



A Little Bit of Blue

Little Wing Puppets

A Little Bit of Blue is an interactive detective story told with puppetry, where you help solve the case. While unravelling a mystery, children learn about the unique habits of the Satin Bowerbird and their fascination for the colour blue. It's a fun, frolicking mix of slapstick and Detective Noir, along with some intriguing discoveries along the way.

Mrs Mavis Hooley has been looking everywhere. Something's gone missing and is nowhere to be found. Every day something else small seems to disappear: a \$10 note, a ball of wool. But then the thief takes it one step too far!

Mavis calls in a Detective, Harry McGee. He makes a mess of the investigation and the children love always being one step ahead of him. They set a trap. A stakeout is required. In the dead of night, the Detective indeed finds something peculiar. The children's role is to help him solve the case.

Puppeteer Jeremy Lavender weaves the whole mystery together, sometimes playing three characters at once. The young audience will gasp with surprise, sigh with sadness, shout in outrage, cheer with triumph, and dance with joy as they follow the sneaky bowerbird on his journey to find love.

Suits ages: Prep – Year 3
Duration: 40 mins + Q & A
Set up time: 60 mins
Pack up time: 30 mins

Early Years Learning Framework Links:

- Skills of Problem Solving & Investigation
- Reflective Thinking
- Knowledge & Respect for Natural Environment

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

~ David Perkins, Senior Programs Officer, Melbourne Museum, VIC

"Everyone was spellbound. best show we've had in a long time." ~ KU Chase Community Pre-School, NSW

"The show was absolutely amazing. I loved it." ~ Olive, aged 11, Pomonal, VIC

"A gorgeous little show that was educating at the same time! My 3 & 5 year old sons loved it. They were smiling the entire way through (as was I!). Very clever puppeteer & beautiful props. Well done & thank you for a great morning."

~ Michelle West, audience member, Northcote Kid's Festival, VIC

"A delightful show! Very clever and amusing – both for young and old. Congratulations to all involved and thank you for a wonderfully engaging performance". ~ Max, audience member, Northcote Kid's Festival, VIC

"An amazing one person dynamic fabulous show – super engaging and beautifully creative." – Kate, Parent, NSW

"The Pupit [sic] show was amazing! I can't wait to see another one." – Arielle, aged 9

"I'm old and I had a smile on my face from beginning to end" – Audience comment, Portarlington, VIC

Jeremy Lavender – Little Wing Puppets Jeremy joined Little Wing Puppets in 2015, and has been a creative, fun and energetic member of the team ever since. He's performed on national television for ABC's *Play School*, and taken *A Little Bit of Blue* and *Trinket the Robot* across Australia. Jeremy has built puppets and sets with Little Wing for 10 years, and has co-facilitated many residencies in Victoria including building giant puppets for two Upwelling Festivals, working with over 500 students, and Creative Learning Partnership Residencies making masks and Bunraku-style Puppets. Jeremy also co-developed a shadow puppet show *Too Much Bats* with children at the Wugularr Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory for *Walking with Spirits Festival 2016*.



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