

A Visual Story
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SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE

AS YOU LIKE IT

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Visual Story

This document will give you a detailed description of what to expect from As You Like It at Shakespeare's Globe.

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The Cast

This shows the cast in and out of character. Some of the characters appear in multiple costumes throughout.



Peter Bourke



Adam / Oliver Martext



Jonnie Broadbent



Touchstone



Jurell Carter



Charles / William



Colm Gormley



Duke Senior / Duke
Frederick / Corin



Charlie Josephine



Orlando



Thomas Josling



Oliver / Amiens



Molly Madigan



Phoebe



Phoebe Naughton



Audrey



Gracie Oddie-James



Celia



Katherine Pearce



Jaques



Jordan Rhys



Jaques de Boys / Cover



Katie Richardson



Hymen



Lola Shalam



Rosalind



Inez Solomon-Gardner



Ensemble / Cover



Busa Wickramasuriya



Silvius

Show Notes



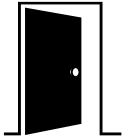
Relaxed Performance

A relaxed performance will take place on:

Sunday 20 September 2026 at 1.00 pm

and

Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 7.30 pm



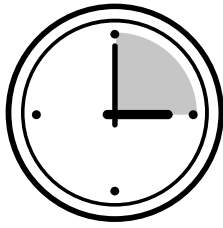
This will mean:

- An open-door policy: you can come and go as much as you want or need to.
- A culture of acceptance and respect for however you want to experience the show.
- Movement and noise are welcome should you need or want to.
- Pre-show information packs are available online and at the welcome desk.
- A Quiet Space in the Upper Foyer.



The content of the show is exactly the same.

Show Notes



Times

The show is roughly 2 hours and 45 minutes long.

This includes a 20 minute interval.



Music and Sound

The sonic story gives details on the music and sound throughout the show.

You are welcome to wear your own audio mufflers or borrow some from us.

Lighting

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre is an open-air theatre. During the daytime the theatre is lit by daylight. At night the stage will be illuminated so you can see the performers clearly.

The lighting therefore remains the same throughout the whole show.

Set and props

You can see many of the costumes used throughout the performance in the pictures throughout the synopsis.

The set looks like this:



At one point in the show, Orlando holds a gun, but it is never fired. You can find more information in the Sonic Story.

If you don't want to know the plot of the show, you can skip to page 15.

As You Like It - Synopsis

The story begins at a grand, pompous court party run by Duke Frederick. Everyone feels pressed to act a certain way. Rosalind (the daughter of the banished old Duke) and her cousin Celia try to play their roles, but Rosalind breaks away because she misses her banished father. Celia promises that she loves Rosalind dearly and will share everything with her.

Orlando is the younger brother of Oliver. Oliver treats Orlando like a servant instead of a gentleman. Orlando gets angry and demands his inheritance or better treatment. Oliver gets mad and plans to harm Orlando by encouraging him to fight the Duke's champion wrestler, Charles, in a dangerous match.

Orlando comes to the court to wrestle Charles. Rosalind and Celia try to convince him not to fight because Charles has already broken other men's ribs, but Orlando insists. Orlando surprisingly wins the match! Rosalind gives Orlando her necklace as a reward, and they fall in love at first sight. Afterwards, Duke Frederick finds out Orlando is the son of his old enemy, Sir Rowland de Boys, and becomes angry.



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Duke Frederick suddenly banishes Rosalind from the court. Celia refuses to leave her cousin, so they run away together into the Forest of Arden. To stay safe on the road, Rosalind disguises herself as a young man named Ganymede, and Celia disguises herself as a poor girl named Aliena. They take Touchstone, the court fool, with them.

Orlando's faithful old servant, Adam, warns Orlando that Oliver plans to burn down his house to kill him. Orlando and Adam run away into the Forest of Arden as well.

In the forest, Rosalind (as Ganymede), Celia (as Aliena), and Touchstone buy a shepherd's cottage and flock to live in. Meanwhile, the banished old Duke Senior lives happily in the woods with his loyal lords, including the melancholy Jaques. Orlando stumbles upon Duke Senior's camp looking for food for weak old Adam, and Duke Senior kindly welcomes them to his feast.



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Orlando is so in love with Rosalind that he hangs love poems on the forest trees. Rosalind (disguised as Ganymede) finds the poems and then meets Orlando. As Ganymede, she offers to "cure" Orlando's lovesickness if he pretends that Ganymede is Rosalind and woos "him" every day. Orlando agrees.

Touchstone the fool meets a country goat-girl named Audrey and decides to marry her. Meanwhile, a local shepherd named Silvius is deeply in love with a shepherdess named Phoebe, but Phoebe rejects him. When Rosalind (as Ganymede) scolds Phoebe for being mean to Silvius, Phoebe instantly falls in love with Ganymede instead!

Oliver comes to the forest searching for Orlando to bring him back to Duke Frederick. However, Orlando saves Oliver's life from a lioness in the woods. Oliver repents his past bad behaviour, and the brothers make peace. While in the forest, Oliver meets Celia (Aliena) and they immediately fall in love and decide to marry.



