

Little Wing Puppets present
A Little Bit of Blue



"A great puppet show and a fantastic mix of entertainment and education." - **David Perkins, Melbourne Museum**

"They absolutely loved it. They were delighted by the story, characters, humour and the very clever, creative puppets."
 - **Carol Braybrock, Ringwood Heights Primary School**

"engaged and enthralled...a quality show" – **Lisa Crosby, Hastings Primary**

THE PERFORMANCE

A Little Bit of Blue is an interactive environmental detective story told through puppetry. As well as helping to unravel a mystery, students will learn about the extraordinary habits of Bowerbirds and why they are so fascinated by the colour blue.

Unique to Australia and Papua New Guinea, bowerbirds are thought of by evolutionary biologists as "the most intriguingly human of birds." Through the performance students will learn about their biology and behaviour in a way that is light-hearted, engaging and fun. The story begins with strange disappearances from Mrs Mavis Hooley's home. Only little things are going missing – some clothes pegs, a tea cup, a ball of wool. But then the thief takes it just one step too far. Mavis calls in a Detective to investigate. A stake-out in the dead of night is required. The Detective indeed finds something peculiar... The children's role is to help him solve the case.

THE PERFORMERS

Jenny Ellis has been a puppeteer for over fifteen years. She has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Puppetry from the Victorian College of the Arts. In 2011 she studied with master shadow puppeteer Richard Bradshaw as part of the national *Jump Mentoring* program. In 2012 she was awarded a major fellowship with the Mike Walsh Foundation to research contemporary puppetry in Europe. As Artistic Director of *Little Wing Puppets* she has created two solo shows *A Little Bit of Blue* and *The Owl's Apprentice*. Jenny's performances have been enjoyed by over 35,000 kindergarten and primary school students in every state and territory of Australia.

Jeremy Lavender has been working with Little Wing Puppets since 2015. He has extensive experience working with children in holiday programs and has trained for many years in movement through dance and martial arts. Jeremy also helped develop a shadow puppet show with children at the Wugularr Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory for the *Walking with Sprits Festival*. As a maker of puppets, Jeremy co-developed *Trinket the Robot*, and has toured with Little Wing Puppets to Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.

(Note: The programme will be presented by ONE of the performers listed above)

DURATION: 50 Minutes	SUITABILITY: Years K - 6
PERFORMANCE COST: Per Student \$4.50 (gst n/a)	PERFORMANCE MINIMUM: 100 Students* Per Session \$450.00 (gst n/a)

*PLEASE NOTE EVERY STUDENT OVER 100 PAYS \$4.50 GST N/A