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# Click, Clack, Boo!

## A Tricky Treat

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*CLICK, CLACK, BOO!* premiered at Nashville Children's Theatre in Nashville, Tennessee on October 1, 2022. The performance was directed by Ernie Nolan, with music direction by Kelsi Fulton, the production stage manager was Rachael Silverman, and the assistant stage manager was Abby Austin. The cast was as follows:

**DARLENE** . . . . . Piper Jones
**CLARISSA** . . . . . Erika Johnson
**CHICK** . . . . . Eve Petty
**FARMER BROWN** . . . . . Dustin Davis

## CHARACTERS

**DARLENE** – a Bea Arthur-esque wise-talking duck
**CLARISSA** – a party-loving cow
**CHICK** – an enthusiastic and naïve chicken
**FARMER BROWN** – a cantankerous old farmer

## SETTING

Farmer Brown's barnyard. The present.

## TIME

Evening, a time when friendly thrills and chills can occur.

## AUTHOR'S NOTES

In addition to touring, the original production celebrated the fall season and was produced outdoors. Audiences sat on hay bales and participated in fall activities before and after the performance giving it a pumpkin patch/fall festival vibe. Feel free to play with your own autumn environment.

## MUSIC NUMBERS

01. Halloween Hop ..... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick
02. Nonsense To Me..... Company
03. Tellin' You..... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick
04. Tellin' You (Reprise).... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick & Audience
05. Hittin' The Hay ..... Farmer Brown
06. Movin' and Groovin'..... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick
07. The Quackle ..... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick
07a. Calling The Quackle – Part 1..... Clarissa, Chick
07b. Calling The Quackle – Part 2 ..... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick
08. Click, Clack, Boo ... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick, Farmer Brown
08a. Nonsense To Me (Reprise)..... Farmer Brown
09. Be Free ..... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick, Farmer Brown
10. Halloween Hop (Reprise)..... Darlene, Clarissa, Chick, Farmer Brown
11. Bows..... Orchestra

## [MUSIC NO. 01 – HALLOWEEN HOP]

*(A barnyard. As music starts,* **CLARISSA** *[the cow],* **CHICK** *[the chicken], and* **DARLENE** *[the duck] appear, each carrying an item for a celebration.)*

**DARLENE.**
I BROUGHT A PUMPKIN

**CHICK.**
I BROUGHT BALLOONS

**CLARISSA.**
I BROUGHT THE SNACKS

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE.**
WOW! LOOK AT THE MOON!

**DARLENE.**
YOU LOOK FOR MONSTERS

**CHICK.**
YOU LOOK FOR GHOSTS

**CLARISSA.**
I THINK THE THREE OF US WILL MAKE PERFECT HOSTS

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE.**
IT'S OUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR
WHEN THE AIR IS CRISP AND THE NIGHT IS CLEAR
WE'RE GONNA MAKE THE BARNYARD BOP
TONIGHT AT OUR HALLOWEEN HOP!
HOP HOP HOP HOP
HALLA HALLA HALLA HALLA HALLOWEEN HOP
WE'RE GONNA MAKE THE BARNYARD BOP
TONIGHT AT OUR HALLOWEEN HOP!
DANCE BREAK!

**CLARISSA.**
I'LL BOB FOR APPLES

**CHICK.**
I'LL CHASE THE BATS

**DARLENE.**
THIS HAPPY HORROR HOLIDAY IS WHERE IT'S AT!

**CLARISSA.**
THE JACK O'LANTERNS

**DARLENE.**
ARE ALL AGLOW

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE.**
ALL THE TRICK OR TREATERS ARE STARTING TO SHOW
EVERY CREATURE IN THE YARD WILL BE JITTER BUGGIN'
AND STOMPIN' HARD
WE'RE GONNA MAKE THE BARNYARD BOOM BAM BOP
TONIGHT AT OUR HALLOWEEN HOP!

ALRIGHT NOW!

HOP HOP HOP HOP
HALLA HALLA HALLA HALLA HALLOWEEN HOP
WE'RE GONNA MAKE THE BARNYARD BOO BOP!
TONIGHT AT OUR HALLOWEEN HOP

LISTEN CLOSELY NOW!
ALL THE PIGS IN THE STY
AND THE BIRDS PASS ON BY
ALL THE DUCKS AND CATTLE WELL,
THEY'RE GONNA MAKE A RATTLE
WE'RE ALL GONNA JUMP AND JIVE!
EV'RYBODY SING!

HOP HOP HOP HOP
HALLA HALLA HALLA HALLA HALLOWEEN HOP
WE'RE GONNA MAKE THE BARNYARD BOP
WE'LL BE DANCIN' TILL WE CANNOT STOP

THIS SPOOKY SCARY STRANGE PARTY'S
GONNA POP!

**CHICK**.
CANDY AT HALLOWEEN!

**DARLENE**.
COSTUMES AT HALLOWEEN

**CLARISSA**.
FRIENDSHIP AT HALLOWEEN

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE**.
FRIGHT'NING FUN AT HALLOWEEN!
WE LOVE HALLOWEEN
TONIGHT AT OUR HALLOWEEN
BOO! HOP!

