

Jumbo Kids Theatre Company (Hong Kong) Toasty's Day-dreaming by Even Lam and Larry Hunt



Dream the impossible dream – join Toasty on her funny and colourful dream-chasing adventure!

Compared to her classmates' unlimited imagination, Toasty has no ideas for her composition assignment titled My Dream. What will she do? Join Toasty on a non-verbal masked adventure, chasing dreams filled with innocent imagination and poetic notions that the entire family can revel in.

Jumbo Kids Theatre collaborated with their much-loved mentor, the late mask-maker **Larry Hunt**, to create **Toasty's Day-dreaming**. Jumbo Kids' work introduces families to the unique art of masks, with its beginnings in ancient Greece, now evolved into a contemporary art medium. **Even Lam**, Artistic Director of Jumbo Kids, began the collaboration with **Larry Hunt** in 2015, to create a crossover performance featuring Toasty in a half mask and Larry Hunt in a white full mask. Both artists have decades of experience in the art of masks between them, and have pursued their own dreams to create the reverie-like show, **Toasty's Day-dreaming**, which integrates the use of masks, music, mime, form and shape, video, and lighting. Sadly, Larry Hunt passed away while the show was making its debut in Hong Kong, and Jumbo Kids Theatre are upholding his final wishes in producing and completing the premiere.

Jumbo Kids Theatre is a professional children's theatre company founded in 1999. It is currently funded by a three-year grant from the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. In 2008, the group established **Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance Company** with the association of other four Hong Kong Children Arts groups and successfully joined the Venue Partnership Scheme of Shatin Town Hall. Jumbo Kids has successfully created a series of characters – Toasty, Ah Lam, Ah Lui, 2 in 1, Little-star, Ming, Cousin Wai, Smiley and Nam Nam – that have become a hallmark repertory team. Using their unique half masks, these stock characters stimulate the minds and imagination of young audiences. The company has also created the *Children's Literature Series*, to encourage parent and child reading in the community. The company is committed to bringing hope to children's lives through joyful games and fruitfully creative stage performance. Their motto is 'to dream the impossible dream'. Their aim is to enrich the lives of children with drama and help adults recall their childhood selves.

Notes to Editors

Jumbo Kids Theatre has previously collaborated with Hong Kong Arts Development Council, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Equal Opportunities Commission, Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, Quality Education Fund, Home Affairs Department, UNICEF, The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong, Standing Committee on Language Education and Research, Citigroup, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority in providing school-touring performances, family activities, family workshops and public performances to critical acclaim.

Listings Information

Venue	C south, St Peter's, Luton Place, EH8 9PE, venue 58
Dates	3-15 Aug
Time	11:30 (0h45)
Ticket prices	£8.50-£10.50 / concessions £6.50-£8.50 / under 18s £4.50-£6.50
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