

A BOY AND A BEAR IN A BOAT



**A theatre production for children
made specifically for
library and community settings.**

Tour Dates: 19th May to 19th June 2016

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Welcome aboard! Join our heroes all at sea with just a suitcase, a ukulele and a teapot to help them.

When all seems lost, can their friendship survive? And where exactly are they heading? Will they ever get there?

Adapted from the award-winning novel by Dave Shelton and featuring live music and movement, A Boy and a Bear in a Boat is a funny, thoughtful and thrilling adventure for everyone five years and older.

The Spark Arts for Children

The Spark Arts for Children exists to enable children to enjoy the opportunities for discovery offered by the arts as audiences, learners and as creators of their own art.

The Spark Arts for Children has been working in partnership with Library Services since 2008, creating performance opportunities, participatory arts programmes and Artists in Residencies within local libraries. In addition The Spark has developed bespoke commissions of professional performance work which toured to libraries across The East Midlands and beyond.

Requirements

Space 4 x 4m

Running Time 60 minutes

Minimum age 3 years, recommended for 5-9 years

100 maximum audience



Creative Team

Director - Adel Al-Salloum

Adel Al-Salloum has been Director of The Spark since 2012. Prior to joining The Spark Adel worked extensively as an Associate Director for both Northern Stage Ensemble and Curve Leicester.

Designer & Director of Object Animation - Sue Pyecroft, Dark Horse Puppetry.

Sue is a puppet maker, puppeteer, theatre designer and teacher/ trainer. She has worked with a wide variety of arts organisations and has been co-Artistic Director of Bamboozle Theatre Company since 1994.

Music Composer – Ivan Stott

Ivan has worked in Theatre for 25 years as a Composer, Musician, MD, Sound Designer, Actor and Workshop Facilitator. Ivan is Co-Artistic Director of Hiccup Theatre.

Movement Director – Pete Shenton

Pete is an award winning choreographer and comedian. He is co-founder of New Art Club with whom he has toured nationally and internationally since the late 1990s.

Playwright – Stewart Melton

Stewart has made theatre with and for children and young people. His plays include Usagi Yojimbo for Southwark Playhouse, Seesaw for Unicorn, Two Endless Minutes for Young Vic Taking Part and Peter Is Not Here for Company of Angels.

Book Author & Illustrator – Dave Shelton

Dave's debut prose novel for children, A Boy and a Bear in a Boat, which he also illustrated, was shortlisted for the Costa children's prize and the Carnegie Medal, and won the Branford Boase Award. His latest work is Thirteen Chairs, a collection of ghost stories for older children.

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