

The Colour of Dinosaurs

A rip-roaring, prehistoric science pop gig for curious humans of all ages.

**Have you ever wondered what a dinosaur might do in a day?
Or what they actually really looked like?
What colour were they? Did they have stripes and spots?
Were they really green like they are in the movies?**

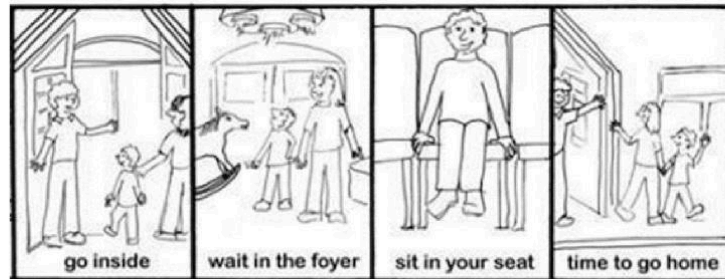
Join five amazing musicians and famous palaeontologist Dr Jakob Vinther as they enter the multi-coloured world of the dinosaurs with soaring music, catchy songs and mind-blowing science.

Please note, this performance contains haze, bright lights and live music throughout.

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Picture information strip- this is what you will do when you go inside:



To prepare you for your visit to the theatre, we have put together a synopsis
-this is to help you understand the story that you are about to see and prepare you for what to expect during the performance.

The performance will last approximately 60 minutes with no interval.

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The show consists of 6 performers. The performers are not playing characters, but are performing as themselves - all the names you hear in the show are their real-life names!

Five of the performers make up a band. They play instruments and sing. The other performer is a real-life palaeontologist. There is also one puppet and one model dinosaur.

This is what the performers look like:

Lloyd



Dom



Jakob



Victoria



Harry



Rocky



Dee



Phyllis



This is the performance space and set as you first see it:



Across the top of the stage there are the silhouettes of 5 dinosaurs in neon lights. At the moment, they are white, but they will change to green, blue, red, pink and yellow throughout the show. In front of them, a disco ball hangs over the stage.

Beneath the dinosaurs, there are three large circular screens, gently pulsing different colours. At some points during the show, these will show images and videos.

In front of these screens, a band is set up. There is a keyboard on the left, a drum kit on the right, and several microphones and chairs dotted throughout. There are speakers at the back, a couple of guitars, a clarinet, and some more percussion instruments. Surrounding all of these are bunches of ferns, so it looks a little like a jungle. Bunches of ferns also line the lip of the stage.



During the show, the actors might interact with you. You are welcome to respond to characters performance and laugh or smile at any time.



During the show, you might see something that makes you feel sad or scared. You are allowed to feel sad or scared, that is ok.



If you see this symbol, it means there will be visual projections, or something visual happening onstage that will aid with the storytelling.



If you see this symbol, it means the cast will perform a song.



If you see this symbol, it means you will hear a sound effect coming from the speakers or instruments.



If you see this symbol, it means there will be a change in lighting and you can cover your eyes.



If you see this symbol, it means the audience may clap. You can join in, too!

Meet the Band



When you enter the auditorium, you will hear gentle music and the sounds of running water and jungle creatures. The performers will be walking around the auditorium, and may approach you to talk to you. If you're feeling shy or don't want to talk to them, that's OK.



When the show is ready to begin, the lights will dim. The band will begin to enter the stage, and Lloyd will play atmospheric music on the piano while they all get set up. Rocky will play a couple of percussion instruments that sound like gentle rain.



Victoria will begin to sing a gentle song about the world as the dinosaurs knew it. The others will begin joining in on their instruments, then they will all begin to sing. Throughout, the lights will slowly get brighter.



At the end of the song, the lights will briefly dim before brightening, and the audience will clap. Lloyd will continue to play the piano while Dom introduces himself and the rest of the band. During this, Dom will ask the audience some questions, as well as prompting you to clap and make other sounds. You can join in if you like, but it's OK if you just want to sit and watch. Whenever the audience are asked a question, the lights in the auditorium will get brighter.



Meet Jakob



Dom will explain that he has another friend to introduce. The lights will dim, and the band will play jazzy music. They will sing a song about the Dinosaur Detective, Jakob. You might be able to spot his silhouette moving around behind the screens!



At the end of the song, Jakob will appear on the stairs at the side of the auditorium. There will be some more chances to answer questions if you want to! When they ask the audience a question, the lights will get brighter.



Dom will explain that Jakob is a palaeontologist. The lights will begin to gently pulse different colours while the band sing a song about Jakob's job. During this, Jakob will wheel out a small set of drawers, and pull out a few small fossils. There will also be a chance to clap along – just copy the band!



At the end of the song, the audience will clap and the lights will get brighter. Jakob will then talk about his discoveries; you can see some photos of him working on the screen. The music will then play again for a few moments before being interrupted by Harry.



The lights will brighten, and the cast will introduce the words 'melanin' and 'albinism'. You can see them written on the screen!



