

Treasure Island

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3 or 5 Performer Edition

CAST

Jim: The brave young man

Livesey: The kind doctor

Smollett: The ship's captain

Long John Silver: The old one-legged crook **Ben:** The marooned castaway

3 Person Cast- Performer 1 plays Jim

Performer 2 plays Livesey and Ben

Performer 3 plays Smollett and Long John Silver

4 Person Cast- Performer 1 plays Jim

Performer 2 plays Livesey Performer 3 plays Smollett

Performer 4 plays Long John Silver and Ben

ACT 1 Scene 1

SMOLLETT's ship, the Hispaniola. JIM sits alone on stage, sitting in his personal quarters. He shares his internal thoughts with the audience.

JIM: I'm on a voyage. An exciting one, at that. Here, look at this!

(He pulls out a map and examines it from multiple different angles, displaying it to the audience.)

JIM: This map? It's a treasure map. I found it when I went through all of the stuff old Billy Bones had on him. Billy used to be a pirate, first mate to the dastardly Captain Flint! This treasure must be something really special, huh?

(He sets the map down.)

JIM: Old Billy Bones gave me a warning though. A warning I still don't quite get. He said to me: "Jim Hawkins, beware of a one-legged man!"

(He shrugs his shoulders.)

JIM: I should probably get this map back to Captain Smollett, huh? He knows better than I do what to do with it. After I do that I can get some food from Long John Silver, he's the best cook we could've ever asked for!

(He looks out to the audience and greets them, inviting them to come along with him.)

JIM: Welcome aboard the Hispaniola! A great treasure awaits!

(JIM walks behind a piece of furniture, accidentally hiding from the incoming LONG JOHN.)

ACT 1 Scene 2

Only a few moments pass before LONG JOHN enters stage left. He is looking over his shoulder and he walks with a limp/peg leg. He is clearly a man with a lot to hide. He speaks to different crewmates who are implied to be offstage.

LONG JOHN: Aye, so we must be gettin' serious. We're arrivin' on the island soon. Can't be more than an hour 'er two. The cap'n of this ship, Cap'n Smollett. He's the one with the map. This treasure can be ours! We'll get to the island, toss Cap'n Smollett overboard, and we'll take the treasure ourselves, lads. We'll hoist the black flag over the sails of the Hispaniola! Then I'll be the cap'n, Cap'n Long John Silver!

(LONG JOHN's monologue has fueled his own excitement. He continues explaining his plan as he exits stage right, but he cannot be heard. After a few moments, JIM re-emerges from his hiding spot.)

JIM: Why... that... that was Long John Silver! What he just said about taking over this ship, could he really mean it?

(He looks back out to the audience, he speaks directly to them and takes them through the following sequence of events.)

JIM: I couldn't easily believe Long John was planning a mutiny, but I had to tell Captain Smollett and Doctor Livesey. I knew they were the two people I could trust most! I had to tell them, just to be safe.

(SMOLLETT and LIVESEY enter.)

JIM: Smollett didn't take it lightly. He said to me-

SMOLLETT: Thank you, Jim. I had my suspicions about this crew. I wish I would have been incorrect. If Long John has multiple members of the crew on his side, we will need to prepare for a fight.

(He looks into the distance with LIVESEY.)

LIVESEY: Might I add, Captain, it seems we will have to prepare quickly. Do you see that in the distance?

(JIM looks in the same direction as LIVESEY and SMOLLETT.)

JIM: It's the island! The island is even closer than I could've guessed. We need to act fast, very fast!

SMOLLETT: Lower the anchor! Let's go!

(ALL exit.)

ACT 2 Scene 1

It is clear a lot of time has passed since the previous scene. Alone on the Hispaniola is JIM, standing on the deck. The stage itself is empty. He looks out to speak to the audience.

JIM: We went to the island and we waited for quite some time. We thought Long John was going to attack us, but at first he only tried to convince Captain Smollett to give him the map. Smollett refused, and I could barely escape the fighting. I found a raft and drifted out to the Hispaniola, and here I am. When the fighting began, I made a promise to myself that I wouldn't run away, so I brought the ship back to the island. I hope Captain Smollett and Dr. Livesey have found the treasure by now...

(JIM is visibly anxious, he prepares to leave the ship before exiting stage left.)

JIM: This area... this is where Smollett and I were hiding from the pirates. Where is he?

(JIM searches the area, but there's no sign of SMOLLETT or LIVESEY anywhere.)

JIM: Captain Smollett? Doctor Livesey? Hello?

(He grows more frustrated before speaking to the audience again, guiding the audience through the proceeding events.)

JIM: I couldn't find either of them. I searched all around, but when I finally found someone, it wasn't who I was expecting. (LONG JOHN enters, in his hand is the treasure map.)

JIM: Long John Silver! And he was holding the treasure map! Just as I was going to ask how he got it, he said to me-

LONG JOHN: While you were away, worryin' about yer vessel, Cap'n Smollett and I came to an agreement! All the fightin' and all the anger would be over with, just for the small price of the treasure map!

(LONG JOHN holds up the treasure map, displaying it like a trophy.)

