

THERE'S A BEAR ON MY CHAIR



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Introduction



Poor Mouse! A Bear has settled in his favourite chair, and it just isn't big enough to share.

Mouse tries all kinds of tactics to move the pesky Bear, but nothing seems to work.

However, it isn't long until the tables are turned, and Bear finds himself with an unwelcome guest – the cheeky Mouse won't leave his house!

The Characters

The two main characters in the show are Mouse and Bear. They are both played by puppets.

This is Mouse



Mouse is very cheeky and he loves to dance to soft rock. He tries lots of different tactics to try and get Bear to get off his chair.

This is Bear

Bear is very big, and gentle, like a huge friendly giant. He sometimes wears fun clothes and a cool hairstyle.



There are also four Party Mice! These are friends of Mouse that join him for a dance party.



These puppets are performed by four actors, who help tell the story.



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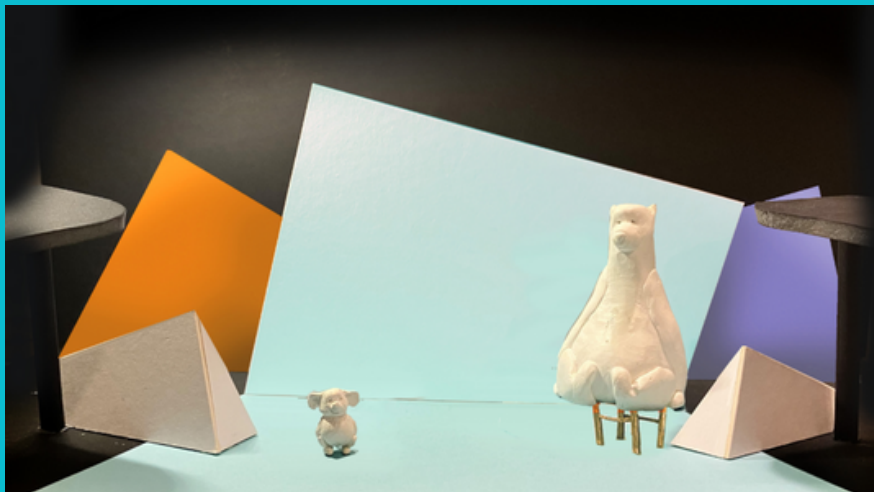
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What else will you see?

Bear and Mouse have lots of things, including a chair, a ladder, a bed, a bath, and plenty of snacks.



There's a Bear on My Chair takes place amongst brightly coloured shapes that look like pages from the original picture book – blue, orange and purple.



What will you hear?



The show has lots of fun music, both new and old. You (or your grown-up) might even recognise some of the songs!

You are welcome to dance and move around as much as you like during the show.

You will also hear the voices of Bear and Mouse. Bear has a deep voice, while Mouse has a voice that is higher.



Access

There's a Bear on My Chair is 50 minutes long with no interval.

All performances are in relaxed conditions. Relaxed conditions take a relaxed approach to noise or movement coming from the audience.

They give everyone permission to relax and respond naturally, and people are free to come and go as they please.

All performances are creatively captioned.

This means that the words spoken by the characters will be projected onto the set.

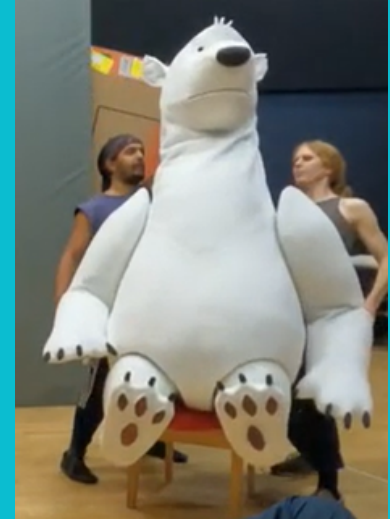
There are two BSL interpreted performances:

Thursday 20th February at 11am,
and Saturday 22nd February at 1pm.

There is one audio described performance on Sunday 23rd February at 2pm, and a touch tour at 1pm on the same day.

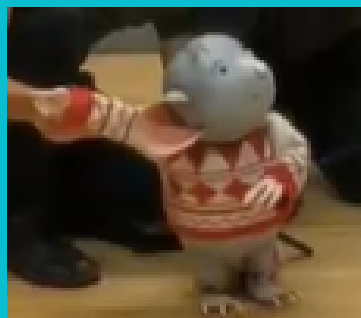
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Mouse is sitting in his chair. The doorbell rings, and as he goes to answer it, Bear sneaks in and sits on Mouse's chair.

