



## Mess! Visual Story

A visual resource for children and adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

This resource is intended to help prepare any visitors for a new experience and to help them to become familiar with the show, surroundings and situation.

## The Show

The show lasts for 50 mins and does not have an interval.

There are 2 performers in the show. There are 5 characters in the story which are puppets (including 3 Trolls and 2 animals).

The show has recorded music and lots of songs.



## Synopsis

Princess Olive is a Troll who lives in a Palace with her mother, the Troll Queen, and two servants. Princess Olive is very messy, but her mother likes everything to be tidy! The Troll Queen is getting ready for her famous Monster Troll Party but Olive keeps making a mess. Olive hears about the legendary Tidy Up Troll. Can she find him and get him to clean her room before the Troll Queen's palace party?

This fantastical puppetry adventure is jam packed with original music, colourful characters and magical moments. A show that inspires families to go home and play together. For everyone everywhere who delights in making a Mess! An engaging and uplifting tale for everyone aged 2+.

## Characters

These are the characters which are played by performers.



**The two servants**



**The Sea Captain**



These are the puppet characters. Both of the performers puppeteer these characters.



**Princess Olive**



**Troll Queen**



**Airo-Grane**



**Bear**



**Tidy-Up Troll**

## The Show

In this section special alerts are written in blue ink.

When you enter the auditorium you will see the set. This is Princess Olive's bedroom. There is recorded music playing in the background.



Five minutes before the show begins, the Troll Queen's two servants come into the audience and say hello. They love cleaning, and they dust the audience down and check how clean they are as they enter. They might tell you how clean you are and how untidy the adults with you look.



The show starts with the servants explaining there are lots of rules at the Palace because the Troll Queen hates mess. After first explaining the rules, the servants mistakenly think they hear the Troll Queen and jump and shout, but there's nothing there.



We meet Princess Olive, who loves making a mess. Princess Olive first appears out of the bin where she's been hiding. She scares one of the servants twice, who shouts quite loudly. Olive shouts the word "mess" which makes the Troll Queen appear.

After Olive shouts, the Troll Queen's music plays, and then she appears from behind the clothes rail and shouts "Shriek!" The Troll Queen loves loudly saying "Shriek", which is her catchphrase. The Troll Queen tells Olive to tidy her room so the Palace is tidy for her special Monster Troll Party tonight. Olive blows a raspberry at her. Then the Troll Queen tells off the servant about the mess as well.

Olive comes back and sings a song about how much she loves making a mess and makes a huge mess of her bedroom.

The servant comes back in and sees Olive has made a mess. The servant starts tidying and then the servant and Olive sing a song about tidying up called "The Tidy-Up Troll Song". At the end Olive shouts "Mess" again while emptying a pillow full of sweets on the servant's head.

The Troll Queen music plays again, and





she appears with a loud “Shriek” from behind the clothes rail. The Troll Queen is upset that the Palace is untidy again before her party and mentions the Tidy-Up Troll to Olive. Olive now thinks the Tidy-Up Troll might be real.

The servant comes back to tidy and Olive runs away from the Palace to go on an adventure to find the Tidy Up Troll. The servant shouts after Olive to try to stop her leaving, but she leaves anyway.

Recorded music plays and the servants move all the boxes of the set into a new order, to create a forest. They turn around the wash basket and the Bear puppet appears. Olive arrives and we are in the forest.

Olive meets Bear, who is crying because he’s hurt his “poor paw”. Bear tells Olive the next place she needs to go on her journey to find the Tidy-Up Troll are the Huge Mountains. Bear is lazy so he persuades Olive to carry him.

Bear and Olive count 1, 2, 3 before they set off. On “3” some recorded music plays, and this continues until the end of the journey. At the end, Bear sits on top of Olive by accident. More music plays, and the servant jumps up and moves the set around to create the Huge Mountains.

At the Huge Mountains, Bear leaves and says “bye” lots of times. On the final time he hovers in the air near Olive and shouts “bye” loudly for a joke.



After Bear leaves, Olive meets the Airo-Crane. The Aero-Crane flies in from behind the Huge Mountains. Their catch-phrase is “Bing, bing bing!” which they shout loudly in a high pitched voice. The Airo-Crane is a nice and funny character and always talks in a loud and high-pitched voice.

The Aero-Crane says the next place Olive needs to go is the Smelly Sea. At first the Crane says they can’t take Olive to the Smelly Sea because she doesn’t have any money, and Olive gets upset and cry loudly.

Aero-Crane feels sorry for Olive, and says they can fly Olive to the Smelly Sea if she finds some worms. Olive digs in the ground and finds worms.