Dee and Phyllis



Dom will then say that it's time to introduce Dee the Dinosaur. There will be a sudden lighting change, and the cast will perform another song. During this, you can see words and images on the screen. At one point, Jakob will show you how to dance like a dinosaur! You can join in from your seat if you like.



Dom will explain that Dee the Dinosaur is very shy and encourage the audience to help to call her. You might get a brief glimpse of her on the screen – give her a wave!

The music will stop, and Jakob, standing at the side of the auditorium, will explain what the world was like when Dee was alive.



The lights will dim, and pipe and drum music will begin playing. Dom will put on a voice like he's presenting a nature documentary, and talk about the Yutyranus. You might spot a silhouette on the screen.



Rocky will appear with a big puppet of Phyllis the Yutyranus. Suddenly, the lights will get brighter and the music more lively as Rocky chases Dom around the auditorium as if she wants to eat him! Rocky may bring the puppet up to people in the audience, but don't worry, she's only pretending and no one is in danger.



Dom will tell Rocky to stop. The lights will dim, and they'll take the puppet off.



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The cast will then perform a song about what a dinosaur might do in a day. At the end, the music will get livelier and the lights will get brighter. At this point, you can clap along – just copy the performers!



At the end of the song, the audience will clap. Dom will talk a little about Phyllis the Yutyranus, before dramatic music starts playing. Victoria will make some spooky sounds, and a video of Phyllis chasing Dee will play on the screen.



The performers will then talk about fossils. There'll be some more chances to answer questions, if you want to join in. The lights will brighten in the auditorium whenever a question is asked. The cast will play gentle music throughout, and make some sound effects using percussion instruments.



Jakob will then begin talking about the colour of Dinosaurs. There will be a short burst of funky music, which will be quickly interrupted by Harry. Following this, the lights will brighten, and electronic music will play while Jakob explains what melanin is – you can see some pictures on the screen at the back!

To help with his explanation, Jakob will ask for two volunteers. If you'd like to go up on stage and help out, put your hand in the air – but remember, Jakob can only choose two children, so not everyone will get a turn. The volunteers will help Jakob get some props out, before returning to their seats.



Albinism



Funky music will then begin to play. During this song, the lights will change colours, and there will be a few flashing lights. There will also be a sing-a-long section. The performers will explain what to do, and it might get quite loud! At the end, the lights will brighten and everyone will clap.



Next, Lloyd will talk about his albinism, including how it affected him as a child. He will then play a soothing clarinet solo to represent how his albinism makes him feel. During this, he will be lit by a spotlight.



At the end, the lights will brighten and everyone will clap.



Jakob will then explain continue his explanation of melanin. The lights will get brighter, and the electronic music will begin again. During this, they will get some fossils out – you can see close-ups on the screen behind them.



After a little while, Rocky will interrupt as she's confused. The lights will change colour.



Synaesthesia



Then, Victoria will begin talking about her synaesthesia. The lights will dim, and she will begin to sing.



After a little while, everyone will join in. Rocky will talk about her culture and the languages she speaks, Lloyd will talk about being Deaf and wearing hearing aids, and Harry will talk about having ADHD.



The song will then turn into a gentle, operatic solo. Victoria will be lit by a spotlight.

During this, there will be a chance to take part by speaking into a microphone. If you want to join in, raise your hand and Jakob might come to you with the microphone. They can only choose a few children though, so not everyone will get to take part.



After the song, the lights will brighten and everyone will clap, and they will bring out another fossil. You can also see it projected on the big screen behind.



They will then perform another song about lots of different dinosaurs. The lights will pulse different colours and occasionally flash, and the performers will show you some actions you can join in with from your seat.



Dinosaur Detectives



At the end of the song, the lights will brighten, everyone will clap, and the performers will start talking. During this, Dom will begin to look sad. The other performers will try to comfort him, and ask him what's wrong.



The lights will dim, and a spotlight will fall on Dom. He will sing a sad song about how he feels lost, and like he doesn't fit in. The other performers will join in, cheering him up and explaining that they feel the same way sometimes.



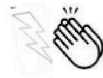
At the end of the song, the lights will get brighter, and Jakob will bring out something covered in a white sheet. He will ask for a drum roll – you can join in by stamping your feet or slapping your hands on your legs. Jakob will reveal what's under the sheet and the performers will talk about all the amazing things they've discovered!



Lively music will briefly kick in, before being interrupted by Rocky – they've forgotten to give their band a name! Jakob will run back on to suggest a name, and the music will kick back in.



During this song, the lights will pulse different colours, and you can repeat some of the actions you learned earlier in the performance. Dom will also prompt a few rounds of applause for all the different people involved in the show.



At the end, there will be a brief blackout, before the lights come back up on the performers. They will bow, and everyone will clap to say thank you to the cast and crew.



The cast will then sing one more short song, before everyone claps again and the performers make their way offstage.

