

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

This allegorical tale is a winning combination for Easter – a story that's all about chocolate, with a message of forgiveness!

At Easter, the Chocolate Shop window is always full of Easter Eggs, until one year the Chocolate Maker puts Easter Bunnies in the centre of the display instead. The Eggs are furious, thinking it's their right to have pride of place, while the Bunnies claim it's their turn. Although the Tulips and Daffodils try to keep the peace, the Bunnies and Eggs fight with each other and the Chocolate Maker is very disappointed in them. The Eggs and Bunnies are ashamed, and the Tulips and Daffodils encourage them to apologise. By the time the Chocolate Maker returns they've forgiven each other. The shop window will look beautiful after all! Everyone celebrates with a joyful final song.

CAST LIST

NARRATOR 1 & 2

EASTER EGGS (of whom
2 or 3 are designated 'broken'
2 or 3 are designated 'helpers')

BIG EGG

LITTLE EGG

DAFFODILS

DAFFODIL 1 & 2

CHOCOLATE MAKER

EASTER BUNNIES (of whom
2 or 3 are designated 'broken'
2 or 3 are designated 'helpers')

BIG BUNNY

LITTLE BUNNY

TULIPS

TULIP 1 & 2

COSTUMES

Eggs

Large cardboard egg shapes, brightly decorated with oversize bow attached – either on a headband or tabard-style. Brightly coloured leotard or t-shirt and leggings. Face paint to tone in with egg decoration.

Bunnies

Large rabbit ears on headband; brown leotard or t-shirt and leggings. Face paint nose and whiskers.

Broken Eggs/Bunnies

Same as above, but when it's time to be 'broken', they either fall down (not with card tabards!) or limp and adopt an awkward posture etc. Also, after they're mended, they need a different headband or tabard, as they are 'new'.

Daffodils/Tulips

Dressed in green; large daffodil/tulip shape on headband, matching face paint.

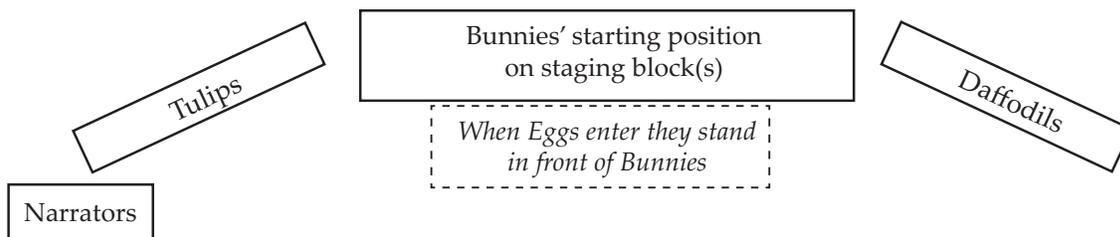
Chocolate Maker

Wears a plain white apron and white hat. Also has another white apron with large smiley face on it, which is set on stage on a hook or back of chair.

PROPS

Ideally a large frame to arch the back of the stage with sign saying Chocolate Shop. Heart-shaped stickers or badges enough for all Bunnies and Eggs – available from sticker companies, e.g. www.stickermagic.co.uk. Broom for Chocolate Maker.

SUGGESTED LAYOUT



DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW

SONG THE CHOCOLATE SHOP

◉ Track 1 / 9

It's Easter, and the Chocolate Shop scene is set. The Chocolate Maker arrives. The eggs are excited because it's their special time.

SONG CHOCOLATE EGGS AT EASTER

◉ Track 2 / 10

The Chocolate Maker goes off to get a broom. The Easter Eggs are shocked and angry to see that pride of place in the window has been given to the Easter Bunnies! The Eggs and Bunnies argue.

SONG WE GO IN THE WINDOW

◉ Track 3 / 11

When the Chocolate Maker returns, the Bunnies and Eggs sing innocently as if nothing had happened. Unaware that trouble is brewing, the Chocolate Maker goes off for his lunch, leaving the Tulips and Daffodils in charge. The argument between the Eggs and Bunnies starts up again, and the Flowers step in to try and keep the peace.

SONG WE GO IN THE WINDOW (REPRISE)

◉ Track 4 / 12

The Chocolate Maker returns, and is shocked to find that a big fight has happened and there are broken eggs and bunnies on the floor – his window display is ruined. He takes off his happy apron and sings sadly, before sweeping the broken bits away.

SONG WHY COULDN'T THEY BE FRIENDS?

◉ Track 5 / 13

The Bunnies and Eggs begin to realise that they need to make things better.

SONG HOW CAN WE SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

◉ Track 6 / 14

The Flowers are happy that the Eggs and Bunnies have worked out how to be friends and share.

INCID. CHOCOLATE MAKER'S FANFARE

◉ Track 7 / 15

The Chocolate Maker returns with his happy apron on, delighted that they're friends again. His shop window will look beautiful after all!

SONG WITH NEW HEARTS

◉ Track 8 / 16

