



# About the Production

## **VENUE**

*The 78-Storey Treehouse* will be performed in a theatre.

The show is touring around Australia and will be visiting many theatres across the country.

What does your theatre look like? Families with children with sensory needs are encouraged to check their venue website, and/or plan an orientation visit to see the theatre before the show.

Please check with your venue for additional info.

## **DURATION**

The play runs for approximately 60 minutes, with no interval.

## **AGE RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended for ages 6+. Families are encouraged to review warnings to assess the appropriateness of the content.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

If you have any questions about physical access, specific seating or theatre facilities, please contact the venue directly for more information.

## **CONTENT AND SENSORY WARNINGS**

This production will contain a small amount of theatrical haze throughout the show, and some loud noises.

If you are attending a Relaxed Performance, there will be a few small changes to sensory elements in the play, such as reducing bright light and loud sound. Some moments with moving lights and sudden noises may still be surprising.

There are times during the play where characters might appear to be hurt or angry or fighting. It's important to remember that the actors are just pretending – everyone is ok.

The performers have carefully rehearsed the moments in the show many times. They know how to make sure that they are safe and that no one is hurt.

## **THEATRE GUIDELINES**

Photography, video recording and mobile devices are usually not permitted at the theatre.

However, if you need to use an assistive device (ie. an iPad) to assist with communication, please let the theatre ushers know.

Using a device in the foyer or quiet areas is always ok.

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.

You can also cover your ears with your hands or put on some headphones if it is too loud.

# Going to the Theatre

***The 78-Storey Treehouse*** is being performed at theatres across Australia.

Do you know what theatre you're going to?



Every theatre is a little different. Before your visit, you can find more information about your theatre and how to get there on the theatre's website.

When you enter the building, you will see other people at the theatre who are going to see shows. Some of them might be there to see ***The 78-Storey Treehouse*** just like you!



It might be busy when you arrive. You may wish to allow some extra time before the show, or wear a pair of headphones if it's noisy.

You might already have your ticket with you, or you may need to collect it from the Box Office. There might be a queue of people also waiting to collect their tickets.

You will also see people who work at theatre wearing uniforms. They are called ushers. They can help you with directions or answer any questions you may have about the performance.



The doors to the theatre auditorium will open a few minutes before the start of the show. You can go inside early if you like. Before going inside, you might like to use the bathroom.

You will need to show your ticket to the usher when you go inside. They will help you find your seats.

## During The Show

The play will last approximately 60 minutes.

**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.

There is no interval, but if you need to take a break during the show you can leave your seat and go out into the foyer. You can return to the theatre to watch the rest of the show whenever you are ready.

If you are attending a Relaxed Performance, it will be ok to move around and make noises during the show as you need to.

## After The Show

When the show is finished, people will clap to say thank you to the performers. Some might even cheer!

You can join in if you like. If it's too loud, you can cover your ears with your hands.



# The Set

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

There will be several large wooden panels that have been painted to look like a Treehouse. There will also be two arches on the left and right of the stage that will light up during the show.

The stage will be a little dark before the show. When the show is about to start, the lights will turn down in the audience.

It's ok – the theatre will only be dark for a moment. The stage will get brighter a few minutes into the show.





# The Play

This play is called **The 78-Storey Treehouse**, and the story is part of a series of books.

It is the story of Andy, Terry & Jill and what happens when Hollywood director, Mr Big Shot arrives to make a Treehouse movie starring them.



Four 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 Characters

The characters that we will meet in the show are:





Some of the other characters we will meet are:



**MEL GIBBON**  
A famous actor who is  
also a gibbon



**<- ANDYLAND GUARD**  
(who looks just like Andy!)



**THE VERY ANGRY DUCK**  
whose job it is to protect Andy's chips  
(even from Andy!)

# The Story

The sneaky Spy Cows are hiding in the bushes with their walkie-talkies.



Andy walks by the spy cows but he doesn't suspect a thing.



Today, Andy and Terry are getting ready to make a movie about their 78-Storey Treehouse!

Their Treehouse has a new Combining Machine that combines 2 or more objects into 1 thing.



The Combining Machine can be a little loud when Andy and Terry are using it, but it's ok.

It doesn't last long and you are welcome to cover your ears.

The movie director Mr Big Shot can be loud and bossy at times.



But it's ok, the actors are pretending.

Andy gets replaced in his own movie by a gibbon named Mel Gibbon!



Andy is not happy about this and gets into an argument with Terry. Everyone thinks that Andy is trying to ruin the movie.

Terry is busy making the movie with Mel Gibbon and Mr Big Shot, and Andy misses his friend.

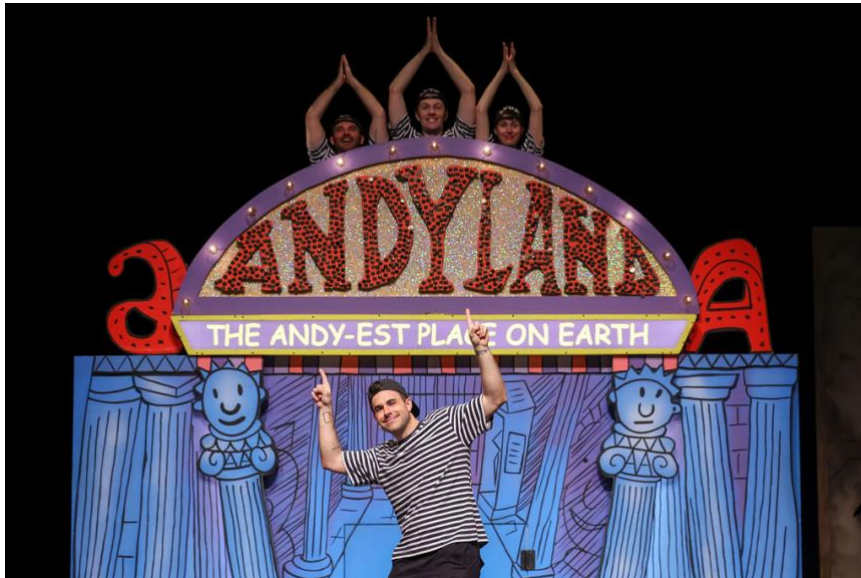


This makes him angry and he upsets his friend Jill.



Andy goes to visit lots of different places in the Treehouse, including...

Andyland (with several Andy clones)



the High Security Potato Chip Storage Facility (guarded by a Very Angry Duck)



... and Outer Space

Sometimes the stage looks bright and sometimes, like in space, the stage will be quite dark. It's ok though.



The actors are having fun playing.

By the end, they are all friends again and ready for their movie premiere!





# The End

At the end of the performance, the actors will come to the front of the stage and take a bow, and say thank you to the backstage crew who helped them tell this story.



You can say thank you too, by clapping in a round of applause.



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### **The 78-Storey Treehouse**

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