**The Gottabees**

The Gottabees are a Boston-based ensemble dedicated to creating inspirational, engaging, and empowering theater for family audiences.

The Gottabees’ stories reflect children’s everyday aspirations, concerns, and emotional experiences. We find it deeply satisfying to create this style of theater for families to giggle, gasp, sigh, and cheer together in 45 minutes or less. One of the things that makes us happiest is when we meet children who have seen a show and parents tell us how their child acted out the entire show for weeks after seeing it. This is the core reason why we make theater for young audiences: **The Gottabees want children to know in their hearts that they, too, can make theater wherever they are and whomever they are.**

Our work earned a 2017 UNIMA-USA Citation of Excellence and won the “Artistic Achievement Award” for Puppeteers of America’s Northeast Region in 2015. The Gottabees have performed all over, including the Center for Puppetry Arts (Atlanta, GA), La MaMa E.T.C. (New York City), Detroit Institute of the Arts (Michigan), Izmir International Puppet Days (Turkey), Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and AHA! International Theater Festival for Children (India).

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Go home tiny monster

*Print this out! It’s a coloring page!*
Brendan and Tony are musicians in Go Home Tiny Monster. Brendan plays acoustic guitar. Tony plays the electric bass, melodica, and various percussion instruments.

Bonnie is the puppeteer and dancer. She shows the story using actions and emotions. She doesn’t speak on stage.

This is a judgment-free environment!

JUST BE YOURSELF...THIS IS CREATED JUST FOR YOU!

The Story

SYNOPSIS:
One lovely day, Sylvie and her family of monsters play and then go to bed. During the night, a storm comes upon their home. Sylvie quickly gathers her family and escapes just before her house collapses. Sylvie is devastated but perseveres with the assistance of her monster family and the audience, who all cheer her up and help build a new home.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Sylvie does her chores with the help of her mischievous monsters. Well, she tries to at least...
- Sylvie can’t stay awake, even to read!
- A storm approaches in the night...
- Sylvie and her monsters try to make do with an awkward tent made of an umbrella and a tree stump.
- Grandpa Monster designs the perfect new home but Sylvie doesn’t think she can do it...
- With help from her audience friends, Sylvie raises the roof on her new home!
The Monsters

Sylvie’s family is made of monsters. They are made of very soft yarn and are gentle and friendly. Some move quickly and some move slowly.

Dusty and Junior visit the audience two times during the show. If you do not want them to say hello, you can look away or shake your head and they will not get too close.

The Instruments

There are no words in this show but you will hear many sounds:

- Brendan plays the acoustic guitar.
- Tony plays the electric bass, melodica, wind chimes, and percussion objects. You will see him tapping jars, shaking shakers, strumming on wooden objects, and shaking a metal sheet to create sounds for characters as well as rain, crickets, birds, and a storm.

Some sounds are loud and some are quiet.
These are some SENSORY-RICH moments in the SHOW. Some moments in the show might surprise you. *It’s OK to cover your eyes, close your ears, or take a break in the lobby.*

**Meet Sylvie**

Sylvie is the main character and she walks through the audience to start the show. This is the outside of her house. It turns slowly around on stage.

**Meet Junior**

This is the inside of Sylvie's home. Sylvie shows you her family of monsters. Junior is excited and he meets people in the audience.

**The Storm**

After Sylvie puts her monsters to bed, she falls asleep but wakes up when she hears a storm.

You will hear rain and thunder. You will see flashes of lightning. You will see her house shaking. Sylvie gathers her monsters and then the house collapses.

The storm is over and everything is quiet. She and her monsters are OK!
Clap, Stomp, Cheer

Grandpa draws ideas for a new house for Sylvie. Grandpa gets help from you. He writes CLAP on a page and you can clap! Then you will see STOMP and you can stomp! Then you will see CHEER and you can cheer!

Sing with Tony

Sylvie gets stuck in the frame of her new house. Singing makes the frame grow. You will see and hear Tony sing. When he gestures to you, you can sing!

It’s Upside Down!

Sylvie doesn’t know she built her house upside down so she goes into the audience for help. You can tell Sylvie how to fix her house with your voice or with your arms. You will hear people calling out to Sylvie.

Sing with Brendan

Sylvie is discouraged. Brendan sings to cheer her up. You will see him gesture to you. When he does that, you can sing too. You will hear many people sing.

Sylvie has a house!

Sylvie moves into her new home and shows it to Brendan and Tony. When Brendan gestures to you, you can sing with him. You will hear many people sing and clap.
At the end of the show, YOU CAN MEET BRENDAN, TONY, AND BONNIE.

When the performance is over, you can clap to show Brendan, Tony, and Bonnie that you liked the show. You can also come to the stage and meet them.

Brendan and Tony will show you their instruments. You can ask them questions.

Only touch instruments if they tell you it’s OK.

You can also meet Bonnie and Grandpa. You can ask her questions, take your photo with her, and she will show you parts of the set and puppets.

Only touch things if she tells you it’s OK.

A NOTE TO PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

We are so excited to share our work with your family. We hope these materials help you prepare for your day at the theater with us. Below is a link to watch a video of the full performance if you’d like to know exactly what will happen and how it will sound. Please get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions that might help you enjoy this experience more.

Thanks so much,
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WATCH THE VIDEO:
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