

Welcome to Baboró

Included in this Booklet:

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Important Safety Information

In the interest of safety and good traffic management, we advise bus drivers to use the suggested access routes and stops. 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.

Please plan to arrive at the venue at least 15 minutes early. Latecomers cannot be admitted once a performance has started because it is too disruptive for others. Because of our tight schedule, festival performances must start on time.

Please ensure that your bus driver is made fully aware of these recommendations.

In case of emergency or problems travelling to the venue call: 091 532 985

** If your group has additional needs, please contact the Schools Box Office **in advance** to arrange safe, comfortable and accessible seating.*

Notes for Teachers Attending the Festival

Please put the name of the performance on the board in advance of your festival trip 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 some resources to help listed below.

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

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) - [google maps link](#)

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 or Cathedral Car Parks. Alternatively, buses can park at the Dyke Road of Cathedral Car Parks and the children can walk along the footpath to the Town Hall Theatre. Please let us know in advance if you are going to be dropped at these car parks so we can have stewards waiting for you there. Please also allow 5-10 minutes for the walk.

Urban Lab, Nun's Island - [google maps link](#)

Buses are asked to drop children off at the bottom of the Cathedral Car Park near the entrance to Nun's Island. Baboró Stewards will be waiting there. Classes will be escorted back to the car park for pick up. Buses can park in the Cathedral or Dyke Road Car Parks.

Black Box Theatre - [google maps link](#)

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 Cathedral Car Park.

An Taibhdhearc / Outset Gallery - [google maps link](#)

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 or Outset Gallery. Buses can collect the children again at Merchants Rd.

O'Donoghue Theatre, University of Galway - [google maps link](#)

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 the O'Donoghue Centre (located next to Aras na Mac Leinn).

Galway Arts Centre - [google maps link](#)

Buses are asked to drop children off at the bottom of the Cathedral Car Park near the entrance to Nun's Island. Classes can then walk through Nun's Island, cross onto Dominick St and the Arts Centre is half way down the street, located on the right hand side.

Galway City Museum - [google maps link](#)

The bus can drop the students off in front of Leonardo's (Jury's) Hotel, at the bottom of Shop Street. Baboró Stewards will be there to meet the buses and walk them across the road to Galway City Museum beside the Spanish Arch. Buses can then proceed to park on the Salthill Promenade or at the car park in Salthill across from Atlantaquaria.

Places to Visit in Galway

- Galway City Museum - <https://galwaycitymuseum.ie/> (free)
- Hall of the Red Earl - <https://galwaycivictrust.ie/> (free)
- Terryland Forest Park, Headford Road - <http://www.terrylandforestpark.com/> (free)
- Galway Atlantaquaria - <https://nationalaquarium.ie/>

- Children's Parks
 - Children's Millennium Park next to the Cathedral
 - Playground in Eyre Square
 - Fr. Burke Park and playground near the Claddagh
 - Claude Toft Park in Salthill

Pre-festival In-class Activities:

1. Thinking (Sound) Adventures

These sessions are a 'choose your own adventure' for you and your class. This makes them a place where the children have the power to make choices between themes, activities and questions. This means it is a resource you can return to with the same class or a future group, with a different session each time. Teachers are invited to use these resources to help their class explore big questions related to their visit to Baboró and to think about what they experienced when they return to school.

How to access the sessions:

1. Click the link below that corresponds to the level of your class.
2. Launch the session.
3. Play the audio for your class and support them in following the instructions (each session only requires your class to have something to write or draw with and paper or a copy).
4. Enter your class's choices or some of their responses when prompted to navigate to the next part of the session.
5. Submit your completed session at the end.

A bit more info:

There are two pre- and one post-festival sessions for your class to enjoy. It would be ideal to do all three sessions; however, they can also be done independently from one another! For the pre-festival sessions, no prior knowledge of the show is needed. The session works even if the class has no idea what they will see at Baboró. For the post-festival session, if some students didn't go to the Baboró show they can still participate!

Lower Primary Session Structure: (20-30mins)

- Listen to the Intro
- Choose one idea to explore
- Complete a creative challenge
- Tackle a big question together as a big group

Upper Primary Session Structure: (30-60mins)

- Listen to the Intro
- Choose one idea to explore
- Choose how to work

- Complete a creative challenge
- Choose a question
- Tackle the big question together as a big group
- Leave inspired (a short quote from a philosopher)

Links - Pre-festival sessions:

- [Thinking \(Sound\) Adventures - Lower Primary Session 1](#) (20-30mins)
- [Thinking \(Sound\) Adventures - Upper Primary Session 1](#) (30-60mins)
- [Thinking \(Sound\) Adventures - Lower Primary Session 2](#) (20-30mins)
- [Thinking \(Sound\) Adventures - Upper Primary Session 2](#) (30-60mins)

Links - Post-festival session:

- A post-festival session will be made available just after the Baboró festival.

2. Make Your Own Book

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

Following the instructions on [baboro.ie](https://www.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: <https://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!