

Manxmouse

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Study Guide



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theatre etiquette

We are looking forward to your visit to Lebanon Opera House! Please take a moment to review our house rules and common theater etiquette with your class before attending the performance. Enjoy the show!



Do:

- Arrive at Lebanon Opera House early.
- Use the restroom before the performance.
- Turn off cell phones, pagers, watch alarms, and other electronic devices.
- Keep your feet on the floor.
- Show your appreciation of the performers by applauding.
- Stay with your group or school at all times.
- Wait for your school or group to be dismissed by the announcer after the show.

Don't:

- Stand in the aisles or stairwells.
- Put your feet on the seats or balcony railing.
- Talk, sing, hum, or fidget.
- Take pictures or record the actors during the performance.
- Leave the theater during the performance.
- Kick the seat in front of you.
- Eat, drink or chew gum in the theater.
- Leave your seat before the performers have taken their curtain call.

What you want to know about

THEATERGROEP KWATTA

Kwatta



KWATTA

*We are Theatergroep Kwatta, a professional youth theatre company since 2002.
We are from Holland and are based in Theater Het Badhuis in Nijmegen.*



THE NETHERLANDS

Also known as Holland

PLAYING IN BATH



Nowadays everybody knows 'the Badhuis' as a theatre. But before, this building was the place where people went to take a shower or a bath. Those kind of 'bathrooms' were common when people didn't have their own bath or shower. In those days only rich people had their own sanitary. In the 'bathroom', also the poor people could wash themselves. 'The Badhuis' was build in 1927 by the town Nijmegen.

In 1985, the period of these 'bathrooms' was past. From 1988 to 2000, the youth theatre company Teneeter was established in the Badhuis. Since 2002, Kwatta is established in the Badhuis. The Badhuis is now a national monument. Children who come to see our plays are 4 to 12 years old. You start school here at 4. They come and see us in a theatre nearby or we visit them at school. We love to surprise children. Sometimes they don't know we're coming. Then suddenly two actors are in the middle of the classroom. Instantly they will keep you away from your math. Isn't that nice!

Sometimes we let children on stage, or let them talk to actors. We even send actors to school to talk about their work. Is there a question that you would like to ask an actor?



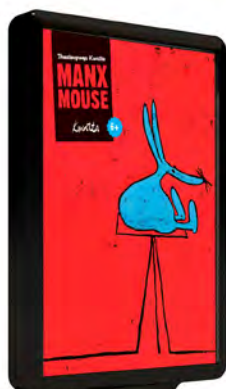
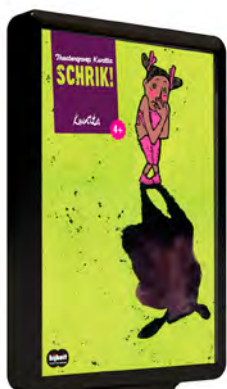
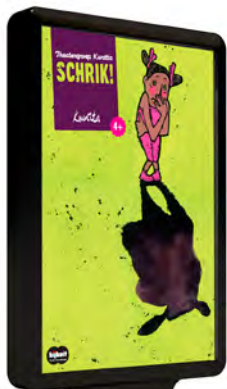
KWATTAPOSTERS

Overall we play for about 35000 children each year.

For every play we make posters.

There is one lady who makes these especially for us. She is called Ceseli.

Do you have a favourite?



KWATTA WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD IN USA



In 2014 we won the IPAY Victor award- an international award for the best youth theatre - with our performance Manxmouse. The award was presented at the conference International Performing Arts for Youth in Pittsburgh, United States. Of course we were very proud! Did you ever win an important price?

IPAY gives youth theater companies from all over the world the opportunity to present their plays to an international audience. So that's why you are all going to see the Manxmouse. In Dutch called: de Mismuis.

Imagine that you were a Manxmouse. A mouse without a tail, with huge ears and... you aren't grey, no, you are blue! Who will eat you? Who will chase you? The dog wouldn't, the cat wouldn't and the fox would certainly not! You are meant for the Manx cat, that's what all the animals say. That's your Destiny, there's nothing you can do about that! So Manxmouse goes and seeks for his doom. Eventually, he runs into him on the Isle of Man.

*Good afternoon Manxmouse, says Manxcat.
I've been awaiting you for years.
I hired the stadium to carry out the Doom.
But, perhaps you want a cup of tea first?*



MANXMOUSE

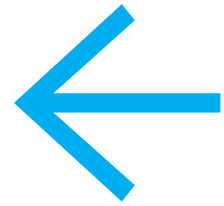
*What does the Manxcat look like?
Can you think of more Manxanimals?
Already very curious?*

You can watch a short film about Manxmouse on youtube.

Go to www.kwatta.info/manxmouse

or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYWK9c1eliM>

You can watch it English, but also in Dutch...



Listen to that strange language.

When you watch the play the actors will speak English.

That's not easy for them! They have to practice very hard.

And when they're back in Holland it's Dutch again. Confusing!



AFTER YOU HAVE SEEN THE PLAY!

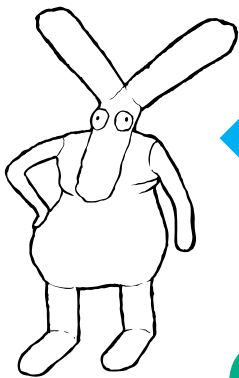
We collected a lot of questions about the play. You can talk about it in class.
Answer them for yourself and in some cases make a drawing or write a story.

Good luck!

CLUTTER-BUMPH

CLUTTERBUMPH

The clutterbump can change into anything that scares you.
What scares you?
Who has ever seen a clutterbump?
What do you think a clutterbump looks like?
Is a clutterbump real or not?

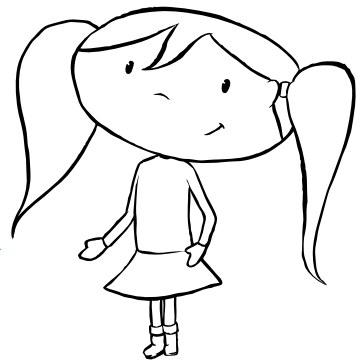


MANXMOUSE

What does it mean when you are brave?
In your opinion, at which point is the Manxmouse really brave?
The Manxmouse sees himself.
Draw your own image and put the drawings in the classroom.

WENDY

Do you have a real friend?
Why does Wendy think that the Manxmouse is beautiful?
What would you like to carry around in your pocket?



MANXCAT

The Manxcat believes in faith, what does that mean?
Can you be friend with your enemies?
Does the Manxcat really want to eat the Manxmouse?

HAWK

Why doesn't the hawk eat the manxmouse?
What would you like to see from high above in the sky?
When you are grown-up, what brave thing would you like to be able to do?



The End



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