

The Story Detectives

Promenade dance performance for libraries



Photo Alex Brenner; performers Amarnah Amuludun and Megan Griffiths

ABOUT THE SHOW

Watch the trailer:
tinyurl.com/storydetective

The Story Detectives is a promenade dance performance that takes place using several different locations within a library. It is an imaginative journey through different kinds of books – a detective book, an adventure book, a dictionary, a fairy tale for example – led by two characters named Particular and Playful.

During the performance the audience are invited to help Playful and Particular solve clues, look for letters and learn a movement 'code' that will help them on their journey throughout the piece. When they find themselves trapped in a Villain's tower, they help the Hero to escape and are invited to unravel one final clue to find the name of the Most Important Story.

The Story Detectives is aimed at children and families and would particularly suit those aged 6+ and their grown-ups.

"The children absolutely loved the performance and were mesmerised by the two brilliant artists. The overall experience was thrilling, enjoyable, and most importantly, extremely interactive"

WHO ARE WE?

Made By Katie Green is a contemporary dance company specialising in creating danced responses to museums, libraries, galleries and other places where you wouldn't expect to find a dance performance.

We've been sharing The Story Detectives with school audiences (up to 30 children + teachers) in libraries and school halls across Surrey since 2019 in partnership with [Delight](#).

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Before the performance begins, choreographer Katie will welcome people and guide them to where they need to wait. When the music starts, the audience must look around them to try to spot the first performer.

The first performer guides the audience to where they will find the second dancer. They both introduce themselves, enlist the help of the audience in finding some clues that they've lost, and the adventure begins.

Clues are hidden around the space, and sometimes take the form of letters sewn onto sports bibs which the audience can wear. Sometimes the audience are encouraged to join in with some simple movements led by the dancers; sometimes we use simple props to inspire them to move around the space in a different way; sometimes they are asked questions about what kinds of things they would like to put into the story for example, and sometimes there are sections of movement for them to simply watch and enjoy.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

USE OF SPACE

- With only 2 dancers, we can work in very small spaces. Usually the majority of the performance happens within the library's children's section, and then we use 1-2 other spaces that have capacity for us to gather people together safely. However the format of the performance is completely open to the requirements of each library, and can take place within just one space as well.
- Audience capacity tbc in discussion with each library – we have worked with up to 30 children + teachers before.

PEOPLE INVOLVED: 1 choreographer, 2 dancers. All have Enhanced DBS checks. Company Insurance and Risk Assessment are also in place.

TIMINGS

- The performance itself can be up to 45 minutes without an interval (depending on the size of the space in which we're working) and is closer to 30 minutes if performed in a single space. We can repeat the performance 2-3 times in a day.
- In order to adapt the performance specifically to each performance space, we require at least 3 hours in the space in advance of the performances, and ideally longer (up to a full day). This can happen during general opening time at the library.

TECH REQUIREMENTS

- The music is played from a single small battery powered speaker, operated by the choreographer.
- We do not require a special floor or any other technical equipment.

EXAMPLE MARKETING COPY

Are you brave? Ready for adventure? Fabulous at finding letters?

Join Story Detectives Playful and Particular as they journey round your local library collecting letters, solving clues, and building an adventure story.

“thrilling, enjoyable, and most importantly, extremely interactive” (audience feedback)

Choreographed by award-winning choreographer Katie Green, with original writing by poet Anna Selby and a dynamic soundscore including original music by Max Perryment, The Story Detectives is an interactive danced adventure to find the Most Important Story. Suitable for children of all ages (especially 6+) and their grown-ups.

IN A SENTENCE: Join Story Detectives Playful and Particular for an interactive danced adventure to find the Most Important Story.

WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE:

- flyers and posters
- social media assets
- [video trailer](#) and high quality images
- post-show 'meet the dancers' opportunity
- accompanying workshops, in which children and families can learn a fun warm-up, a hero and villain dance and then put together their own dance story
- subject to funding, we are exploring the idea of a linked activity pack or 'Story Detective Trail' that could be made available to library visitors during and after our visit.



GET IN TOUCH!

If you're interested in bringing The Story Detectives to your library, or have any questions, please contact Katie on: katie@madebykatiegreen.co.uk or 07801 969943.

