

We Built This City

By Polyglot Theatre

Visual Story



About Polyglot Theatre

Polyglot Theatre is a world-renowned contemporary theatre company based in Melbourne making exceptional arts experiences for children and families. Our unique brand of theatre encompasses a wide variety of forms and is shared with audiences everywhere, from the world's most prestigious theatres to the football grounds of regional Australia.

Polyglot's artistic and philosophical approach of child-centred practice has earned us a strong reputation at home and abroad as a leader in the Theatre for Young Audiences sector, celebrated for creating distinctive, participatory works that are playful and conceptually rigorous. Access is central to our work at Polyglot, driven by the right of all children to experience growth and resilience through creative play.

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What to expect

Polyglot Theatre's Play Spaces are deeply involving and empower children to lead. At the heart of all our work is unbridled curiosity and the opportunity for imaginative adventure. We use familiar materials and elegant frameworks to welcome families into an immersive world of imagination.

Research and Polyglot's years of experience tell us that creative play is integral to developing confidence and self-determination, and instills resources in children that they can take into many areas of their lives.

In Polyglot's performances we invite children to discover, explore and become embodied in these Play Spaces; and for the adults joining them to delight in following their child's curiosity and rediscovering their own playfulness. Watching is not the same as the sensory and physical experience of being involved, and the open structure of the Play Spaces allow families the flexibility to make choices in how they participate in their own way and at their own pace.

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Before *We Built This City*

You are going to be part of an experience called *We Built This City* with performers from Polyglot Theatre.

We recommend that you wear comfortable clothing that allows you to enjoy moving.



When you arrive

When you arrive, there will be friendly people who will let you know that you're in the right place. Other families will be arriving, and they will be part of *We Built This City* too.

During *We Built This City*

We Built This City is a place for you and your family to play together and build the city shapes of your dreams.

It is a big space that is filled with thousands of empty cardboard boxes. You can use these to build whatever you like.

In here, kids are the experts.



Polyglot builders in overalls and hard hats will be there to help everyone have fun.

There is a 'Baby Builders' space for anyone under three years old to create and play.

A DJ will be playing funky music - it might be loud. You can dance if you want to!



Near the end of the last session on the last day, everyone there will shake the city to the ground. You can stomp and jump on the boxes to help demolish it. It will be very loud and exciting.



After We Built This City

The Polyglot builders will let everyone know when the session is finished.

Your family might like to find a spot for a picnic or a rest. Or your family might like to leave straight away.

Thank you for coming to *We Built This City!*