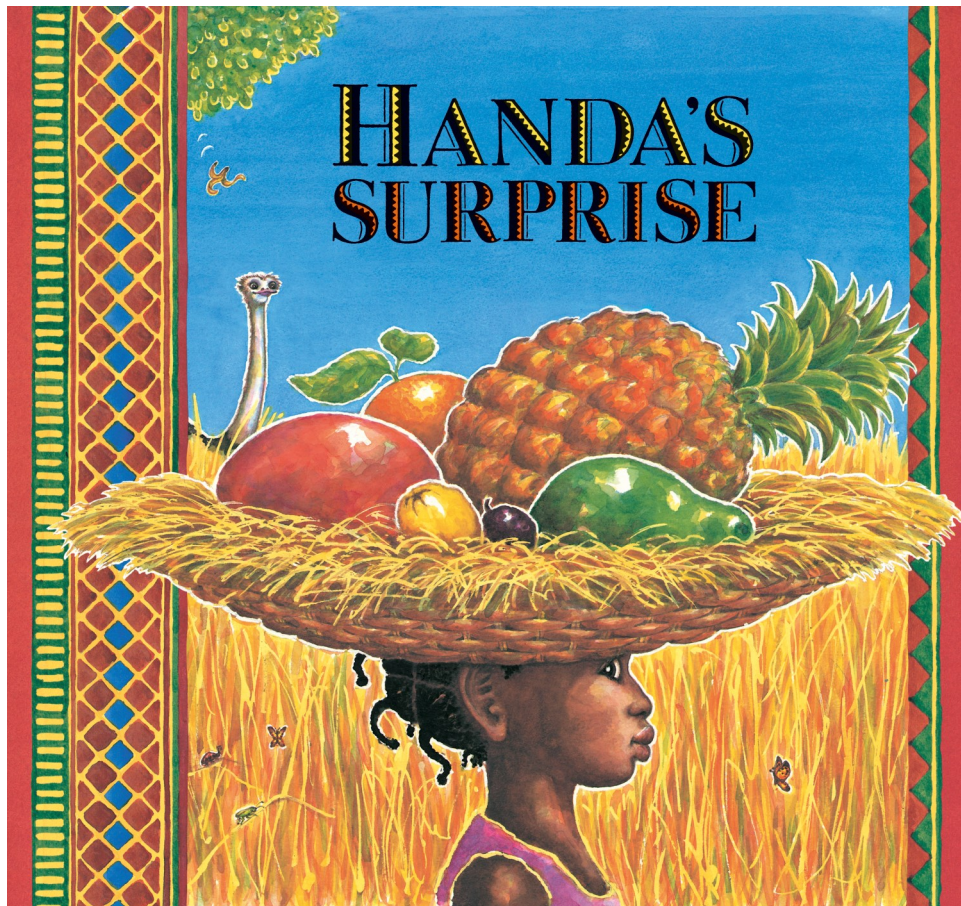


LA Little Angel Theatre



Visual Story

A visual resource for children and adults with Autism, Asperger's, Sensory Processing Disorder and associated conditions.

This resource is intended to help prepare any visitors for a new experience and to help them to become familiar with the show, surroundings and situation.

This play is based on the original book *Handa's Surprise* written and illustrated by Eileen Browne. Text and illustrations copyright © Eileen Browne 1995. Published by Walker Books

The Show

The show lasts for 35 minutes

There are 2 performers in the show who play the parts of Handa and Akeyo. All of the animals are puppets.

The show has live songs and recorded music.

Travel to Kenya and follow in Handa's footsteps as she journeys to see her best friend Akeyo, in the next village. Handa is taking seven delicious fruits as a surprise – but seven different animals have seven very different ideas... could you resist the sweet-smelling guava? How about a ripe red mango or a tangy purple passion fruit?

A blend of physical performance, puppetry, live music and song combine to create an intimate, magical production with audience participation. Come and share in the magical tangerine surprise!

Handa's Surprise is aimed at ages 2 – 5 and builds on the characters from the book to create a versatile and dynamic younger years show, exploring friendship, teamwork and problem-solving.



NOTE:

- The audience sit on the floor around the edge of the performance space on three sides.
- There is some off the floor seating available for those who might find it difficult to sit on the floor.
- When you enter the performance space you will be asked to take your shoes off so that you can walk across the floor and into the seated areas, which are covered with fabric. This is so that the fabric doesn't get dirty.
- You can leave your shoes near the door and put them back on on your way out.
- Some of the photographs used in this visual story are from previous productions of *Handa's Surprise*. The performers may not be the same people you see on your visit but the characters they play, the puppets and what happens will be the same.
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Characters



Handa



Akeyo

Characters



Monkey



Ostrich



Zebra



Elephant

Characters



Giraffe



Antelope



Parrot

The Show

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When you enter the auditorium you will see a big cloth on the floor. This is the stage area where the performance takes place. The audience sits around the edge.