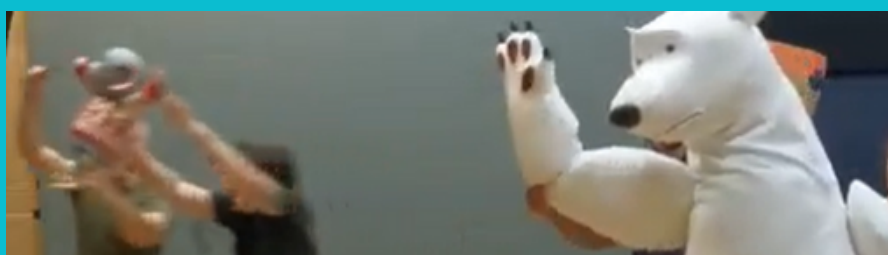
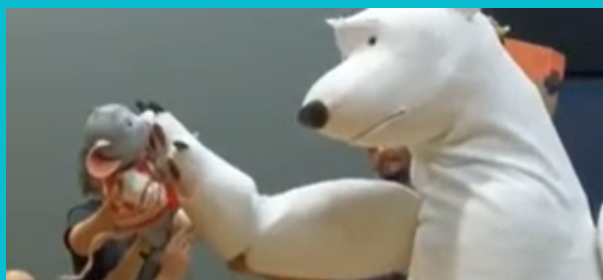


Mouse tries his absolute hardest to get Bear to leave his chair, but try as he might, Bear just won't leave.

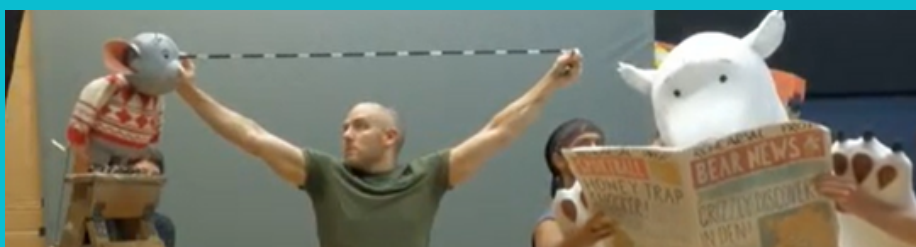
Mouse uses lots of different funny and silly ways to try and get Bear to leave his chair. First he gestures for Bear to go, then he taps his foot.



He even tries grabbing onto Bear's arm and pulling him out of the chair, but Bear throws Mouse off like he's completely weightless.



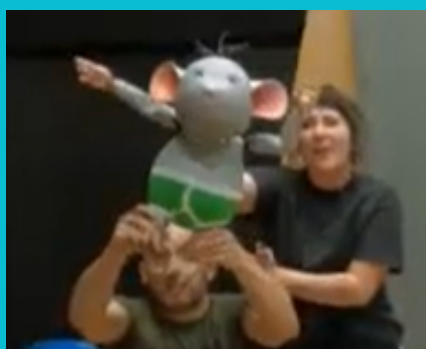
This goes on and on and on. Mouse uses many different tactics to try and get Bear to leave. He stares at him from the top of a stepladder; he even tries to lure him away with a tasty pear. But alas - Bear ignores him and stays on the chair.



Bear puts on a fun outfit and does his hair. Mouse admits that he does have some flair, but still wishes Bear wasn't there.



Mouse decides to give Bear a scare by jumping out in his underwear, but still Bear doesn't move.



Mouse loses his temper and storms off. Bear is surprised and curious at the fact that Mouse isn't coming back. Soon enough, Bear leaves too.

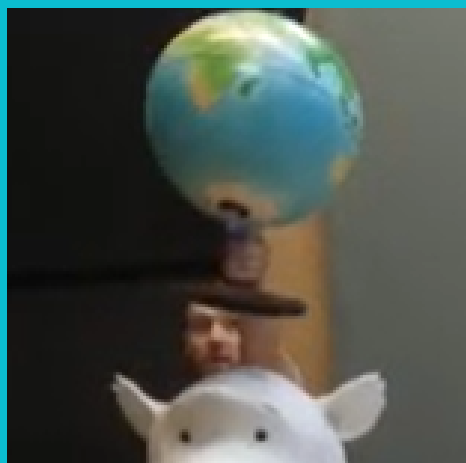
Bear goes on a journey through the snow back to his igloo, only to find that Mouse has beaten him there. In fact, Mouse has moved in!



Mouse unpacks all his belongings in Bear's house. Bear tries to throw Mouse out of his house, but Mouse has learned taekwondo and he easily overpowers Bear.



Bear tries suggesting that Mouse travels somewhere else, like Mexico, Borneo or even outer space. But Mouse isn't interested and stays put.



Things get sillier and sillier. Mouse eats all Bear's food, and only leaves him one measly pistachio.



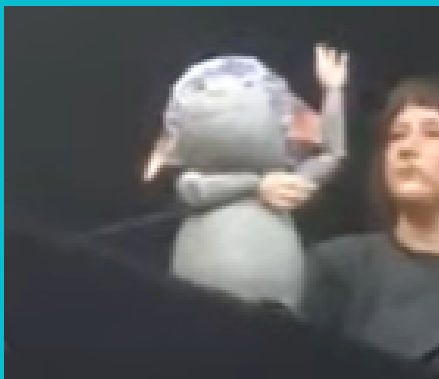
Mouse puts on a glamorous fashion show and Bear does have to admit that Mouse has some serious style.



After the fashion show Bear tries to get some sleep, but Mouse dances around to soft rock, which keeps Bear awake all night.



Mouse then has a bubble bath and accidentally floods Bear's house! While Mouse is in the bath there is a knock at the door. Bear wonders who it could be.



But before Bear can reach the door, Mouse opens it and all his mouse friends arrive for a party. At first Bear is annoyed but he then realises that the mice are nice.



With fantastic music and a fun conga line the story ends with Mouse gifting Bear a chair of his own. They share a slice of cake and enjoy the party together.

