



# Myths & Monsters: The Story of Odysseus

## THE PERFORMANCE

Based on the myths and legends of ancient Greece, this story traces the adventures of Odysseus, the hero of the Trojan War, as he tries to find his way back to his home in Ithaca and to his wife and son. Odysseus' journey home is no piece of cake: Tempted by Sirens and beautiful witches, threatened by Cyclops and monsters of all kinds, Odysseus has to use every ounce of his cunning and strength to arrive safely home.

This delightful rendering of the first Western story ever told is packed with participation and loaded with laughs amidst a magical mix of storytelling, puppetry, mask and mime. The Story of Odysseus is a fantastic introduction to the classics – as enthralling to prep students as it is to older primary students – and even their teachers! Check out this YouTube video for a sneak peek! <https://youtu.be/HiczchLkREo>

## THE PERFORMER

Andreas Litras is a theatre creator, writer, director and performer with 20 years' professional experience. He has toured extensively in theatres and schools throughout Australia, and overseas. His show *Odyssey* won the Drama Victoria award for Best Performance by a Theatre for Schools Company in 2000 and was selected for the VCE Drama Studies play list in 2002.

Andreas is also available for workshops with secondary students, where Andreas can share his experience and creativity with respect to performance making and schools and teachers can utilise his expertise. Themes include 'constructing your own narrative' & 'monologue intensive' – please enquire for more info.

## QUOTES

"The kids haven't stopped talking about this show... unanimous in praise and awe of Andreas who, in a bare hall with few props can bring this epic to life."  
– Eltham PS, VIC

"One of the best performances we have ever seen! The children were totally engrossed."  
– Somerville House, QLD

"A fantastic experience for the children to see top quality drama."  
– Sir John Cass' Foundation PS, London

"Students said hilarious, funny, excellent, awesome: 'From a scale of 1-100 I give it 200!'" – Grey St PS, VIC



**Suitability:** Prep – Year 6  
**Duration:** 50 minutes  
**Cost:** \$6.00 per student + GST  
**Minimum Audience:** 120 students

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## Myths & Monsters: The Story of Odysseus Feedback



FANTasticOOO!!!

The students were totally engaged the whole time. The diorama was a terrific way to present / underpin the performance- our students had never encountered a presentation like that - it was clever.

*Wilmot Rd PS, VIC*

The kids absolutely loved this show! They had a fantastic time and afterwards ere very excited to find out more about Greek Mythology. My class have been doing some wonderful follow up work.

*Aranda PS, ACT*



Our all boy audience were captivated...They loved it! *St Laurence's College, QLD*


Excellent skills...capturing the attention of the whole school. Students gained a great understanding of Greek Myth. Good rapport with students at question time. *Creswick PS, VIC*

The past has been brought alive. Congratulations on involving the children in this experience.

I was impressed by the entertainment and educational aspects of this performance. *Latham PS, ACT*

Students loved this gorgeous performer. He had them engaged from the very opening of his show. They laughed, listened, joined in (even the Year 6's) and asked great questions. *Haileybury College, VIC*

Wonderful, vibrant, fully engaged. All students totally enjoyed the experience of Odysseus. They were able to participate with enthusiasm but listened carefully when required...We were exhausted at the end because we were all so involved. *Dunolly PS, VIC*



We loved it. Great performance, great performer, great role-model. Many students commented that it was the best thing they had ever seen. *Stonnington PS, VIC*

The students were enthralled...They thought the performance was "Super cool, enjoyable." Andreas was fantastic. *Korumburra PS, VIC*

Students were engaged, excited, highly amused. Our scepticism about age appropriateness of the story was totally alleviated - the story was simple, exciting and fun. Andreas' presence is wonderfully funny and engaging. *Moonee Ponds Central PS, VIC*



A great performance. Just as enjoyable for the teachers as for the kids. *Guardian Angels' School, QLD*

Andreas put on a great show and gave the students lots of ideas about how to use simple props and techniques. I appreciated his willingness to explain & answer questions. *Eltham College of Education, VIC*

Students thought it was awesome and followed the storyline fabulously. It was SO beneficial especially as we're doing a "Sea" theme. *Timboon P - 12 College, Vic*

The students gleefully responded to Odysseus' journey. They were totally engaged from start to finish, marvelling at each stage of his adventure! An immensely energetic performance. Extremely well-executed with enough history, humour, authenticity and Greek language. Sprinkled with modern day and Australiana to keep the children close & engaged. One of the BEST we have seen! *St George College, VIC*

"Absolutely terrific... the children (and teachers) sat spellbound." *St John's College, LONDON*

