

Michael Morpurgo's  
**KENSUKE'S  
KINGDOM**

## Information Pack

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# About The Show

**Off on the adventure of a lifetime, Michael, his parents and their faithful dog Stella set sail around the world. Then the night before his twelfth birthday, disaster strikes. Washed overboard, Michael finds himself stranded on an island in the Pacific. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone...**

Kensuke's Kingdom is a delightful children's classic by former Children's Laureate, Sir Michael Morpurgo OBE! Celebrated as the creator of War Horse he has written more than one hundred books and won the Whitbread Award, the Smarties Award, the Children's Book Award and has been shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal four times.

Stuart Paterson 'master of children's theatre' (Scotsman) and exciting new theatre company, WildChild bring Morpurgo's novel to life in this charming adaptation. With Jenny Agutter as the voice of Grandmother!

Initially developed with The Old Vic Lab, Kensuke's Kingdom is the perfect coming-of-age story exploring how boys engage with difficult emotions, cross-generational relationships plus strong themes of ecological and animal conservation.

With enchanting storytelling, puppetry and a completely original orchestral score this production is sure to win over your children's hearts and captivate the whole family's imagination!

Reviews for Michael Morpurgo's novel Kensuke's Kingdom:

**'A dazzling adventure'**  
THE TIMES

**'A treat for lovers of drama-filled stories'**  
THE GUARDIAN



**'Deeply moving'**  
The List



**'An enthralling tale of adventure, loss, family and friendship ...crammed into an action-packed play.'**

Families Magazine



**'The BEST show at the Fringe!'**  
DarkChat

# The Team

## **MICHAEL MORPURGO** Author

Sir Michael Morpurgo, OBE is a book author, poet, playwright, and librettist. The former Children's Laureate has written more than one hundred books and won the Whitbread Award, the Smarties Award, the Children's Book Award and has been shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal four times. His books include War Horse, Private Peaceful and Why The Whales Came.

## **STUART PATERSON** Adaptor

Stuart Paterson is a Scottish writer and poet. His many stage plays include King of the Fields, and Moon Street. His children's titles include The Jungle Book, Peter Pan and Merlin the Magnificent. His adaptations of Hansel & Gretel and Kensuke's Kingdom were both nominated for the TMA Best Children's Production of the Year Award.

## **ADAM SMALL** Director and Puppet Designer

Adam Small trained as an actor at RADA and Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. Upon graduating in 2016, he won the acclaimed Gyearbuor Asante Prize. Kensuke's Kingdom is Adam's directing debut. Acting credits include Finborough Theatre, London Palladium and The Other Palace.

**REBECCA PITT**  
Graphic Design

**SUSIE SAFAVI**  
PR

**GABRIELLE MOLETA**  
Movement Coach

**MAGGIE ANN BAIN**  
Movement Coach

## **CLANCY FLYNN** Set and Lighting Designer

Clancy Flynn is a theatre designer and technician based in London. A New York native, they studied theatre at Trinity College Dublin before coming to the UK. Previous lighting credits include: Piece of Silk and Victorian and Gay (Hope Theatre), Portia (Theatre 503), Fire Burn (international tour), Trainspotting Live, Dorian Gray (King's Head Theatre) and Little Red Riding Hood (Gaiety Theatre).

## **JAKE DORFMAN** Composer

Jake is a postgraduate composer-conductor at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where he won a scholarship and later the Mary Ryan Award for Composition. Past credits include The Crucible, The Time Machine (YMTUK) and the UK premiere of Arthur Miller and Stanley Silverman's Up From Paradise. He is a professional writer associate of Mercury Musical Developments, and a featured artist of Talent Unlimited.

## **JENNY AGUTTER** Voice of Grandmother

Jenny Agutter is an award-winning actor who most recently played the role of Sister Julienne in Call the Midwife. Her film credits include The Avengers, The Railway Children, Logan's Run and Walkabout. Jenny was awarded a Bafta for her supporting role in 1997 film Equus.

**PRODUCER**  
WildChild Productions

# Booking Information

**Target Audience:** Everybody aged 6 and older!

**Runtime:** 75 Minutes (No interval)

**Performances:** Maximum two per day

**Minimum Space Requirements:** 3.5m x 6m x 4.5m

**Optimum Space Requirements:** 4m x 7m x 5m

**Number in touring company:** 7

**Touring Availability:** February/March 2019

**UK Touring Deal:** Guarantee against Box Office Split

£1750 x 1 Performance, £2000 x 2 performances

We understand that circumstances of future performances will differ so we welcome suggestions or solutions to our requirements from venues and are keen to adapt and negotiate fees to allow greater access to the show. Please contact us directly to discuss any issues or concerns.

**Currently we are flexible to available dates within 2019. A video of the Edinburgh Fringe production will be available October 2018.**

## Additional notes on set:

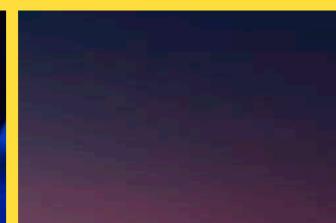
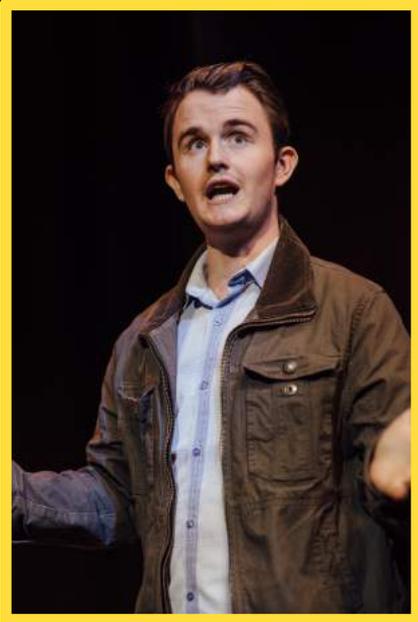
8 wooden boxes on castors of varying sizes, 1 x 4m and 1 x 3m scaff poles with attached sails. 2 Tank Traps and an overhead projector. All supplied by company. 4 additional puppets of Medium – Large size.



# Rehearsal Photography



# Production Photography



# Get in Touch

As part of our ongoing mission to encourage Children's engagement with the arts WildChild are also able to offer Drama and Puppetry Workshops.

WildChild are an ever-growing company. We would like to thank the following people for their support so far:



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