you are the

A very first opera for 0-2 year olds

Created by Catherine Carter and Sarah Forbes with words and music by Catherine Carter



So transporting, so beautiful, so perfectly pitched for children of this age... just utterly magical.





About the show

You are the Sun is a very first opera for babies and grownups that explores the magic of nature. Combining the joy of gentle classical singing and sensory play, it is an invitation to see beauty in the smallest things and to let plants be our guides.

Celebrate the gift of nature as we conjure a world out of breath, water, sunlight and soil in this magical musical adventure for 0-2s.

Previews of You are the Sun took place to sell-out audiences at Half Moon Theatre in February 2023. Following the creation of a final design for the show, the show will tour to venues including Z-arts, Hullabaloo, Watermans and The Egg.

So beautifully sung, simply staged, accessible and feels genuinely aimed at young audiences. No pressure to keep them silent or in their seats.

Half Moon audience member at 'You are the Sun' Feb 2023



Wow! Just wow! That was simply wonderful! I was amazed how you engaged our little one, who wasn't sure at the start but quickly wanted to be on stage. She LOVED it!



HurlyBurly Theatre

HurlyBurly Theatre make playful theatrical experiences for babies and adults with gentle classical singing at their heart. We make shows where babies are free to be themselves and grown-ups have a chance to relax, bond and play.

This brand new show follows the success of 'Meet me a Tree' and 'The Bug Hotel' which have toured extensively to theatres, festivals and libraries across the country including Hullabaloo, Gulbenkian, The Egg, Z-Arts, Half Moon, Royal Opera House, Chichester Festival Theatre, Warwick Arts, Just So Festival & with the House network.

Cast & Creatives

Created by HurlyBurly (Catherine Carter and Sarah Forbes) Original music and words by Catherine Carter Design by Kirsty Harris

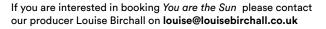
Performed by classical singers and theatremakers Sarah and Catherine & guitarist/multi-instrumentalist Gren Bartley

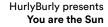
The show's development has been supported by The Egg (Theatre Royal Bath), Portsmouth Guildhall and Watermans Arts Centre as well as Arts Council England.

World class. Doesn't compare to anything my daughter has seen. So engaging, educating and exciting.

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Key information

You are the Sun takes place on the flat and offers a completely interactive and inclusive space.

- Age range: 0-2

- Duration: 35 minutes including free-play at the end

- Capacity: 25 babies and their adults

- Space: 7mx7m (audience sit in the round)

- Get-in: 3 hours

Show times: up to 3 shows/day, for example
10.30am / 11.45am / 2.00pm

- Availability: touring from mid May 2023 onwards

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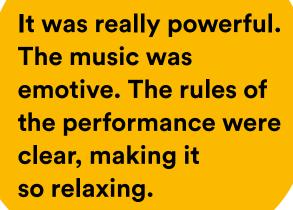
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More feedback from previews of You are the Sun at Half Moon Theatre

February 2023





It's stunning AND so positive for growing minds.



World class. Super engaging. Educating. Connecting.



What a fantastic show and we loved the playtime at the end!



One of the best things we've seen. The babies have freedom to move and get involved.



Loved it. Especially the singing, lights and connection to real nature.



Absolutely magical stunning. Our nearly 1 year old was entranced. So were we.





So relaxing for adults and fun for kids! The singers and music were incredible! Will come again and again.

