



Visual Story

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THE PRODUCTION

CDP presents Tall Stories' production of *Room on the Broom* adapted from the award winning picture book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler, published by Macmillan Children's books.

Length

The show is approximately 55 minutes with no interval.

Age Recommendation

Suitable for ages 3+. Families are encouraged to review warnings, in order to assess appropriateness of content.

Photography

Production Stills by Heidrun Lohr.

Content Warnings

- At some moments the lighting on stage will be dimmed and the stage will be a little darker, like when the Witch casts her spell but it only lasts for a little while.
- During the show, there are also some loud dragon roars. It only lasts for a little while and you can cover your ears if it's too loud.

THE THEATRE

Room on the Broom is a play that is being performed at different theatres in Australia.

The team travel all around the country on a tour. They stop in different towns and cities to perform the show for the audiences that live nearby.



What theatre are you watching *Room on the Broom* at?

Do you know what the theatre building looks like?

Arriving at the Theatre

When you arrive at the theatre, there may be lots of other people in the foyer area. They are there to see the show just like you!

You will also see some staff members who work at the theatre. They can help you with directions and any questions that you have about the performance.

Before the Show

To see the show, you will need a ticket. You may already have your ticket, or you may need to collect them from the Box Office.

There may be a queue of people who are also waiting to collect their tickets.

Before you go inside the auditorium, you may also want to get something to eat or drink or use the toilet.

When the performers are ready, the staff members will open the doors to the auditorium so that you can find your seat before the show starts. They will ask you to show them your ticket, which will tell you which seat you are sitting in for the play. The staff members can help you find your seat.

Inside the Auditorium

Every theatre auditorium looks little bit different. In some theatres everyone is sat on the same level, and in other theatres there are seats on different floors. You might need to walk up or down some stairs to get to your seat.

How many levels does your theatre have?

The Set

When you go into the auditorium you will see the set on the stage.

The set looks like forest. You will see trees and the moon on stage.



During the Show

The play will last approximately 55 minutes and has no interval.

During the show, if it gets too loud, you can cover your ears.

When the show starts, it will be time to be quiet so that you can hear everything.

The lights will turn down in the audience, but the stage will stay bright so that you can see everything.

If you need to take a break that's ok. You can leave the auditorium and find a place to sit in the foyer if you'd like. You can return to the auditorium whenever you are ready.

After the Show

When the show is finished, people will clap to say thank you to the performers.

If it's too loud you can cover your ears with your hands.

THE PLAY

This play is called *Room on the Broom* and the story comes from a book with the same name. It is the story of a witch and her cat who are on a journey to the Back of Beyond to fight a dragon, but they meet lots of new friends on the way.

4 actors play different characters and use puppets to tell the story.

Acting is fun! And often playing characters quite different to ourselves can be SO much fun!

The actors in *Room on the Broom* are having a lot of fun playing roles that are very different to themselves.



THE CHARACTERS

The characters that we will meet are:



Witch



Cat



Dog



Frog



Bird



Dragon

In the show the Dragon says hello to the audience sitting in the auditorium. It might seem a bit scary at first, but don't worry – he won't *actually* eat you!

The actors are having a lot of fun playing the different characters.

THE STORY



NEW FRIENDS

The Witch and her Cat are on their way to the Back of Beyond to fight a Dragon, but on their way they meet some new friends.

They meet a Dog who asks the Witch to take him all the way to the moon.

Then they meet a Bird who wants to go on holiday to Bali.

And they also meet a Frog who is trying to escape from a princess that wants to kiss him!

At first Cat isn't very happy and says that there isn't room on the broom for everyone.



A BROKEN BROOM

With all of the new friends on the broom it's very heavy and gets overloaded!

The broom snaps in two and everyone tumbles down. They land in the bog!



THE DRAGON

There's a loud roar and the dragon appears!

He says that Witch is his favourite food and sings a song about how he's going to eat her with some chips for his tea.

Witch calls for help and out of the bog comes a big mud monster to scare off the Dragon.

The monster might look a bit big and scary at first, but don't worry, it's just the actors and the puppets covered in some big sheets!



THE MAGNIFICENT BROOM

The Dragon has been defeated but the broom is still broken!

Usually the Witch isn't very good at magic spells but this time she asks everyone to help by finding something to add to the cauldron.

When the Witch says her spell the lights might be a bit darker, and there might be some loud noises. It's ok, it doesn't last long and it just means that the magic is working!

The spell worked! They have a new broom and it is truly magnificent!

We hope you enjoy your visit to
Room on the Broom!



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