



# Visual Story

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# THE PRODUCTION

**Magic Beach** is presented by CDP Kids. A play by Finegan Kruckemeyer, based on the book by Alison Lester

## 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 James D Morgan.

# Content Warnings

- At some moments the lighting on stage will be dimmed and the stage will be a little darker. There will also be some loud dragon roars.
- In some parts of the show, lights will be used to make big shadows that might look a bit scary. But really it's just the performers who are standing behind the waves holding a shadow puppet.
- During the show, there are also some loud wind and lightning noises. It only lasts for a little while and you can cover your ears if it's too loud.

# THE THEATRE

**Magic Beach** 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 **Magic Beach** 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 a beach in summer.



## 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 **Magic Beach** and the story comes from a book with the same name. It is the story of a family who go on a beach holiday.

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

3 actors play different characters to tell the story.

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

The actors in **Magic Beach** are having a lot of fun playing roles that are very different to themselves.





# THE CHARACTERS

The characters that we will meet are:



## Sally

Sally is the eldest sister. She is 11 years old.

Now that Sally is almost a teenager, she wonders whether she is too grown up to play with her younger siblings when they go to their Magic Beach.

## Danny

Danny is the middle child. He is 8 years old.

Danny has lots of fun playing with his sisters, but sometimes he feels like no one listens to him.





## Lucy

Lucy is the youngest sister. She is 6 years old.

She is very strong and energetic. She does lots of karate and martial arts moves, and says she is a master of “karate-jitsu-kwondo”!

## Toby

Toby is a 7-year-old boy that the family meet at their Magic Beach.

Last year, Lucy had an argument with Toby because he was trying to scratch the anemones off the rocks with a spade.

But this year, they make friends again and play together at the rockpools.



# THE STORY



## ROCKPOOLS

When the children play at the rockpools with their friend Toby, they imagine that they dive underwater to see all of the sea creatures close up.

The lighting and sound make the stage feel like it is underwater.



## SANDCASTLES AND DRAGONS

Later on, Danny decides to build a huge sandcastle with the help of Lucy.

They build big strong walls of sand, but when the tide comes in, the sea roars and the children pretend that it's a dragon!

The lights go darker, and there are some loud dragon roars as Sally comes to battle the dragon and save the day, but it's ok. It only lasts for a little while and you can cover your ears if it's too loud.





## THE BOAT

Sally wants to join in with Danny and Lucy's games, and so she pretends that she is the Captain of a boat.

She gives her brother and sister instructions on how to sail the boat, but they get swept up in a storm!

There are some loud wind and lightning noises as the boat sails through the storm, but it's ok. It only lasts for a little while and you can cover your ears if it's too loud.

Danny and Lucy are a little bit scared as well, so they stop playing the game.



## BONFIRE

At the end of the show the children huddle around the bonfire.

The lights go darker as it's night-time and they pass little balls of light between them.

At the end of the show, everyone goes to sleep.

We hope you enjoy your visit to  
*Magic Beach!*



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