This visual story is designed for visitors to the Relaxed Performance of Stick Man. Relaxed performances are for people who will benefit from a more relaxed performance environment including people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, sensory or communication disorders, or a learning disability.

This document contains information about the play and lots of images to help prepare you for your visit.
The actors and the characters they play

The play is performed by three actors.

Adam Wadge plays Stick Man.

Rebecca Rayne plays Stick Lady Love. She also plays The Dog, The Girl and The Swan.
Harry Gascoigne plays lots of funky music during the show. He also plays the part of The Park Keeper and is Understudy Stick Man.

Emily Newsome is Understudy Stick Lady Love and Actor Musician, so you might also get to see her.
What happens in the play.
At the start of the show, the three actors come onto the stage in a line.

Adam and Rebecca find some sticks to play with and they have a competition to see who can find the biggest one. Harry plays the ukulele in the background whilst they play their game.

Then they discover Stick Man and his family, who take them to their Family Tree. They are very happy in the Family Tree.

One day, Stick Man decides to go out for a jog…

Whilst he is out on his jog, Stick Man runs into a dog who wants to play fetch with him!
Luckily, the park warden is nearby and rescues Stick Man from the dog. Stick Man carries on his jog and starts to head back home…

When a girl picks him up and uses him as a Pooh-stick! She throws him into the water, and he drifts down the river.

Whilst he is floating in the river, a swan mistakes him for a twig and weaves him into her nest. Once the nest is deserted, Stick Man is free!

Harry plays the saxophone in this section to create the swan’s voice.

Stick Man finds himself washed up on the beach, where he meets two people on their holiday. They mistake Stick Man for a bat and play a game with the audience to see how far they can hit ‘The Invisiball’.

There might be lots of people talking at this point as it is an exciting game.

Stick Man also gets used as a hoopla pole and a mast for their flag.

He is very unhappy about it and asks everyone to stop what they’re doing. He goes through everything that has happened to him so far on his journey.
It starts to snow, and Stick Man gets very cold. He sings a song about how lonely he is and how much he wishes to go back to the Family Tree.

Stick Man falls asleep in the snow and doesn’t hear the person who thinks he will make a good stick for the fire! Whilst he is lying asleep in the grate, he dreams of his kids and his Stick Lady Love.

Everybody shouts to try and wake Stick Man up before it’s too late!

Stick Man suddenly wakes when he hears Santa coming down the chimney above him.

He helps Santa out and then rides with him in the sleigh to deliver the rest of the presents to all the boys and girls.

Santa helps Stick Man find his way back to the Family Tree, where he is reunited with his Stick Lady Love and their Stick Children.

Santa even surprises the children with some presents! They are all extremely happy to be back together for Christmas.
More Information

The play is around 55 minutes long.

If you have any questions just call Warwick Arts Centre on 024 7649 6000.

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