**CLARISSA**. I've been waiting all year for this!

**CHICK**. To sing an opening number?

**CLARISSA**. The annual Halloween Hop, Chick.

**DARLENE**. It's the social event of the season.

**CLARISSA**. It's why I made my special party dip.

**DARLENE**. And I brought a pumpkin.

**CHICK**. So that's why I brought balloons!

**DARLENE**. We sang a whole song about it. How could you forget why you brought them?

**CHICK**. I knew they were for something.

**DARLENE**. That "something" is the perfect accompaniment for all of the contests in store…

**CLARISSA**. Like the loudest scream…

**DARLENE**. The most spirited participant…

**CLARISSA**. The best costume…

**CHICK**. And weight lifting!

**CLARISSA & DARLENE**. Weight lifting?!?!?

**CHICK**. Hello! It's Halloween. It's time to get "pumpkin iron"!

*(Laughing at her own joke,* **CHICK** *does a series of bodybuilding poses.)*

Did you hear about the bodybuilding vegetable?

**CLARISSA & DARLENE**. No.

**CHICK**. He was a muscle sprout.

*(Continuing to laugh and strike poses.)*

You know why skeletons can't lift weights?

**CLARISSA & DARLENE**. No why?

**CHICK**. They are all bone and no muscle!

*(***CHICK** *laughs at her wit,* **CLARISSA** *and* **DARLENE** *try to take in the situation.)*

**DARLENE**. You thought of those all on your own, didn't you, Chick?

**CHICK**. Yep. And there are plenty more where they came from.

**DARLENE**. Now that's frightening!

**CLARISSA**. There'll be plenty of time for treats *and* tricks later. Especially for the winner of the costume contest. The winner gets a special prize.

**DARLENE**. Clarissa, it looks like the whole barnyard got our invitations. Everyone is starting to arrive.

**CLARISSA**. Hey there sheep!

*(Pointing to a section of the* **AUDIENCE**.*)*

Can I hear a "Ba-ba hello!" from the sheep over on this side of the barnyard? "Ba-ba hello!" on the count of three? Ready? One – two – three.

**AUDIENCE**. Ba-Ba Hello!

**DARLENE**. Wonderful. Now can I hear a "Nibble, nibble ya'll!" from the mice over on this side of the barnyard? "Nibble, nibble y'all!" on the count of three? Ready? One – two – three.

**AUDIENCE**. Nibble, nibble y'all!

**CHICK**. Wow! Now if I can get a "Hee-haw-hee-haw-hee" from the alpacas…

**DARLENE**. Alpacas?!?!?!

**CHICK**. A South American mammal similar to, but often confused with, the llama.

**DARLENE**. There aren't any alpacas on Farmer Brown's farm.

**CHICK**. We really outta look into fixing that.

**CLARISSA**. But there *are* cats. Now can I hear a "Meow-meow hey!" from the cats over on this side of the barnyard? "Meow meow hey" on the count of three? Ready? One – two –

**FARMER BROWN**. *(Offstage.)* What in tarnation is going on out there?!?!?

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE**. Farmer Brown!

**DARLENE**. He doesn't sound happy. Let's make ourselves scarce.

*(***DARLENE** *and* **CLARISSA** *move to hide.* **CHICK** *stands confused.)*

**CLARISSA**. What are you doing?

**CHICK**. I don't know how to make myself scarce?

**DARLENE**. Hide!

**CHICK**. That first. Then I'll learn how to make myself scarce second.

*(**CHICK** finds a place to hide, just as **FARMER BROWN** bursts onto the scene.)*

**FARMER BROWN.** Now what's makin' y'all bumfuzzled…

*(**FARMER BROWN** looks around, sees that no one is there.)*

Heavens to betsy. Something's cattywampus.

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE.** *(Revealing themselves quickly from hiding.)* Cattywampus?

**FARMER BROWN.** Cattywampus.

*(Noticing the things the group brought for the party.)*

Balloons…a pumpkin…special party dip?!?!? That can mean only one thing.

**CHICK.** *(Standing up, quickly, from hiding.)* A good time!

**FARMER BROWN.** A Halloween party!

*(**DARLENE** and **CLARISSA** encourage **CHICK** to return to her hiding spot.)*

**[MUSIC NO. 02 – NONSENSE TO ME]**

*(spoken in rhythm)* I… I… I…

I DON'T LIKE HALLOWEEN PARTIES
THERE'S NO NEED TO DISCUSS
THEY'RE NOISY, LOUD, WITH SUCH A CROWD
I DON'T GET ALL THE FUSS

NO, I DON'T LIKE HALLOWEEN PARTIES
DON'T NEED DRESS-UP CLOTHES
THOSE ITCHY, SCRATCHY RAGS
A BAN! I DO PROPOSE!

WITCHES GIVE ME NIGHTMARES
SKELETONS SHAKE MY BONES
SPIDERS, BATS, GHOSTS, AND BLACK CATS

I LIKE IT ON MY OWN!

