



Going to



Ailie Cohen Puppet Maker  
with  
Lewis Hetherington

## Notes for adults:

This visual story is designed for visitors to Ailie Cohen Puppet Maker's delightful production of *The Secret Life of Suitcases*.

Presented at Arts Centre Melbourne and originally co-produced by the Unicorn Theatre, this production is a collaboration with Playwright and Director Lewis Hetherington.

Arts Centre Melbourne is committed to providing performances that allow everyone to experience the wonder of theatre.

The relaxed performance on August 12 is especially designed to welcome children with disability or sensory sensitivities, their families and adults.

The atmosphere is 'relaxed', with lights kept on during the performance and a quiet space in the foyer if you need to take a break. Noisy enthusiasm is embraced and moving around during the performance is okay!

There are no strobe lighting or theatre smoke effects in this production. There are some gentle lighting changes in the middle of the performance, and one of the suitcases contains small flashing lights for a few minutes. Personal headphones may be useful.

Photography and mobile devices are not permitted during the performance, however if you need to use a device (i.e. iPad) to assist with communication, please inform the ushers.

See the links below for:  
The Secret Life of Suitcases trailer  
Accessibility: Arts Centre Melbourne

The access friendly performance has been made possible with thanks to the Lorenzo and Pamela Galli Charitable Trust.

This visual resource has been prepared by the Participation team. If you would like any extra information in the lead up to your visit, please contact the Access & Community Engagement team at Arts Centre Melbourne on 9281 8944.





Soon we will be going to see  
a play called  
The Secret Life of Suitcases.





The Secret Life of Suitcases will be showing at Arts Centre Melbourne, in the theatres building which has a large spire on top.





Inside, we will see some staff  
to help us find the theatre, toilets  
or somewhere to wait.

They will be wearing **black** uniforms.





We might use the lift, escalator or stairs to get around the building.

We can go down to the theatre from the Smorgon Family Plaza.





The show is in the **Fairfax Theatre**.

The staff will tell us when we can go inside  
and sit down, and get ready!  
It's important to listen to the staff.





First we will meet **Ailie** and **Sam**.

They perform with puppets.

**A Quark** is a very furry puppet!



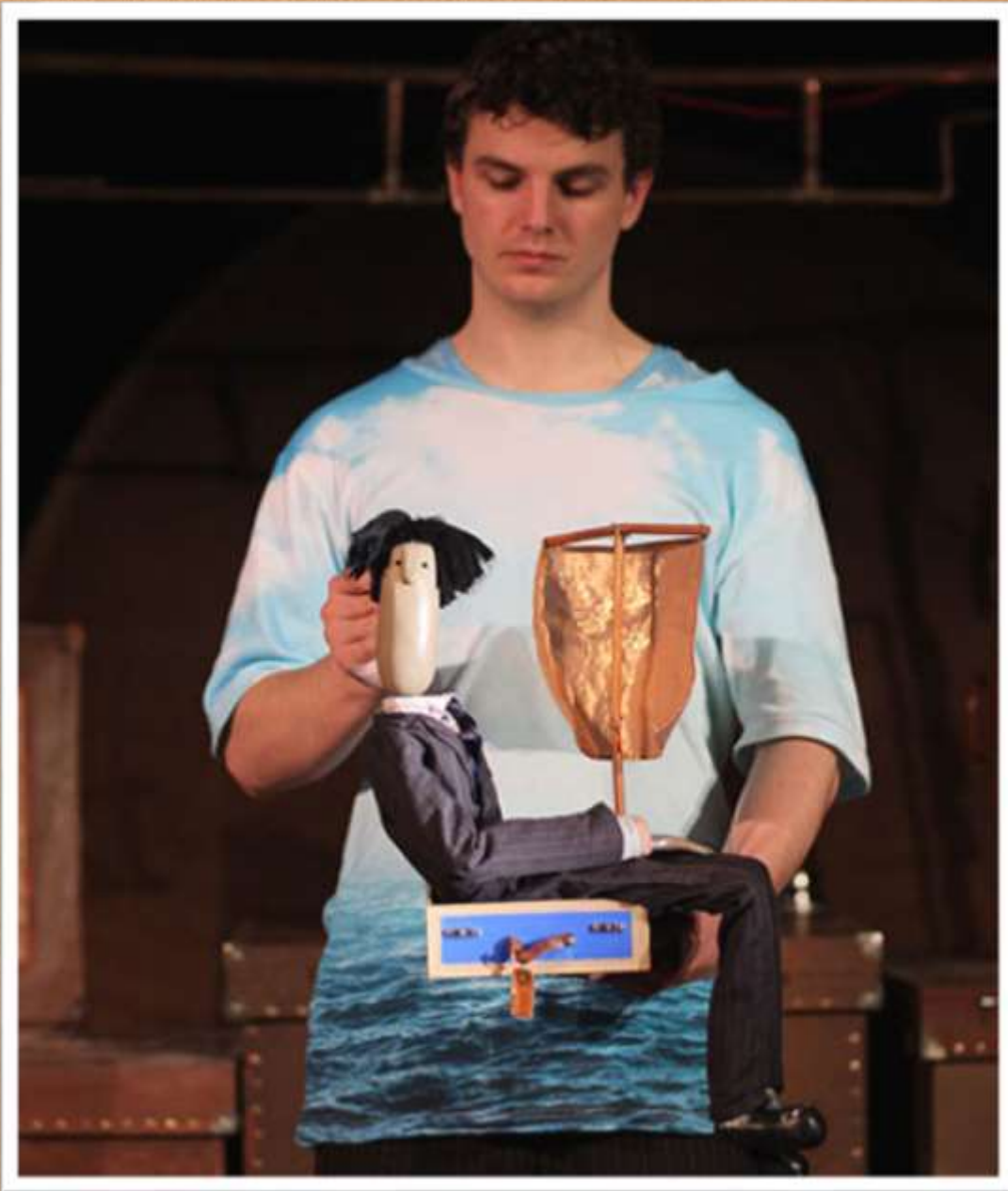


Larry is a tall puppet.

He is very busy at his work!

Larry talks his own special language.





Larry goes on lots of adventures,  
following a suitcase to new places!

We will hear some different types of music  
and sound effects.





The play will go for 50 minutes.

If we need a break, we can go to the foyer  
to relax, and return to the  
theatre when we are ready.





At the end, we can clap and say  
'thank you' to the performers.

We can wait for our adults to tell us when  
to leave the theatre.





Going to **The Secret Life of Suitcases**  
can be lots of fun.

Arts Centre Melbourne wishes you a  
wonderful experience!