

PICK a PECK of Pickled Poems

Curriculum Relevance:

PDHPE HSIE Drama: Resilience, Positive Relationships, Taking Action, Problem Solving, Interacting, Roles, Rights and Responsibilities

Poetry brought to life with vivid images, props, puppets, colourful costumes and audience participation.

In Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems the poetry is not just read or recited, it is acted out and brought to life with a variety of character voices, costumes, puppets and props. The seven poems from the late 1800's are just as funny today as they were when they were first written. Spanning across 130 years these carefully selected poems cover a range of genres, topics and perspectives. With just over twenty poems, an audience participation section, a song and the hilarious humanette puppet finale, this show really moves along.

Large origami dinosaurs do battle over lunch. One lucky student even gets to keep the origami apatosaurus folded into shape before their very eyes. Have you ever seen a five metre long cow, had Santa Claus stuck on your roof or swallowed a whole horse? The emphasis is on fun, though there are a couple of poems designed to get students thinking.

After about forty minutes of poetry it's time for a break from rhyme and meter so the show ends with a story that is more like a comedy routine. Little Junior is off to school for the first time. He thinks his mother is over protective and his father is expecting far too much from him. How is he supposed to know what he wants to be when he grows up? Watching him go through the possible professions is hilarious.



What others have said:

Many positives to this show. 1. It made everyone laugh. Sometimes we don't laugh enough. 2. Hugh was funny and intelligent. 3. To present such a performance that caters for kindergarten all the way to the teachers was outstanding. 4. Poetry was delivered in such a unique way that it inspired many of our students to think about poetry in a different light. *Peter Mead. K-6. Tintinhull Public School. Kootingal. NSW.*

Thank you so much to Hugh for providing quality entertainment and really tailoring the show for the age and abilities of our children. We were all very pleased with how engaged and happy the children were with the performance. *Sarah Faranda. K-1. Iramoo Primary School. VIC.*

Brilliant visual start got the kids hooked and engaged immediately. Students contributed where asked. Very entertaining and lots of action. Concept of poems/ poetry/ rhyme/ rhythm/ alliteration/ prose all covered in an entertaining way. Timing was great, not too short, not too long. Able to read audience very well. *Jill Newcombe. K/Preps to Year 6. Colac Primary School. Colac. VIC.*



Price: \$6.00 per student (GST is included in the price).
Suitable: Preps, K to Year 6.
Minimum Audience Size: 130 students.
Times: Performance 50 minutes duration.
Set up 30 minutes. Pack up 30 Minutes
Requires an indoor performing area 4m by 5m wide.



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