JIM: The treasure map... Long John got the treasure map. I wasn't sure what to do, but before I could think of anything, he had already started to walk away. He was on his way to go get the treasure.

(LONG JOHN exits.)

ACT 2 Scene 2

JIM is alone for a few moments. He is left with his thoughts. This is the lowest point of the adventure for him. He looks out to the audience, hoping that they can provide a sense of comfort to him. He is lonely and defeated.

JIM: It hurts, I feel like this whole voyage, the journey to get this treasure... it was a failure. Only a few seconds passed before I saw the captain and the doctor once again.

(SMOLLETT and LIVESEY enter.)

JIM: They both looked sad, even sadder than I was. Livesey looked at me and he asked-

LIVESEY: Jim... are you ready to go? Captain Smollett says we'd better set sail quickly, we mustn't remain here any longer. Long John won't be able to find the treasure. If he discovers that fact, he may try to attack us.

JIM: Long John had the map, but he wouldn't find the treasure? How? I couldn't figure it out, but I felt something in my heart. I felt like this adventure wasn't quite over yet. We were going to get that treasure, no matter what.

(He speaks directly to LIVESEY.)

JIM: No, we aren't going to set sail! Not yet! We can still see Long John from here! We can follow him! Come on, Doctor Livesey!

(JIM looks over to SMOLLETT, pleading.)

JIM: Captain Smollett! We can't give up! Come, let's go!

(JIM exits, following LONG JOHN, after a brief pause, SMOLLETT follows him, but LIVESEY stays behind.)

ACT 2 Scene 3

LONG JOHN enters. While staring at the map, he walks to center stage before stopping. He looks around with a smile on his face. This is where the treasure is buried.

LONG JOHN: This must be it! After all the searching, the treasure must be buried right here!

(He looks down, only to see that the treasure has already been dug up and removed. He gasps.)

LONG JOHN: What? Shiver me timbers! The treasure! It's already gone! The treasure's been dug up and taken away! Who could've taken it? It can't be far!

(He quickly exits, in a hurry to find the treasure. Just a moment later, JIM enters with SMOLLETT and LIVESEY behind him.)

JIM: The treasure is gone! It's truly been dug up and moved! How could this happen, Captain Smollett?

(JIM looks back at SMOLLETT, but SMOLLETT says nothing. There is no reaction at all. JIM is puzzled, but he looks back at the audience.)

JIM: But it seemed Captain Smollett wasn't as shocked as I was. He knew something that I didn't. But, he took the lead and he knew where to go!

SMOLLETT: I believe I know who dug up this treasure. Better yet, I know just where to find him. Come, we'll need to move quickly if we want to extract this treasure without Long John finding out!

(SMOLLETT and JIM exit.)

ACT 2 Scene 4

BEN's cave, almost entirely empty aside from piles of hidden treasure (these can be represented by pillows or any other similar item), JIM and SMOLLETT enter. BEN is sitting amongst the treasure. He is shocked and excited to see SMOLLETT, but he does not recognize JIM.

BEN: Captain! You've... returned! I'm very surprised to see you here. Who is the young man with you?

SMOLLETT: Ben Gunn, this is Jim Hawkins. This is the boy that discovered the map. This treasure, thank goodness you were able to keep it safe for us. Jim, come, we need to take as much as we can carry and leave the island at once.

JIM: And what do we do with what we can't carry?

(SMOLLETT is upset to realize it would be impossible to take all the treasure, but before he can respond, BEN interjects.)

BEN: The treasure will be safe in my hands, I can promise you. Now, quickly, collect as much as you can!

(JIM and SMOLLETT take as much as they can hold before ALL exit.)

ACT 3 Scene 1

JIM sits alone. More time has passed, the long voyage has completed. He speaks to the audience a final time, explaining how he got to where he is.

JIM: I still can barely believe it! The treasure was really there! We brought as much as we could back to the Hispaniola. While we were gone, Livesey was preparing the ship! We set sail straight away! And look-

(JIM exits, then returns a moment later with a bag in hand.)

JIM: We split the treasure, and I got to bring a whole bunch of it back home! But... I keep thinking... even with all of this treasure, there's one thing I value more than anything else. The memories of the journey I had! Thanks to Captain Smollett and Dr. Livesey, I was able to have an adventure beyond my wildest dreams. These happy memories are worth more than any gem or coin. And the best part of it all? Getting to go on the adventure with you!

(He prepares to exit.)

JIM: I hope you enjoyed this adventure, too! Let's hope there's even more amazing adventures to come!

(He smiles, gleefully waving to the audience. While doing this, he exits.)

End of Play.

	Prod	luction	Specifi	cations
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*Signifies an item covered in the Tech Day Video.

Costu	mes
0	Jim: A belt / shirt Livesey: A belt / pirate hat* Smollett: A pirate hat Long John Silver: A pirate hat / eye patch. Ben: A tattered shirt
Props	
0	Pirate Swords Treasure Map* (Piece of Paper) Treasure Pillows, or other such belongings
Set	
	Table Chairs
Sound Music	I is not necessary or required, but if you'd like to include it, here are a few options.
	The Flying Dutchman Overture - Richard Wagner Ride of the Valkyries - Richard Wagner Danse Macabre - Camille Saint-Saëns