

THE RAINBOW TREE by Sarah Ward & Bec Matthews

Where everyone is welcome and anything is possible.



The Rainbow Tree is musical storytelling with moving image. Written with children from Rainbow families, it shares personal and imagined stories around the idea of family, identity and community. The stories of The Rainbow Tree were collected through Zoom meetings during the six month Melbourne lockdown. These children were isolated from their friends and extended families and had limited opportunity for adventures. This did not stop them imagining new worlds to explore. Worlds inhabited by animals and magical beings, where they could be super versions of themselves and dig up 4005 golden cupcakes.

The Rainbow Tree was created by Fat Fruit (Bec Matthews and Sarah Ward), partners in art and life for 15 years. As teachers and Aunties we spend a lot of time with young people and are passionate about collaborating with young people as artists. When Artplay and Midsumma put a call out for artists interested in creating work for children from Rainbow families, it was the perfect opportunity to plant the seed, water it and watch it grow; The Rainbow Tree was born, premiering in July 2021. We are so excited to bring this show back for the Darebin speak easy at the Northcote Town Hall over the winter holidays.

If you are interested in booking the work please contact our Producer at Performing Lines, Samantha Butterworth at samantha@performinglines.org.au.

CREATIVE TEAM

Co-created by Bec Matthews and Sarah Ward with 7 children from Rainbow Families: Aidia, Felix, Maeve, Mckenzie, Minka, Reuben and Timo

Performed by Bec Matthews and Sarah Ward

Directorial Eye Susie Dee

Video Artist Jolyon James

Lighting Designer Monique Aucher

Original Season Designer Realisation Bridget Milesi

Auslan Interpreter Kirri Dangerfield

Marketing Images Alexis Deslauniers-Lea

Stage Manager Claire Shepherd

Sound Tom

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