Music is playing and Handa and Akeyo are already on the stage. They are sweeping and dancing and keeping busy while the audience sit down.

When it's time for the show to start Handa and Akeyo sing a song.

Note: There is repetitive singing throughout the show, with the same songs returning at different points throughout the performance.

They sing a song about all the fruit that will feature in the show. Banana, guava, orange, mango, pineapple, avocado and passion fruit.

They show the audience all the different fruits and lay them out to see.

They put all of the fruit in a big round basket ready for Handa to take to her friend Akeyo as a surprise gift.

Handa puts the big basket of fruit on her head and sets off to visit her friend Akeyo who lives in another village.

Handa sings a song with her name as she sets off on her journey.



Handa sets off on her journey and a little monkey jumps out of a pot.

The monkey jumps around the stage making monkey noises.

The monkey meets the audience. He might come and say hello to you.

The monkey dances and plays.

The monkey jumps on the tree and swings on the branches. He jumps on to Handa's basket, and without her noticing he takes the banana.

They sing about the fruit as the banana is placed in a separate basket.



Handa sings a song with her name as she continues on her journey.

An Ostrich appears. The Ostrich explores and makes noises. The Ostrich sees Handa with her basket of fruit. The Ostrich sneakily takes the guava from the basket.

They sing about the fruit as the guava is placed in a separate basket.

Handa and Akeyo sing a clapping song. They clap their hands and pat their knees. You can join in by patting your knees if you want to.



A Zebra appears. The Zebra prances around the stage and makes noises. The Zebra sees Handa with her basket of fruit. The Zebra takes the orange from the basket when Handa isn't looking.

They sing about the fruit as the orange is placed in a separate basket.

Handa sings a song with her name as she continues on her journey.



Handa and Akeyo are confused. They have a long tube of fabric and two small baskets. They are not sure what they are for. They try different things. A bag? A hat? Wheels?

They put the fabric and the baskets together and an elephant appears. **The elephant stamps around the stage trumpeting and sniffing the audience with its long trunk.** The elephant sees Handa with her basket of fruit. The elephant takes the mango from the basket when Handa isn't looking.

They sing about the fruit as the mango is placed in a separate basket.

Handa sings a song with her name as she continues on her journey.

A flute plays loudly. A giraffe appears. The giraffe walks around the stage, it sees Handa with her basket of fruit. The giraffe sniffs the fruit and takes the pineapple from the basket when Handa isn't looking.

They sing about the fruit as the pineapple is placed in a separate basket.

Handa sings a song with her name as she continues on her journey.

A drum beats. You can clap your hands to the beat of the drum if you like. An antelope appears. The antelope dances around the stage, it sees Handa with her basket of fruit. The antelope takes the avocado from the basket when Handa isn't looking.

They sing about the fruit as the avocado is placed in a separate basket.



There is a shaking rattling noise from a shaker instrument. Some corn on the cob is unpeeled. It's too hard to bite, but when the shaker and the corn are put together it makes a parrot. The parrot makes cawing noises. Handa sneaks up on the parrot and frightens it away. Handa and the parrot play hide and seek. The parrot comes to meet the audience. The parrot takes the passion fruit from the basket when Handa isn't looking.

They sing about the fruit as the passion fruit is placed in a separate basket.

Handa sings a song with her name as she continues on her journey. She sits under a tree to have rest with the basket of fruit on her head. She does not realise that the fruit has all been taken by the animals and the basket is empty.

A goat charges at the tree and knocks all the tangerines from the tree into Handa's basket without her noticing. Tangerines fall from the tree into her basket. Tissue paper is thrown into the air to represent the fruit falling.

As Handa arrives at Akeyo's village she is playing hopscotch. Handa tells her she has brought a surprise for her. Akeyo looks in the basket. She is very happy that Handa has brought her a basket of tangerines, because tangerines are her favourite! Handa is very surprised that she has a basket of tangerines, because she thought she had a basket full of different fruit!

Handa and Akeyo sing and clap their hands.

Handa and Akeyo offer real tangerine pieces to the audience. You can take a piece to eat if you like but you don't have to. Music plays and they sing and dance.

Handa and Akeyo take a bow. You can clap if you like. When the show ends music plays and the audience are invited to dance and meet some of the puppets. You can do this if you want to but you don't have to.

We hope you enjoyed the show!

