



A Little Bit of Blue Little Wing Puppets

A Detective Story with Puppets

"A great puppet show and a fantastic mix of entertainment and education."

~ David Perkins, Senior Programs Officer, Melbourne Museum

A Little Bit of Blue is an interactive environmental detective story told with puppetry. As well as helping to unravel a mystery, students will learn about the extraordinary habits of the Australian Satin Bowerbird, and why they are so fascinated by the colour blue. The story begins with strange disappearances from Mrs Mavis Hooley's home. Little things: clothes pegs; a tea cup; a ball of wool go missing. But then the thief takes it just one step too far. Mavis calls in a Detective to investigate. A stake out is required. In the dead of night, the Detective indeed finds something peculiar... The children's role is to help him solve the case.



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 2012 she was awarded a major fellowship with the Mike Walsh Foundation to research contemporary puppetry in Europe. Jenny was a Researcher for the NSW Minister for Education from 2003–2005. She has a Bachelor's degree with a major in Environmental Education. As Artistic Director of Company Gongoma, their show *The Mermaid's Daughter* won the Melbourne Fringe Festival Award for The Best School Holiday Program 2008. Jenny's performances have been enjoyed by over 40,000 kindergarten and primary school students in every state and territory of Australia. *A Little Bit of Blue* was written in collaboration with acclaimed author **Anne Brooksbank**, whose work was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Children's Books 2012.

Recommended age: Prep – Year 3

Duration: 40 mins + Q & A

Set up time: 60 mins

Pack up time: 30 mins

*Check out a sneak peek
of the show here!*

<https://vimeo.com/29719869>

Directed by Jacob Williams & Clare Batholomew.

Puppets & Sets by Jenny Ellis

Music by Kelly Ryall



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