NO! I DON'T LIKE HALLOWEEN FUN
OR CHRISTMAS JAMBOREES,
A GALA CELEBRATION, OR HANG, AND MOST FESTIVITIES
A BIRTHDAY GATH'RIN AND ALL THAT BLATH'RIN
IT'S ALL NONSENSE TO ME!

*(Grumpy, boogie dance break.* **FARMER BROWN** *tries to dispose of the party things as* **CLARISSA**, **CHICK**, *and* **DARLENE** *save decorations and such without him knowing.)*

**FARMER BROWN.**

WEREWOLVES GIVE ME GOOSEBUMPS

ZOMBIES TURN ME TO STONE

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE**

OOH

GOOSEBUMPS

OOH

TO STONE!

**FARMER BROWN.**

VAMPIRES DON'T MAKE SENSE TO ME
I LIKE IT ON MY OWN!

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE.**

NO SIR!

**FARMER BROWN.**

SO THAT'S A NO FOR HALLOWEEN PARTIES
SHINDIG, BASH, SOIRÉE
A COFFEE CLUTCH? THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH
I'LL TAKE A PASS CAN'T YOU SEE
IT'S UTTER BUNK TO ME!

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE.**

UTTER BUNK!

**FARMER BROWN.**

TAKE THAT HOGWASH OUT TO SEA!

**CLARISSA, CHICK & DARLENE.**
TAKE THAT HOGWASH!

**FARMER BROWN.**
THAT BALDERDASH SHOULD GO OUT WITH THE TRASH
'CAUSE IT'S ALL NONSENSE TO ME!!!!
GOBELDY GOOK, POPPY COCK, FIDDLESTICKS, TOMMYROT
ALL NONSENSE TO ME!

Now I don't know which of you critters thinks I'll have anything to do with this Halloween Hooey...

*(***CHICK** *raises her hand while hiding.* **CLARISSA** *and* **DARLENE** *lower it.)*

But I won't. Not this year. Or next. Or any in the future. I don't like Halloween parties, because...

*(***CLARISSA, CHICK** *and* **DARLENE** *lean in to see what the answer is.)*

I don't like Halloween.

*(***CLARISSA, CHICK** *and* **DARLENE** *gasp.)*

*(Dramatic musical tag.)*

**FARMER BROWN.** If anybody, or any animal, thinks, I'm attending a Halloween party this evening, they're barkin' up the wrong tree. My RSVP is "No thank you!" It would take something pretty spectacular for me to attend, 'cause the only thing I will be attending is bed!

*(They silently react disappointed.)*

Parties are full of contests and I never win...not the most spirited participant...or the best costume...or weight lifting.

**CLARISSA & DARLENE.** Weight lifting?!?!?

**FARMER BROWN**. Let's face it. My average leg workout is doin' diddly squat. Now it's time to finish up the day, so I can hit the hay.

*(***FARMER BROWN** *exits to finish his chores.)*

**DARLENE**. But this isn't right. How can Farmer Brown not like Halloween parties? If anyone deserves a break…

**CLARISSA**. Or an excuse to let loose…

**DARLENE**. It's Farmer Brown.

**CHICK**. This is just like the skeleton who didn't go to the dance?

**DARLENE**. It is.

**CHICK**. Sure. He had no *body* to go with.

**DARLENE**. That was another original, wasn't it?

**CHICK**. Can you tell?

**DARLENE**. Let me tell you…

**CLARISSA**. *(Interrupting.)* That Farmer Brown doesn't know the true meaning of Halloween.

**CHICK**. Exactly! He doesn't realize that it's about candy.

**DARLENE**. No, no, no, Chick. That's a common misperception. There's so much more to this unique holiday. You see…

*(Academic music begins to play.*)*

**DARLENE**. In ancient times, Halloween observed the end of the harvest. It has now grown into a worldwide phenomenon that inspires the creative mind, extols

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storytelling, produces arts and crafts, and stimulates creative role play.

*(The academic music finishes.)*

**CHICK**. *(Shocked.)* Hold it right there.

**DARLENE**. Yes, Chick?

**CHICK**. Are you telling me it's *not* about the candy?!?

**DARLENE**. Candy is part of the celebration, but Halloween is really about taking time to celebrate and have fun, no matter the age.

**CLARISSA**. And if I might add…

**DARLENE**. You may, Clarissa.

**CLARISSA**. It's about celebrating *together*.

**DARLENE**. *(Putting a hand out for* **DARLENE** *and* **CHICK**.*)* With friends.

**CHICK**. Ohhhhh. Now I get it.

**DARLENE**. The importance of Halloween?

**CHICK**. No. Why demons and ghouls hang out.

**CLARISSA**. Why is that?

**CHICK**. Because demons are a ghoul's best friend.

*(***CHICK** *delivers a "HA-CHA" ending.)*

**DARLENE**. You spent a lot of time on that one, didn't you, Chick?

**CHICK**. How could you tell?

*(Gets an idea.)*

Oh. Oh. Oh. You don't think…

**CLARISSA & DARLENE**. Yes?

**CHICK**. That Farmer Brown thinks…

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