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Orlando grows tired of pretending and misses the real Rosalind. Rosalind promises that through “magic,” everyone will be married the next day. She makes Phoebe promise that if she decides not to marry Ganymede, she will marry Silvius.

The next day, Rosalind and Celia shed their disguises and reappear as themselves. Rosalind marries Orlando; Celia marries Oliver; Phoebe realizes Ganymede is a woman and happily marries Silvius; and Touchstone marries Audrey.

News arrives from Jaques de Boys, brother to Oliver and Orlando, who informs everyone that Duke Frederick turned away from his evil ways after meeting an old holy man in the forest, and he has restored the dukedom to Duke Senior. Everyone celebrates with music, dancing, and joy in the forest.



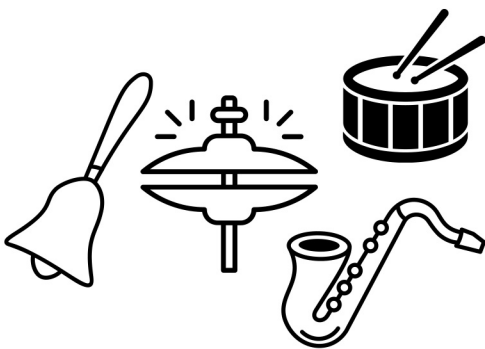
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SONIC STORY

Below is some information about the **music** and **sounds** in As You Like It.



The show is a **comedy**, so there is **laughter** throughout.



The show includes **live music**. Instruments used in the show include **bells, cymbals, saxophones** and **drums**.



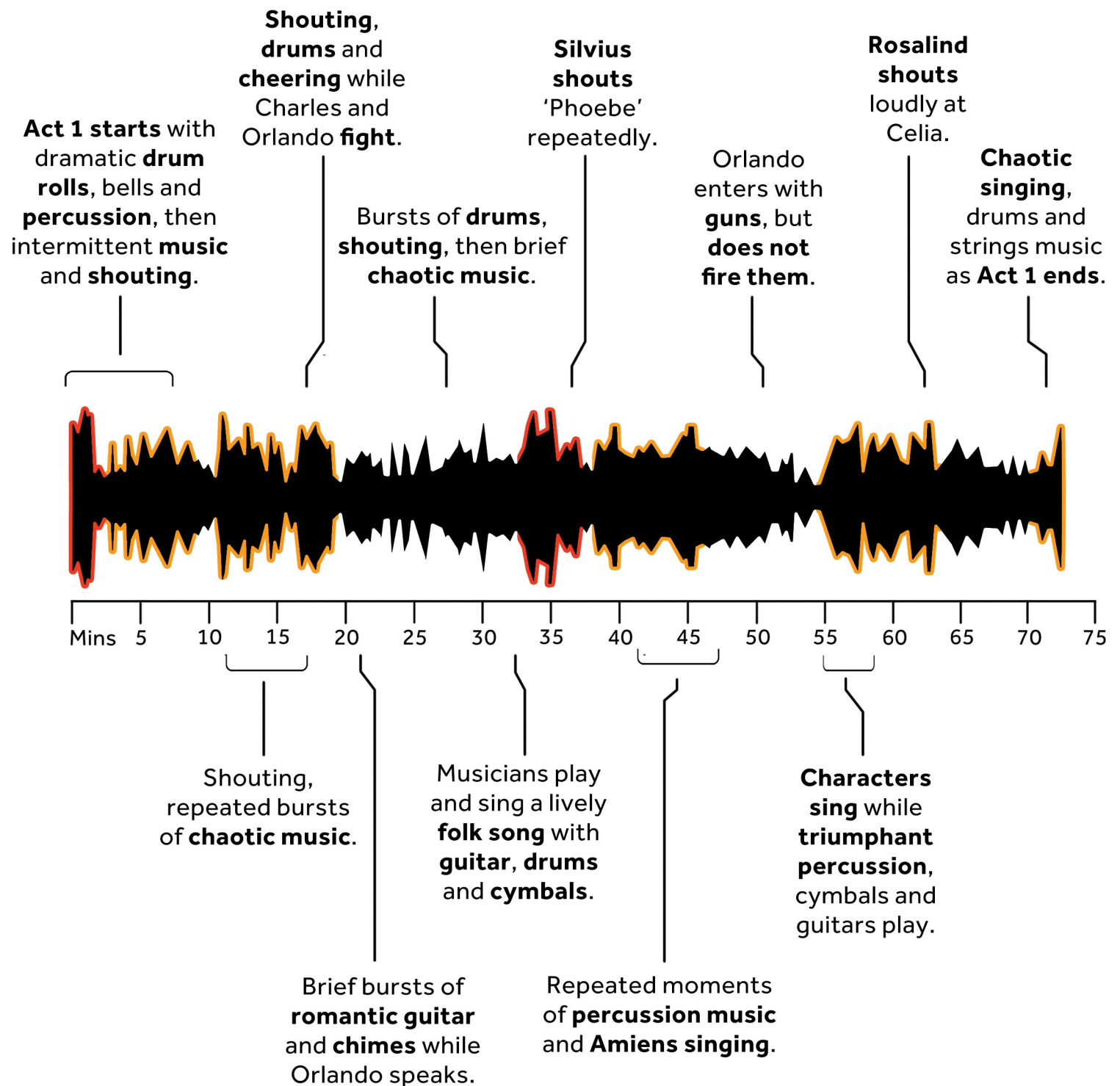
There is lots of **singing**. Sometimes, the actors get the **audience to join in** with the songs.



