



# I Want My Hat Back Trilogy

In association with Little Angel Theatre

Adapted from the books by Jon Klassen

21 May – 31 July 2022

## CREDITS

Adapted by Ian Nicholson and Sam Wilde

Directed by Ian Nicholson

Designed by Sam Wilde

Assisted by Alana Ashley

Lighting Design by Sherry Coenen

Sound Design and Composition by Jim Whitcher

Stage managed by Adam Lovelock

Performed by Imogen Khan, Simon Lyshon and Ian Nicholson

I Want My Hat Back / This Is Not My Hat / We Found A Hat

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Published by Candlewick Press



**IAN NICHOLSON – Creator/Director/Actor**

Ian trained as a director at the National Theatre Studio, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and École Philippe Gaulier.

He directed and performed online puppet adaptations of Jon Klassen's *I Want My Hat Back*, *This Is Not my Hat* and *We Found a Hat* for Little Angel Theatre.

During the lockdown he also adapted *Shh! We Have a Plan* by Chris Haughton for English Touring Opera, *A Christmas Carol* for Polka Theatre and *Myths and Adventures of Ancient Greece* with Hannah Khalil. For his work creating theatre during the pandemic lockdown he was recognised in The Stage 100.

He was previously associate director on Jeremy Deller's *We're here because we're here* for the National Theatre. Other directing credits include: *Othello* (Unicorn Theatre, London); *Phoenix and Turtle* (Little Angel Theatre), and others.

**SAM WILDE – Creator/Designer**

Samuel Wilde is a Set, Costume and Puppetry designer based in Bristol, he was listed on The Stage 100 list for 20/21 for his work during the pandemic and was the 2016/17 Laboratory Set and Costume Designer at Nuffield Theatres, Southampton. He trained in Theatre Design at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School graduating with an MA in 2015 and recently designed *The Fir Tree* at The Globe, directed by Michelle Terry.

Selected design credits include: *The Fir Tree* (The Globe), *Shh! We Have A Plan* (English Touring Opera), *A Christmas Carol* (Polka), *Lifespan Of A Fact*, (Singapore Rep Theatre) *Polly: A Heartbreak Opera* (Bristol Old Vic and UK Tour), *Hamlet* (The Egg, Bath), *Influence* (Royal and Derngate), *Humbug* (Nuffield City), *The Gingerbread Man*, (Derby Theatre), *Spooky Ship* (SS Great Britain and Bristol Old Vic) ++

**ALANA ASHLEY – Assistant Developer**

Alana Ashley is a multi skilled creative, working in the theatre, TV and film industries as a designer, assistant and maker.

She's an award winning MA graduate of Theatre design from Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. And the founder of Whitecard Collective, a group for graduates set up during the pandemic.

Currently designing shows for theatres and immersive event companies around the UK, including Theatre Alibi and Scoot theatre.

Her previous design credits include Shirley Vallentine – Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds, *A place by the bridge* – Tobacco Factory Bristol. Assisting credits include *Outlier* – with designer Rebecca Wood, Bristol Old Vic and mutiple brilliant projects with designer Sam Wilde. Including *I want my hat back!*

**JON KLASSEN – Original Author**

Jon Klassen (born 29.11.1981) is a Canadian writer, animator, and illustrator of children's books. He won both the American Caldecott Medal and the British Kate Greenaway Medal for children's book illustration.

*This Is Not My Hat* is a companion to Klassen's preceding picture book, *I Want My Hat Back* (2011), which was his first as both writer and illustrator. Both books were on the New York Times Best Seller list for more than 40 weeks; by April 2014 one or the other had been translated into 22 languages. Both books were recommended for children ages 5+ by the Greenaway judges. Klassen's "hat" trilogy was completed with the publication of *We Found a Hat* (2016).

Klassen illustrated *The Dark* (2013), written by Lemony Snicket. He teamed up with Mac Barnett again in 2014, on a picture book published by Candlewick, *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*. In 2019, *I Want My Hat Back*, *This Is Not My Hat*, and *We Found a Hat* were released in a boxed set by Candlewick Press as Jon Klassen's Hat Box.

**IMOGEN KHAN – Actor**

Repped by Nicola Bolton Management.  
Imogen is a Lancaster-born actor and puppeteer, who recently graduated in European Theatre Arts from Rose Bruford. She's delighted to be making her professional London debut at Little Angel after learning about the theatre during her studies.

**SIMON LYSHON – Actor**

Repped by APM Associates.  
Simon trained at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and is an associate practitioner for Complicité. Recent credits include: Derren Brown, Channel 5, Punchdrunk, Katie Mitchell, Shakespeare's Globe, Barbican, and Arcola Theatre. Simon is a co-founder of award-winning devised theatre company *Engineer Theatre Collective* and has created immersive productions with Swamp Motel and Odyssey Works. Simon is a member of The Factory Theatre Company.

**ADAM LOVELOCK – Stage manager**

This is Adam's fifth production with Little Angel Theatre. Past work includes: *There May Be A Castle*, *The Smartest Giant In Town*, *The Pixie and the Pudding*, *The Slightly Annoying Elephant* (Little Angel Theatre); *As You Like It* (National Theatre/The Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch); *Séance & Flight* (Darkfield); various projects (Punchdrunk); *The Dreamers* (Abbey Road Studios); *Tragedy* (Metal Bee Gees); *La Tragédie De Carmen* (Pop-Up Opera).

**JIM WHITCHER – Sound Design/Composer**

Jim is a Southampton based composer, sound designer and musician. His development as a composer and sound designer is geared towards bespoke production driven by storytelling, from orchestral scores to synth-wave, and beautiful sounds to dirty noise.

Previous productions include *A Christmas Carol* (2021, Polka Theatre, Composer and Sound Designer), *Heist* (2020, ZoieLogic, Composer and Sound designer) Philip Ridley's *Angry* (2018, Tramp, Sound Designer), *Medusa* (2018, NST, Sound Designer and Composer), *Suspended in a Sunbeam* (2017, 404 Productions, Composer) ++

**SHERRY COENEN – Lighting Design**

Sherry has been lighting shows in the US and UK since graduating with a BFA in Lighting Design from the University of Miami.

Shows for Little Angel Theatre: *The Singing Mermaid*, *Finding Santa*, *Wow! It's Night-Time*, *Prince Charming*, *The Pixie and the Pudding*, *Where the Bugaboo Lives*, *The Smartest Giant in Town*, *There's a Rang Tan in my Bedroom*, *There May be a Castle* ++

Other shows include: *Operation Mincemeat* (NDT) \*KOI nominated 2019\*, *Frankenstein* (BAC) \*KOI winner 2019\*, *A Place for We* (Park200), *Izindava* (UK Tour), *This is How We Die* (UK Tour), *Cinderella* (Queen's Theatre Hornchurch), *Skin Tight* (Park90), *CELL* (UK Tour) ++



# Competition time!



**We want you to make your very own hat - using our brand new video. Decorate your masterpiece however you like, the sky is the limit!**

To enter our competition: Take a photo with your finished hat and send it to us at [marketing@littleangeltheatre.com](mailto:marketing@littleangeltheatre.com) and share on social media! The photos will be shared in the gallery section on our website :-) If you also share it on social media, please remember to tag us, so we can admire your hard work!

The winner will receive the cardboard puppet theatre from the original online videos of I Want My Hat Back!! The competition closes at the end of the run.

You can find the video here:

<https://youtu.be/Q2pbbEWighI>





# Were you inspired by the show?

Draw a picture of your favourite moment in the show and we will include it on our website and social media!

Please send your completed drawings to  
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