

Saturday 14 December 2013:

Going on a Bear Hunt at Stratford Circus

I like where going on a bear hunt. I know the story really well but loved seeing it done with puppets. They sang songs so you could get to know each character a bit better. My favourite puppet was the bear. I got to meet the puppeteers after the show they showed me how to make them walk and swim. I got to meet the bear.

There were lots of children at the show and everyone enjoyed it. I think you should go and see it!

Reported by Hackney Wow Cub Isla Smyth, age 5

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Interviewing the puppeteers



What is your name?

Gilbert, George, Louise & Katherine.

How long have you been a puppeteer?

George said 10 years.

What are puppets made from?

The bodies, legs and arms are wood, covered in sponge to make it more life like, and their hair is usually thread. They have rods attached to them that we hold and move to make them seem alive.

How does the baby swim?

Three people work it, one moves its legs, one on the hands and one on the head. We have to have good teamwork to make it realistic.

How do you make the noises?

It's just our voices. We practice by being very silly to come up with sounds that we think the puppets should make, for example a dog panting or their feet getting stuck in mud.

Why are there songs in the show?

Each song focuses on one of the characters, so you get to know them a little bit better. It's quite a short book, so we added songs in to make it a longer show to entertain everyone.



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'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' at Stratford Circus. On until 5 January 2014

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