



## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR A TALE OF PETER RABBIT**

The performance takes place in the Charlotte Martin Theatre. Seating is stadium style, similar to a movie theater. There are two aisles and a quiet room on the back right.

**7** The show is approximately 60 minutes in duration and takes place without an intermission.

## SHOW CONTENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR A TALE OF PETER RABBIT

- A Tale of Peter Rabbit is based on the stories and characters in The Tales of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter, however it is not an exact retelling of any specific story in that collection.
- When referencing Mr. McGregor, the rabbits in the story frequently express concerns that they might be killed.
- There are multiple times the death of the rabbits' father is mentioned.

In the following guide, the performance is divided by scenes that contain moments of heightened sensory intensity.

## **KEY TO SYMBOLS**



Auditory Intensity



Surprise



Audience Interaction



Emotional Intensity



Visual Intensity

SCENES	SENSORY CATEGORY	HEIGHTENED SENSORY MOMENTS
Scene 1 Mopsy and Peter		- Mopsy and Peter argue with each other.
Scene 2 Flopsy with the Laundry		<ul> <li>Flopsy notices the audience and becomes very anxious, thinking she might get eaten.</li> <li>Flopsy speaks directly to the audience and asks the audience questions.</li> <li>Mopsy enters, notices the audience, and becomes very anxious, thinking she might get eaten.</li> </ul>
	<u> </u>	<ul> <li>Flopsy finds out Mopsy went into the McGregors' garden and threatens to tell their mother.</li> <li>Mopsy dances and sings a rap song about</li> </ul>
Scene 2 cont. Mopsy's rap		herself.
Scene 2 cont. Peter and Cottontail discuss their father's death		<ul> <li>Flopsy smells danger. The rabbits fear it is Mr. McGregor.</li> <li>Using puppets, Peter describes his father going into Mr. McGregor's garden and Mrs. McGregor turning him into rabbit pie.</li> <li>Cottontail does a scary imitation of Mr. McGregor with the Mr. McGregor puppet.</li> </ul>
		- Cottontail is very sad when she remembers their father and cries.
		- Flopsy enters. She heard Mr. McGregor say that he is "coming for all bunnykind!" She is very upset.
		- There are multiple thunder and rain sound effects. The rabbits think it's Mr. McGregor and grow more and more panicky.
Scene 3 Peter enters the book		<ul> <li>Peter is frozen underneath the fence</li> <li>Cottontail notices the people for the first time and is frightened.</li> <li>Flopsy asks the audience what happened to</li> </ul>
Scene 3 cont. Mopsy's rap		Peter. - Mopsy dances and sings a rap song about herself.

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Scene 3 cont. Peter wakes up		<ul> <li>Peter "wakes up" as Peter in the book. He is frightened of Mr. McGregor.</li> <li>Mopsy pretends she is Mr. McGregor. She chases after Peter and uses a Wicked Witch of the West voice. "Mr. McGregor" threatens Peter with his hoe and says he is going to turn him into stew.</li> </ul>
Scene 3 cont. Peter tries to flee the garden		<ul> <li>Peter gets stuck in a gooseberry net as he attempts to flee the garden. He begins to cry while "Mr. McGregor" continues to threaten him.</li> <li>Peter splashes into a watering can and briefly thinks he may drown.</li> <li>An image of the shadow of Mr. McGregor is projected on the back scrim.</li> </ul>
Scene 3 cont. Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail become Mr. McGregor. Peter confronts Mr. McGregor		<ul> <li>After Peter decides he's going to stand up to Mr. McGregor, Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail all turn into scary versions of Mr. McGregor.</li> <li>Mr. McGregor's voice comes over the sound system. It is distorted and scary.</li> <li>Peter asks Mr. McGregor directly if he hacked his father with a garden hoe.</li> <li>Mr. McGregor says that he likes to eat meat pies. This terrifies Flopsy and Cottontail.</li> <li>An image of Mr. McGregor with fangs appears.</li> <li>Cottontail asks the audience if they think Peter is naughty.</li> <li>The audience is encouraged to chant with the rabbits.</li> </ul>
Finale Mopsy's Music		- Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and Peter all dance to Mopsy's rap.