

The Gruffalo's Child

Visual Story

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The Production

CDP presents Tall Stories' production of ***The Gruffalo's Child*** 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

Images photographed by Heidrun Lohr, featuring the 2020/2021 Australian tour cast.

Content Warnings

- At some moments the lighting on stage will be dimmed and the stage will be a little darker, like when the Gruffalo's Child tiptoes out of the Gruffalo cave, and when the Big Bad Mouse appears, but it only lasts for a little while.
- During the show, Snake, Owl, Fox and the Gruffalo's Child ask the audience to answer questions or say some words out loud. Everyone in the audience might yell very loudly, but it only lasts for a little while. You can cover your ears if it's too loud.
- Towards the end of the show, the Gruffalo's Child will be yelling loudly. It only lasts for a little while and you can cover your ears if it's too loud.

The Theatre

The Gruffalo's Child 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.

The story comes from a book with the same name.



What theatre are you watching *The Gruffalo* 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 woodlands in winter.

You will see lots of trees 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 *The Gruffalo's Child* and the story comes from a book with the same name.

It is the story of The Gruffalo's Child who wants to explore the deep dark wood and see the Big Bad Mouse.

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!

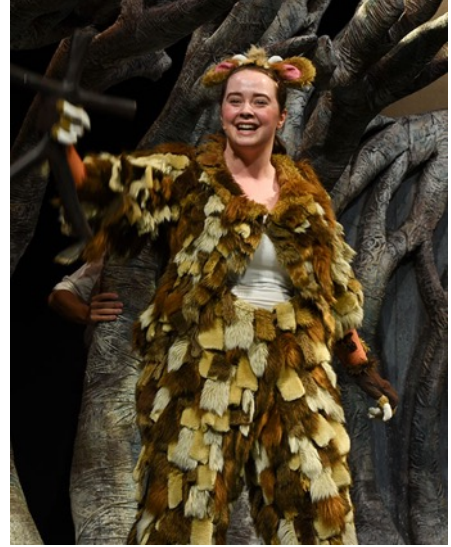
The actors in *The Gruffalo's Child* are having a lot of fun playing roles that are very different to themselves.

The Characters

The characters that we will meet are:



Mouse



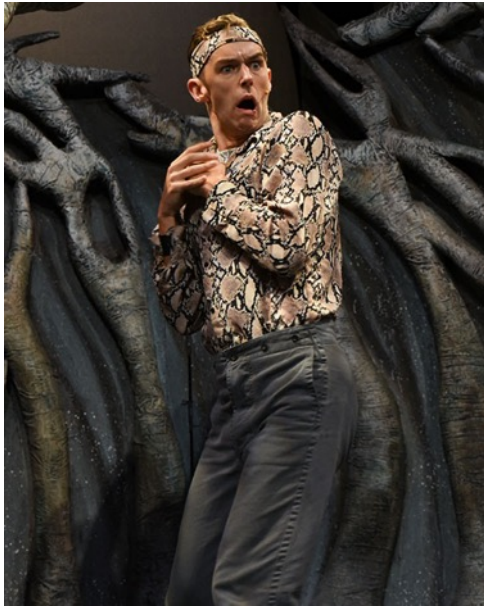
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The Gruffalo

Sometimes the audience may get very excited when The Gruffalo appears. It's ok. You can cover your ears if it gets too loud.

Some of the other characters we meet are:



A Snake



An Owl



A Fox

The Story

The Gruffalo's Child is feeling brave. She decides to leave the Gruffalo cave and go searching in the Wood, with the help of her trusty friend Stickman and the 2 Narrators.



While in the woods, The Gruffalo's Child meets Snake, Owl and Fox, one by one.

She asks them if they have ever seen the Big Bad Mouse that her dad The Gruffalo has told her about.

They have never heard of the Big Bad Mouse, but they run away when she mentions that her father is The Gruffalo.

The Gruffalo's Child feels lonely and has all but given up on finding the Big Bad Mouse.



Sometimes the stage looks bright.

Sometimes, you will notice that the lights are very dark. You will see this when the Big Bad Mouse appears, and you will hear some spooky music being played.

It's ok though.

The actors are having fun playing and the Mouse is playing with her shadow.



By the end of the show The Gruffalo's Child is feeling sleepy and very happy to be home.



The show will run for approximately 55 mins.



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

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**We hope you enjoy your visit to
The Gruffalo's Child !**

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