Olive and the Aero-Crane fly to the Smelly Sea, with the bird eating worms on the way. Recorded music plays during the flying.

The Aero-Crane often doesn’t look where they’re going, and nearly crashes into an imaginary mountain in the middle of the flying, and crash lands at the end. The Aero-Crane and Olive shout loudly in these moments.



After the Aero-Crane leaves, recorded music plays and Olive jumps inside a box. Then the servants move the set around to make a boat and the Smelly Sea.

At the Smelly Sea, Olive meets the Captain, who is a fisherman with a boat.

Olive jumps onto the boat, and the Captain sings a song about how much he loves fishing at sea.

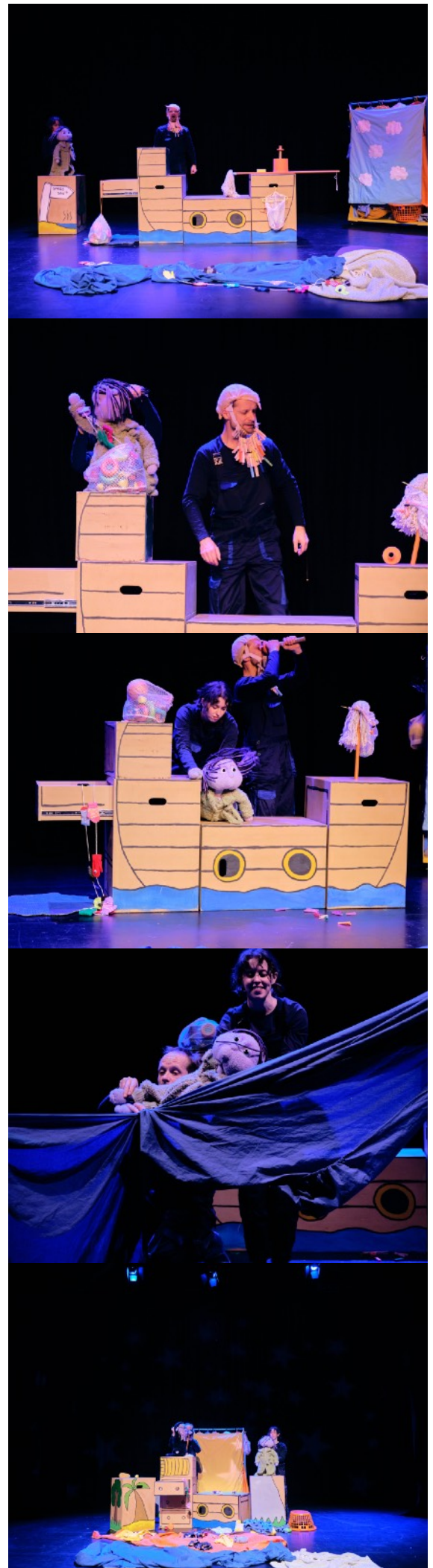
Olive counts his fish for the Captain, and they've caught 6001 fish! She's then sick over the side of the boat, which is shown by the Captain dropping pegs on the floor in front of her.

The boat arrives at the Tidy-Up Troll's Island, and then the Captain throws Olive overboard and tells her to swim to shore. Olive hovers in the air while recorded music plays and the Captain moves the set so the sea is raised at the front. Olive swims through the sea to Tidy Island.

Recorded music plays during the swimming and there is a perilous moment where Olive is wrapped up in the sea. At the end Olive is hidden under the sea, and the servants both shout "Splash!"

Then the servants move the set into Tidy Island. Olive reappears and one of the servants makes a mess on the Island and throws lots of toys and clothes around the stage. Olive arrives on Tidy Island, but at first she can't see the Tidy-Up Troll. Olive begins to get upset, but hears the Tidy-Up Troll singing. She knocks on the door and he appears! It turns out he's not very tidy, and his island is very messy.

Princess Olive and the Tidy Up Troll sing a





song together, and Olive helps him tidy up. Olive realises she can tidy up after all. Olive invites the Tidy-Up Troll to the Queen's Monster Troll Party.

The Tidy-Up Troll leave and the servants appear. Recorded music plays and the servants move the set into Princess Olive's bedroom again. The audience might clap along loudly.

Princess Olive returns to the Palace, and has tidied her room. The Queen appears without shrieking and she is so happy to see Olive is back.

The Queen, Olive and all the puppets from the show have a party at the Palace. This section has loud recorded music and lights change colours when the different characters appear. You can get up and dance in the audience if you want. Often the audience claps along loudly during the party. At the end the Queen tucks Olive into bed



The servants come back, and show off some medals the Queen gave them for being champion tidiers. They say goodbye to everyone, and all the audience clap as the servants take a bow.

**We hope you enjoy the show!**

