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**Explores the culture and lives of children  
from different countries.**

From Halfway Around The World is a collection of stories, chants, poetry, rhymes and children's games. There are true stories, a fable, fairy tale and dreamtime story told with permission from the Ngadjon-Jii people of the Atherton Tableland.

In one of the three audience participation segments, four students are invited to join the American pom-pom waving cheer squad as the audience perform the chant to spur the team to victory.

From Halfway Around The World explores the vast differences in the daily life of children around the world. In Canadian winters, children cover themselves from head to toe in layers of thick, warm clothing and their favourite activities are skiing and ice-skating but in summer it is warm enough to go swimming. These glimpses of life in a first world country are contrasted by a true story of one child and their family's long, treacherous, journey across the globe from their war-torn third world home to their new home in New Zealand. The show ends with a glimpse of New Zealand with students doing, arguably the world's most famous chant, The Haka.

With colourful characters, truly outrageous costumes, and its ever changing pace, From Halfway Around The World encourages students to tell their own story and consider the often strange similarity between fact and fiction.

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**What schools have said:** All stories told with humour and children were attentive throughout. Hugh established a good rapport with the children from the start.

*Yvonne Langley. K-6. Cobden Primary School. VIC.*

Entertaining, lively performance. Children thoroughly enjoyed the variety, different stories and characters.

*Mary Lane. Yrs 1 & 2. St Joseph's. Warrnambool. VIC.*

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**Curriculum Relevance.** **HSIE:** Significant Events and People, Cultural Identities, Cultural Diversity. **English, Drama:** Reading, Viewing and Interpreting Imaginative Literary Texts, Traditional Fairy Tales.

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**Price:** \$4.95 per student (GST incl). **Suitable:** P, K to Year 6.

**Min Audience:** 130 students.

**Requires** an indoor area 4m deep x 5m wide.

**Times:** Show: 50 mins. Set up: 40 mins. Pack up: 30 mins.

