

**Welcome to Baboró**Included in this Booklet:

* Safety information and emergency contact details
* Drop off points for buses and recommended parking locations
* Additional places to go on your day out
* Introduction to Teacher Pre-engagement activities

# **Preparing for Your Visit to Baboró**

**Notes for Teacher**

A Baboró Steward, wearing a red Baboró Festival Team t-shirt, will meet you at the recommended bus stop for your venue.

Please put the name of the performance on the board in advance so that children will be able to inform their parents what they are going to see.

Please speak to your class about what to expect when they come to the festival and what is expected of your students for whom this may be their first time visiting a theatre or gallery. Please ensure that you as teachers/SNAs actively engage with the performance/exhibition/workshop with your students as a shared experience.

We have noticed that children watching a performance will chat softly about the show amongst themselves, this is an active form of engagement and is not disruptive. It is not necessary to ‘Shhh’ children when they are doing this. However, loud talking or disruptive behaviour is, of course, not permissible and the artists should be respected.

**Please read this to your class before attending a Baboró event:**

* Please line up in twos (the buddy system) and stay with your class at all times
* Please WALK to the theatre and WALK when you are inside the theatre
* When you arrive at the theatre, you will see Baboró Stewards in red t-shirts
* If you become separated from your group, please find a Baboró Steward for assistance
* Please take the seats one by one, filling out each row or section of the floor before starting a new row or section. Most of the shows are sold out and all of the seats will be needed
* There is no eating or drinking allowed inside the theatre.
* Please put all backpacks or bags under your seat. Do not leave them in the aisles.
* Please turn off all mobile phones.
* Please stay in your seats.
* If you need to use the toilets, please ask a Baboró Steward to help show you where they are located. Always go to the toilets accompanied by another child or teacher.
* After the performance, please remain seated until the Baboró Steward dismisses your row.
* Be sure to take all of your belongings with you as you exit the theatre.
* Most of all, sit back and enjoy – this event is especially for you!

**Suggested Drop Off Points for Buses**

\* Our venue managers will call you on the day of your visit to make sure they can arrange stewards to meet you at these stops and escort you to the venue.

## **The Town Hall Theatre (Main & Studio)**

Buses can stop in front of the Town Hall Theatre but please note that parking is not permitted in this location and buses must park at the Dyke Road Car Park. Alternatively, buses can park at the Dyke Road Car Park and the children can walk along the footpath to the Town Hall Theatre. Please let us know if you are going to be dropped at the Dyke Rd so we can have stewards waiting for you there. Please also allow 5-10 minutes for the walk.

## **Black Box Theatre**

The best place for buses to park is at the Dyke Road Car Park. Buses can drop children off outside the venue then park in the car park and collect the children after the event. Alternatively, buses can park in the public car park beside the Cathedral. Please also allow 5-10 minutes for the walk.

## **An Taibhdhearc/ Outset Gallery, The Cornstore Mall/ Mick Lally Theatre**

Buses cannot access Middle Street, as it is too narrow. Therefore, children should be dropped off at Merchants Rd. Stewards will meet them there and accompany them on the short walk to An Taibhdhearc. Buses can collect the children again at Merchants Rd.

## **Bank of Ireland Theatre, University of Galway**

Buses are asked to drop children off at the set down area in front of the O’Donoghue Centre, beside the Aras na Mac Leinn. You can enter the campus from the University Road entrance. Upon getting to the Marine Science Building, turn left and you will be led to O'Donoghue Centre (located next to Aras na Mac Leinn).

**Nun’s Island Theatre/ Galway Arts Centre/ Áras na nGael, Dominick St.**

Buses are asked to drop children off at the bottom of the Cathedral Car Park near the entrance to Nuns’ Island. Baboró Stewards will be waiting there. Classes will be escorted back to the car park for pick up. Buses can park in the street beside the Cathedral, Dyke Road Car Park or the Salthill Promenade.

**Places to Visit**

**Galway City Museum**

[www.galwaycitymuseum.ie](http://www.galwaycitymuseum.ie/) (free)

## **The Fisheries Watchtower Museum,** Wolfe Tone Bridge

**Terryland Forest Park**, Headford Road

<http://friendsoftheterrylandforest.blogspot.ie/>

## **Trip to Salthill**

Take the Galway Tourist Train from Eyre Square out to Salthill and visit the Atlantaquaria. Later, come back into the city on this fun train that runs all year round. See [www.nationalaquarium.ie](http://www.nationalaquarium.ie/) and [http://www.galwaytouristtrain.com](http://www.galwaytouristtrain.com/) for fee information.

## **Children’s Parks**

Children’s Millennium Park on University Road across from NUI Galway

Playground in Eyre Square

Claude Toft Park in Salthill

**Making Your Own Book**Pre-Engagement Activity **Available on baboro.ie**

Use this fun and easy hands-on activity to help your class prepare for their visit to Baboró.

Following the instructions on baboro.ie, show your class how to fold a piece of A4 paper to create their own pocket-sized books. Pupils can use the book to record their thoughts and ideas before and after their visit to the festival.

Instructions: [www.baboro.ie/schools/making-your-own-book](http://www.baboro.ie/schools/making-your-own-book)

We are always seeking ways for teachers to engage with Baboró events and make connections to what is being taught in class. If you have made an interesting connection between a Baboró show and what you are teaching please let us know so we can pass this information on to others. Please email all feedback to schools@baboro.ie. Thank you!