

COMPANY

- Cast of three performers and one stage manager (total 4 persons).

RUNNING TIME

- One hour performance including question and answer period if time permits.
- Start times: because of their tight travel schedule, the company would appreciate close adherence to start times. If the performance is late in commencing, it is possible that the Question and Answer period may need to be cancelled. This will be at the Stage Manager's discretion.

ACCESS

- Mermaid's Stage Manager will contact the venue in advance of the engagement to confirm the company's arrival time, technical requirements, and to answer any questions.
- **We require a minimum total of 4 persons for load in/out and set up.** Breakdown of the 4 persons is as follows: 1 Lights, 1 Sound, and 2 others to assist with setup of puppets and curtain units. **Please note:** only lighting tech and sound tech are needed for the running of the show.
- Stage area, loading doors and dressing rooms need to be cleared to allow the company to set up immediately upon arrival.
- Stage should be swept and mopped just prior to the company's arrival.
- No food or beverages should be permitted in the theatre.
- We require advance notice of any striking and resetting when our set is in place overnight.
- **Set up: 2.5 hours plus 1/2 hour house. Strike: up to 2 hours.**

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- **MINIMUM DIMENSIONS OF STAGE - 40' wide x 30' deep x 14' high.** These dimensions refer to an unimpeded space, free of hanging lights or heating ducts.
- A darkened auditorium is necessary and a black stage floor preferred.
- Mermaid travels with a self-supporting, free standing set.
- House masking to be provided by venue: Legs, travelers, and borders, preferably black with no more than a 24' proscenium opening. Pipe and drape will also be acceptable. Please have hung prior to the company's arrival. Stage Manager will confirm masking specifications prior to engagement date.
- Two dressing rooms for four people, the rooms should have mirrors, chairs, tables and lights. They should be clean, well lit, lockable and ready for the company upon arrival and up to 120 minutes after the performance.
- Toilets and sinks, with paper towels and soap, must be in close proximity.
- Availability of two prop tables, one stage right and one stage left.
- Availability of stage weights.
- Please send your theatre's tech specs to puppets@mermaidtheatre.ns.ca

ELECTRICAL/LIGHTING

- The company requires the service of a professional lighting technician to operate the venue's lighting.
- A dimmable house lighting system will be required.
- A lighting plot, channel hookup and instrument schedule will be provided by the stage manager upon request that will be used in addition to the house plot.
- The company travels with two practicals and requires AC power stage right and a dimmable circuit stage left. Both will be plugged in during the performance.
- The company travels with four black light units that require one dimmable circuit.
- Please provide running lights stage right, left and upstage.
- Pre-hang all lights whenever possible.

SOUND

- The company will use the house sound system, and requires the service of an audio technician.
- We will provide a DVD player with stereo XLR outputs to be patched into the house system.
- Both sound and video will be run from our DVD player backstage.
- We require a microphone (wireless if available) for a pre-show announcement and question and answer after the performance.
- The playback will be run through the front of house speakers. We require two monitors for the performers that should be placed in either down stage corner.

- The company requires wireless clear com and travels with four wireless headsets and a base station that patches into a regular clear com system
- **It is important that all sound be set up and operational before the company arrives.**

VIDEO

- The company travels with one video projector and one rear projection screen on a self supporting frame.

HOSPITALITY

- Plenty of bottled water and coffee should be made available.
- The presenter is to supply a light lunch (i.e. veggie/fruit platter, soup, sandwiches).
- The payment cheque, house counts and any relevant publicity materials (posters, programs, press releases etc.) must be made available to the Stage Manager before the company's departure.
- For school performances, a number of evaluation forms will be handed out to teachers. These will be provided upon the company's arrival.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

- Please note that the company's request for complimentary tickets is covered under the terms of our contract and will not normally be waived. The theatre will be prepared to release these seats upon request two weeks prior to the engagement.

MEET AND GREET

- The company will be pleased to accept requests to "meet and greet" special guests. Should this activity be scheduled following a final performance, it will be essential to have extra crew on hand to facilitate a prompt load-out following the event. Please contact the Stage Manager in advance if a meet and greet is requested.

SIGNING

- The company should be notified in advance if sign language interpreters are to participate. They will be located off stage right or off stage left and dimly lit with an isolated "special" blue gel.

IMPORTANT

- In the interest of safety we would appreciate having the audience away from the performance and working area as our equipment and set pieces are fragile. However, with permission and advance notice, supervised visitors are most welcome at the close of the show. *Cameras and video cameras are prohibited during the performance. Photos are, however, permitted during the Question & Answer period following the show.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- We can be reached by fax 902.798.3311, by telephone 902.798.5841 or by email puppets@mermaidtheatre.ns.ca.

- **If your venue doesn't meet technical specifications please contact Stage Manager Tracy Lynne Cann – bunny.moon.sm@gmail.com or 647-224-2241 (cell).**

Please note- This rider may not be changed in any way without permission from Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia.

Signatures

Presenter

Kids Entertainment