members will have the chance to touch things like props and costumes.

The touch tour is guided by an audio describer who gives context and talks about how things will look in the show.

Touch tours start 45 minutes before the performance

- Friday 8 May: 11:30am
- Saturday 9 May: 1:15pm





Relaxed performance

A relaxed performance means the show is a bit calmer, with softer lights and sounds.

You can make noise, move in your seat.

You can leave and come back at any time.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the show in their own way.

What age is Moonlight Dream for?

It's designed for 3-6 year olds

You will be able to follow the story, the journey and the friendship between the Child, the Bear and the Fox.

Children younger than 3 years will have a more sensory experience, with calm music and soft lighting.

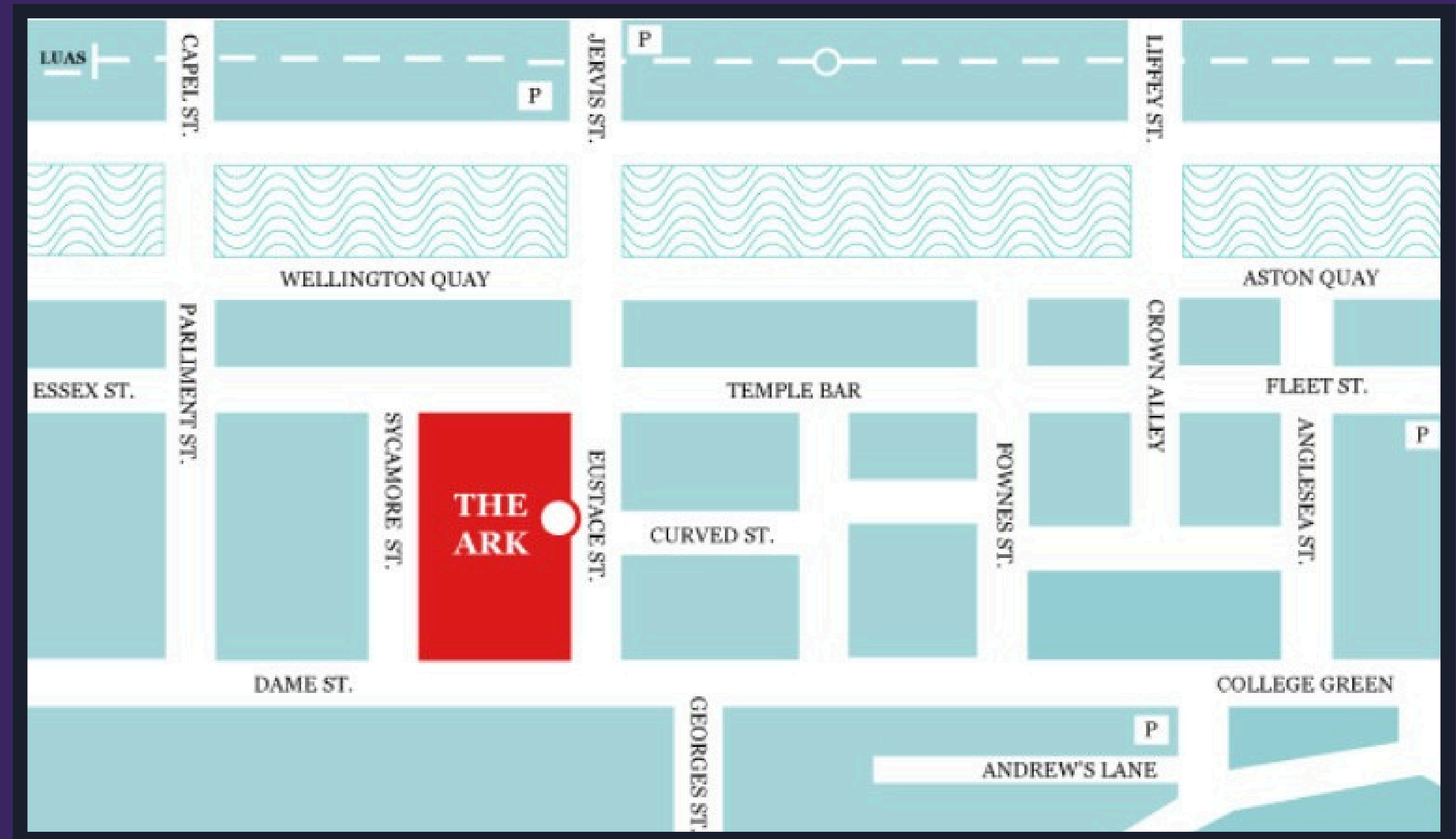
Older children are of course welcome to attend!

This relaxed dance performance is designed to be inclusive, calming and full of wonder for the whole family

Getting to The Ark

The Ark is on Eustace Street in Temple Bar, Dublin.

[Click here to visit the Ark's website to learn more about transport options](#)



On the day...



Arrive at The Ark



Ticket check



Waiting area



Enter the theatre

The Ark is in Temple Bar. The road has bumpy cobblestones and it can be a bit noisy outside.

There are no steps to go inside.

You can bring your own ear defenders and stim toys.

A friendly staff member will check your ticket. They are here to help you feel welcome!

If you want to listen to audio description during the show, you can ask to borrow a headset at box office.

You can take the lift or the stairs to go to the basement.

This is where you will wait before the show with everyone else.

There are bathrooms on this level through the red door.

When staff open the theatre door, you can go in! You can choose your own seat.

There are blue cushions to sit on and lean against.

We hope you enjoy the show!

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