The next two pages show the '**Sonic Story**' of Love's Labour's Lost. This highlights **loud and quiet moments** from the performance, and moments where the **sound changes suddenly**.

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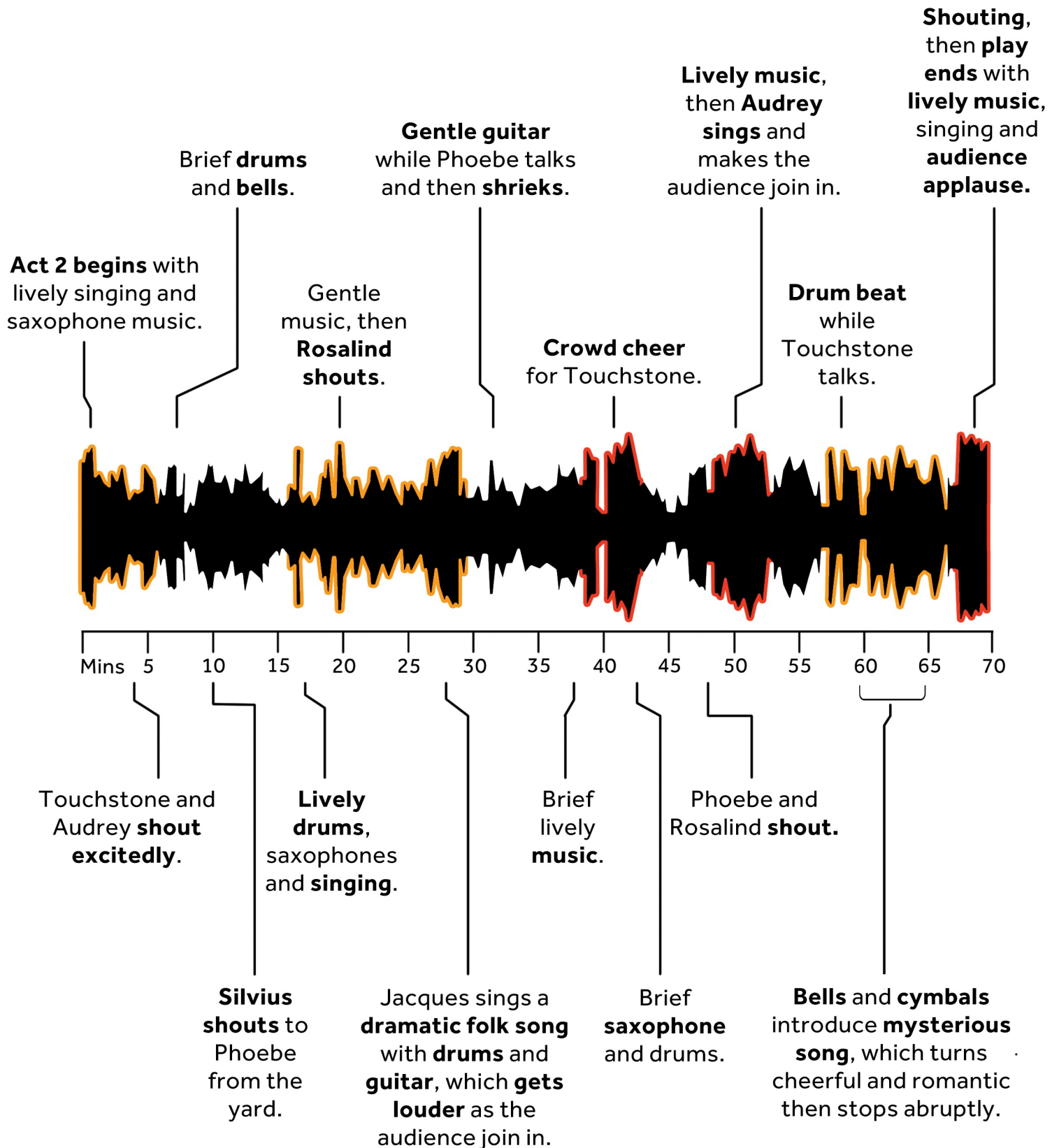
SONIC STORY - ACT 1



● **VERY LOUD**
● **LOUD**
● **QUIET**

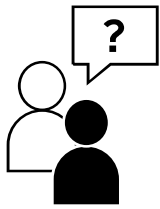
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SONIC STORY - ACT 2



● **VERY LOUD**
● **LOUD**
● **QUIET**

Further information



Contact Details

Should you require more information or wish to discuss your access requirements please contact the Access team on access@shakespearesglobe.com or 020 7401 9919.



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