

SHINE!

Play Synopsis

There are five adults in this play, Indigo, Squash, Pepper, Pinot and Pickle. Sunshine is the only child in the play. Collectively they are known as The Tones.

Scene 1: We start in the winter of 2021 with the pandemic still raging and out of control. Folks are tired and depressed, missing the things they used to be able to do and the people they can no longer see. And they are distrustful of others. But not Sunshine! Sunshine is still full of hope and energy and wants to get out into the world. Sunshine's guardian, Pepper, tries to keep their guard, but Sunshine is too full of hope and escapes. Sunshine tries to get the others to play, but they are still too uncertain of this pandemic.

Scene 2: Sunshine just wants to dance, but after being turned down by each of the other characters, Sunshine gives up in defeat. Pepper finds Sunshine and attempts to participate, but something is holding them back. Their inner light has been hidden under their drab outer coverings, and by helping Pepper to remove those, Pepper's inner light is able to shine, and they are able to move about more freely.

Scene 3: As winter turns to spring, more and more of the community are vaccinated, but they are still wary of each other, but they do begin to participate in the things they haven't done for so long, the first being a dance concert.

Scene 4: Squash gets up the nerve to reenter society and leads the other Tones on a train ride, travel having been another thing all these folks avoided in the past year.

Scene 5: Pickle next shares their skills with sunshine, leading Sunshine and the other Tones to an art gallery.

Scene 6: Indigo next leads Sunshine and the others to a symphony.

Scene 7: The other Tones are all gradually easing back into society as the spring progresses, all but Pinot who remains apart. They do their best to get Pinto to join them in a drum circle, and finally Pinot reluctantly joins in.

Scene 8: As we enter summer, Sunshine leads the other Tones to a water park, where finally even Pinot enjoys themselves.

Scene 9: Finally ready, Pinot doffs their outer shell. Being a storyteller, Pinot tells them all a spooky story as the Tones roast marshmallows around a campfire on a warm summer night. With hope in the air, Sunshine and the other Tones say their farewells and depart for home.