We asked 458 young people their feedback



on our production "Possum Magic. The Stage Show"

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Here's the results...



91%

loved the show

(another 8% liked it a little)



91%

had heard of the story before attending.

(Not surprising, given the book's popularity)



"Happy" was the predominant feeling experienced during the show.

Happy: 96%

Surprised: 46%

Curious: 42%

Scared: 17%

(Feelings were diverse, and there's a scary scene involving a ssssssssnake)

n = 457

Why emotions?

- Research shows that live theatre can improve children's emotional development, especially during early years.
- We did not shy away from complex emotions and took a balanced approach.
- The complete list of feelings tested were: Happy, Surprised, Curious, Scared, Sad, Confused, Bored, Excited, Angry.

The show prompted further thought, discussion and creative play.

62%

asked questions about the story or characters.

56%

shared the story or themes with friends or siblings.

37%

engaged in imaginative play related to the show.

n=429

About the young people who attended

0-5 year old

over 70% and 6-12 yrs old (28%)

62%

Most attended with their parents/carers and grandparents (33%)

88%

attended a Monkey Baa show for the first time.

How did we gather feedback from young people?

With the help of mums, dads, carers and grandparents.

- 1. A fun colouring-in activity sheet to capture the feelings question.
- 2. Adults observed the kids after the show.
- 3. A carefully crafted survey for adults with sections for children to answer.



What will we do next?

- We are keen to conduct a more comprehensive study to evaluate the impact of our work on the wellbeing of young people.
- We are currently seeking funding support for this impact study.
- Watch this space.

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