



THE
SECRET
GARDENS

Visual Story 2026



What to Expect



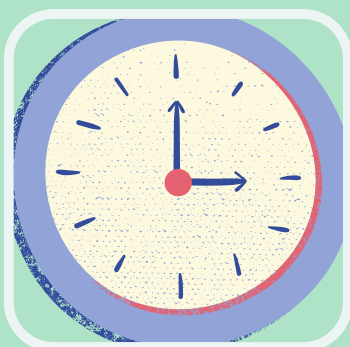
The Secret Garden is a play. A play is a story told by people acting on stage. This play has 6 performers.



The Secret Garden will have live music, sound effects and lights to help tell the story. Sometimes it might be loud or it might get dark, but not for very long.



The Secret Garden takes place in a big old house called Misselthwaites Manor. The audience sits around the stage, almost in a circle.



The Secret Garden is 2 hours long with a 20 minute interval and takes place in the Egg Auditorium. You can leave the performance and come back at any time if you need to.

What to Expect



Live Music

There are songs and live music in our production and often the characters will play instruments.



Puppets

In our show the animals are brought to life using puppets. These are controlled by the actors.



Audience Interaction

Sometimes the cast and ensemble will interact with you, they might say hello or show you one of the animal puppets or give you a flower to hold.



The Stage Managers

The stage management team are there to make sure everything in the show runs smoothly. You might see them moving the set and props and helping out on stage.

The Characters



Mary

This character wears a blue dress with white frills and brown boots, when it rains or is cold she'll be seen wearing a purple overcoat and hat.

Mary is 10 years old and has recently moved to Misselthwaites Manor after the death of her parents. Mary can sometimes get overwhelmed by her surroundings and enjoys her personal space.

This character is curious and independent, sometimes when she is frustrated she can be unkind to the other characters but don't worry, this is all pretend.



Martha

This character wears a yellow and orange stripey t-shirt, a purple skirt and a white and purple headband and Martha uses a stick to help her get around.

Martha is a young girl who works at Mistlewaithe Manor as a maid. She tends to Mary and although they don't get along at first, they soon form a close bond.

This character is kind, funny and can always be relied on to lend a hand.

The Characters



Dickon

This character wears brown boots, stripey yellow and orange shorts, a yellow jacket and an orange neckerchief.

Dickon is a young boy who works on a nearby farm, he is the brother of Martha and loves nothing more than nature, the outdoors and animals.

Dickon is kind-hearted and eager to help others and pass on his knowledge of the out-doors.



Colin

This character wears a blue stripey dressing gown, long orange socks and brown slippers.

Colin is Mary's cousin and lives at Mistlewaithes Manor. Colin is sick and spends most of the story in bed, which the adults think is the best thing for his health. He can get very upset at times and takes his anger out on other people but with the help of his friends he learns to be more kind.

Colin is very intelligent and knowledgeable, when he's out in the garden he sometimes uses a wheelchair to help him get around.

The Characters

Some actors in our story play multiple characters, this is called multi-roling; you'll be able to tell them apart by their costumes, accents and where they fit into the story.



Master Craven

This character wears a yellow long over-coat and a red neckerchief. Master Craven owns Mistlewaithes Manor and is the father of Colin and the uncle of Mary.

Although kind-hearted, Master Craven can sometimes be stern and distant. He spends a lot of our story away on a business trip.



Ben Weatherstaff

This character wears a brown cap, brown waistcoat, brown neckerchief and an apron. They are the head gardener of the manor and look after the estate.

Ben can be gruff and grumpy sometimes but as the characters learn more about the wonders of the outside world, they start to understand Ben better, too.



The Doctor

This character wears a black top hat, black waistcoat and a white bow tie. The Doctor has been placed in charge of looking after Colin.

Expect this character to be rude and scary but don't worry, its all pretend.

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Mrs Medlock

This character wears a long pink dress and is in charge of Misselthwaites Manor.

She can be very stern, especially to the staff and Martha and Mary.

Mrs Medlock is very loyal, hardworking and cares deeply about the people and place she manages.



Susan Sowerby

This character wears a green apron and a yellow and orange striped top. She is the mother of Martha and Dickon.

Susan is kind-hearted, fierce and fights for what she believes in. She plays a vital role in helping our characters on their journey.



The Ensemble

The ensemble wears stipey yellow and orange jumpsuits, brown boots and orange tights

When the actors aren't playing a specific character, they join the ensemble. You can expect to see them moving the set, singing songs and pretending to be statues and portraits.

