

ADRIFT



Two children are in a boat. One is rowing. One is fishing. They dream about a land, a beautiful land that's waiting for them. A safe land.

Drift is a poignant and important play from acclaimed children's theatre company Action Transport Theatre. Told from the perspective of two children adrift at sea fleeing conflict, it is a celebration of the resilience and imagination of childhood.

Themes

- Childhood, imagination, resilience
- Refugee crisis, displacement, conflict

Why is it different from other plays?

- The play was uniquely co-commissioned by, and developed in partnership with, a local primary school.
- It utilises clowning and physical theatre and is a new, high quality play for young audiences

Adrift is the culmination of an exciting story. Initially conceived by writer **Beverley Hancock-Smith** many years ago as part of Action Transport Theatre's *Ten Tiny Plays* — a collection of bold pieces of micro-theatre for young people — it has now been developed into an evocative piece of touring theatre.

Adrift is a **Big Imaginations** commissioned work for audiences aged 8+. It has been developed through Action Transport Theatre's close partnership with a local school, **St. Bernard's RC Primary School** in our hometown of Ellesmere Port. The whole school community at St. Bernard's has been involved in developing the show and, uniquely, the school has jointly commissioned the further writing of *Adrift as an hour long play for young audiences*.

Adrift was shared in October 2017 as part of the **Big Imaginations Festival of Theatre for Children and Young People** (at Unity Theatre, Liverpool and Z-arts, Manchester). It has also been performed at Ignite Teaching Alliance **Global Learning Day**.

Performed by skilled performers from Spain and Brazil —trained in Gaulier and corporeal mime — and set in a poetic and fantastical world, the show uses ATT's trademark physical comedy and clowning to underpin a poignant and timely story of two children escaping conflict.

It is a story of loss, bravery, imagination and hope.

***Adrift* will be touring in schools from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 26th October 2018.**

Cost: Show £500 (for up to 120 KS2 pupils)

Workshops also available

Please contact Action Transport Theatre to make a booking.

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