

CDP Kids presents

GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU

A play by Richard Tulloch

Adapted from the books by
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THE PRODUCTION

Guess How Much I Love You is presented by CDP Kids. A play by Richard Tulloch, adapted from the books by Sam M^cBratney and Anita Jeram.

Length

The show is approximately 50 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 James D Morgan.

Content Warnings

- At some moments when it is nighttime the lighting on stage will be dimmed and the stage will be a little darker. It only lasts for a little while and the lights get brighter again when it is daytime.
- When Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare slide down the hill in Winter, the lights sometimes flash to make it look like they are sliding very fast. It might be a bit scary but it only lasts a little while and you can cover your eyes if it's too bright.
- During the show, there are also some loud gusts of wind in Autumn. It only lasts for a little while and you can cover your ears if it's too loud.

THE THEATRE

Guess How Much I Love You 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 Guess How Much I Love You 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 the countryside. It's a place called One Tree Hill. You can see the tree in the middle of the stage.

It might look a bit dark on the stage at first, but once the show begins it will get brighter so that you can see everything.



During the Show

The play will last approximately 50 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 *Guess How Much I Love You* and the story comes from a book with the same name. It is a story about Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare. Little Nutbrown Hare wants to be bigger but he learns that it takes time for things to grow.

If you have read the book, you might spot some differences between the book and the play.

3 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 *Guess How Much I Love You* are having a lot of fun playing roles that are very different to themselves.



THE CHARACTERS

The characters that we will meet are:



Little Nutbrown Hare

Little Nutbrown Hare is very energetic. He always wants to play with Big Nutbrown Hare and go on adventures.

Little Nutbrown Hare is a puppet.

Big Nutbrown Hare

Big Nutbrown Hare loves Little Nutbrown Hare very much and sometimes he worries that he is too little to go on big adventures. He teaches Little Nutbrown Hare about the seasons and how everything grows in time.

Big Nutbrown Hare is also a puppet that is worn by the actor.





The Narrator

Sometimes you will see the Narrator on stage. They use different puppets to play the animals that Little Nutbrown Hare meets on his adventures.

The animals are a caterpillar, a frog and an owl!

The Assistant Stage Manager

You will also sometimes see the Assistant Stage Manager on stage. They help the Narrator to move different pieces of the set so that it looks like it has changed to a different season.



THE STORY



SUMMER

One morning in Summer Little Nutbrown Hare wants to play but Big Nutbrown Hare is asleep. So Little Nutbrown Hare wakes him up.

Little Nutbrown Hare says that he loves Big Nutbrown Hare as high as he can reach, but he is sad that he can't reach as far as Big Nutbrown Hare. Big Nutbrown Hare explains that one day he will be bigger, but things take time to change.

They play hide and seek together. Big Nutbrown Hare says that they have to stay in the meadow but Little Nutbrown Hare squeezes through the posts and hides on the other side of the fence.

Little Nutbrown Hare wants to go down the lane to the river, but Big Nutbrown Hare says that he has to wait until he is bigger.



AUTUMN

Little Nutbrown Hare wakes Big Nutbrown Hare up again. The leaves have fallen from the trees and he wants to play in them.

While they are playing they meet a caterpillar who has fallen out of the tree. Little Nutbrown Hare is bigger than the caterpillar and so he helps him climb back up.

A big gust of wind blows a cardboard box into the meadow. Little Nutbrown hides in it and becomes the box monster! He has lots of fun pretending to be a scary monster.

Now that Little Nutbrown Hare is bigger he goes down the lane to the river with Big Nutbrown Hare. Little Nutbrown Hare tries to jump across the river just like Big Nutbrown Hare but he's still too little.

They meet a frog who shows Little Nutbrown Hare how to hop on the lily pads to get across the water.



WINTER

When the Nutbrown Hares wake up in winter there is snow on the ground. They have lots of fun throwing snowballs at each other.

Big Nutbrown Hare says that they have to be careful. The snow is very slippery and they slide all the way down the hill!

Sometimes it might be a bit scary when they are sliding down the hill because the stage goes darker and there are some flashing lights. But it's only for a little while and they still have fun.

They land in the woods and play a game where they have to find different colours. Little Nutbrown Hare is very good at the game.

The sunsets behind the hills and it gets dark as the day turns into nighttime. Little Nutbrown Hare is a bit scared but Big Nutbrown Hare says it's ok because they can follow the fireflies to go home.



SPRING

Little Nutbrown Hare wakes up Big Nutbrown Hare again. It's now Spring! The snow has melted and new shoots are growing on the trees.

Big Nutbrown Hare shows Little Nutbrown Hare that things have changed. The caterpillar had made a cocoon and they watch it change into a butterfly.

Even Little Nutbrown Hare has changed! He stands on his head again and his toes now reach higher than they did in Summer. He's bigger!

Now that Little Nutbrown Hare is bigger, Big Nutbrown Hare says that they can go all the way down the lane, across, the river, through the wood, and up to the top of the hill.

What do you think they will see when they get to the top of the hill?

We hope you enjoy your visit to
Guess How Much I Love You!



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