The Story



As you enter the cast will already be on stage, they'll be using various puppets that will interact with the audience. When it's time to start, the cast assemble centre stage and greet the audience. They'll then run through how the show is going to work. They'll also introduce their characters. The show will begin with a song.



After a long carriage journey with Mrs Medlock, Mary arrives at Misselthwaites Manor, the house is very old and very big and Mary finds it very disorientating.

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After this Mary is shown her room. Mary chats with Martha and Martha encourages Mary to eat. Once alone Mary finds the house quite scary. (Expect some loud noises.) In the morning Martha discovers Mary has slept in her clothes. While dressing her she encourages Mary to go outside and tells her the rumour of a Secret Garden somewhere on the grounds.



Once outside, the ensemble sing a song; here, they'll be pretending to be statues and plants. It's here we meet Ben Weatherstaff, the gardener. Ben shows Mary how to make friends with a Robin. Mary asks about the Secret Garden, but Ben says there's no such thing.

The Story



Mary begins her journey in search of the Secret Garden but can't find it anywhere. After speaking with Martha she learns of the garden's previous owner and why it was locked up. As she searches we can see spring arrive to Misselthwaites Manor.



Mary walks around the house at night with a candle and she speaks to the portraits. Mary can hear the sound of someone crying. Mary runs into Mrs Medlock and asks what the noise is. Mrs Medlock sends her to bed.

The Story



In the morning Mary asks Martha about the crying and Martha lies to her. Mary decides to buy some gardening tools. While out searching, she follows her friend, the robin.



She speaks to the robin again and searches in the mud and finds a key, it must be to the Secret Garden!

The Story



At night Mary can hear crying again and decides to investigate. She finds a room where the sound is coming from and decides to go in.



It's revealed that the crying is coming from Colin. Mary runs in and tells him off. They find out that they're cousins. Colin reveals he's sick and never goes outside.

The Story



Here we meet Dickon, who can talk to the animals. Mary meets Dickon and is introduced to Snowy the lamb. Dickon gives Mary her tools and some gloves to help her with the dirt. Dickon shows her how to listen to the animals and she tells him she's on the search for the Secret Garden.



We return to Colin who is upset with Mary for not visiting him. Mary tells Colin about the Secret Garden. Colin agrees to keep it a secret and Mary reveals she's found the key. The Doctor arrives and tells Colin to stay inside. Mary sends the doctor away and sticks up for Colin.

The Story



Mary finally gets to meet her uncle, Master Craven and asks him if she can have a garden. He agrees and says she can have any unwanted patch of earth. Mary and her robin set out once again and try to find the Secret Garden.



The robin leads Mary to a locked door where she uses the key. It unlocks, and she passes through; she's done it, she's found the Secret Garden!

The Story



Mary emerges into the garden and finds it tangled and overgrown - she doesn't like it. She decides to reveal the garden to Dickon so he can help her. Dickon shows her that beauty does exist there and shows her the flowers still growing and the ensemble sing as they tend to the garden. Dickon asks when Colin is coming to see the garden and Mary reveals she has kept it a secret.



Martha asks Mary to visit Colin and she tells her she's found the garden. Mary finally visits Colin who is very upset. Mary and Colin get into an argument and Colin threatens to send Dickon away. Mary finally tells Colin about the garden and apologises.

The Story



The doctor visits and tries to force Colin to take his medicine. Mary takes the medicine and throws it out the window. The doctor tells him if he doesn't take his medicine he'll tell his father, so Mary, Dickon and Martha hatch a plan to sneak Colin to the Secret Garden.



Mary decides to write her uncle a letter explaining all that has happened and he heads back to Misselthwaites Manor as fast as he can.

The Story



They finally take Colin to the secret garden and the whole gang sees it in all its glory. Colin's wheelchair gets stuck in the mud and he falls over. There's a long silence and then everyone laughs. The gang are caught by Ben who reveals he's been secretly tending the garden. They all get to work on making the garden more accessible for Colin.



As the gang enjoy the Garden, they overhear the return of Master Craven who promptly fires the Doctor. Master Craven finds them in the garden, overjoyed to see Colin feeling better. Colin and his father share a hug and we end the show with Master Craven grateful that they've brought the Secret Garden back to life.

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**We hope you
enjoy your visit
to The Secret
Garden at the
Egg Theatre.**