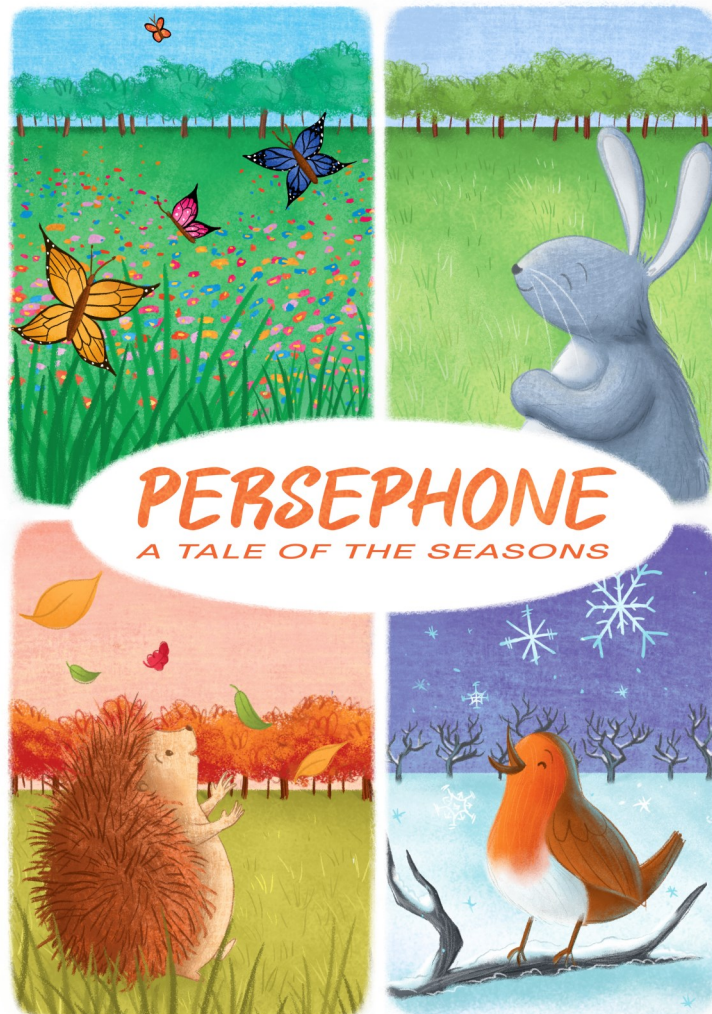


LAT Little Angel Theatre



Visual Story

A visual resource for children and adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

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.

The Show

The show lasts for 45 minutes including some time to play at the end

There is 1 performer in the show. All of the animals are puppets.

The show has live songs and recorded music.

Join Persephone and her animal friends as they guide you through the changes in nature, collecting things on their way...

Hear a robin chirp a merry tune, as it gets colder and the days draw in. Will you be able to catch a snowflake? Hop through the meadow with a bunny, watching the flowers bloom. Will there be an April shower? Perhaps you can catch the bubbles from the bubbling brook? Listen to the waves of the ocean and fly through the summer with a colourful butterfly, feeling the heat of the sun on your face. Can you catch a sunbeam? See the leaves change colour and fall to the ground as a hedgehog snuffles through the undergrowth. Perhaps you can catch the wind?



NOTE:

- The audience sit on the floor around the edge of the performance space on all 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.

Characters



Persephone



Hedgehog



Butterfly

Characters



Robin



Bunny

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 Persephone is already on the stage. She introduces herself to everyone and asks the adults to keep their children behind the black line during the performance.

When it's time for the show to start Persephone dings her mini symbols and tells everyone that she loves the seasons and likes to collect things from the seasons.

She circles the audience and sings:

Take a walk, Persephone.

Take a look, what will we see?



She makes a pile of different foam shapes and puts her collecting basket on top.

It's winter and everything is sleeping.

She pulls out cobweb and hangs them on the line.

She reveals icicles (wind chimes).

She covers the blocks with a blanket and blows snow. Gentle winter music starts and the lights go blue.



Persephone takes a large snowflake from the winter box and shares with audience.

Perhaps she can catch a snowflake for her basket.
Can you help her?

She takes the giant snowflake around the audience.

She can't collect a snowflake.

We hear the sound of a bird.

Persephone sings a song about a little robin redbreast. There are hand actions.

Little Robin Redbreast sat upon a rail.

Niddle noddle went his head, wiggle waggle went his tail.

Little Robin Redbreast, looking oh so sweet.

Whistling and chirping, tweet, tweet, tweet.

She sings it again and asks the audience to join in with the hand actions.

Persephone gets the robin from a box - it is sitting in a nest.

Robins puff out their feathers to keep themselves warm. **Persephone asks if you can puff out your feathers?**

The robin takes flight.

Robin lands on the line.

Then lands on a head.

The Robin flies the whole circle one way, then the other, and then comes to land back in the box.

Persephone takes out a feather and adds it to her collection.

Persephone sings a winter song as puts away the snow blanket.



Persephone sings:

It's spring time now, let's take a look.

At the beautiful babbling brook.

It's spring.

She hangs daisies on the line. She smells one - it's scented - She lets a few others smell it too - and gives some to a parent and asks them to keep them safe for her.



Persephone takes cups of water and pours one into the other.

She jumps from stepping stone, to stepping stone.

She pulls out blue silk for a stream and hands it to an audience member to flap the ends.

Did you know that the start of a river is called its source? And the end of a river is called its mouth! **She asks if you can you do a fish sound and a fish mouth? The lights go darker and blue.**



Persephone takes fish from spring box and they swim down the stream and back again.

She turns on a bubble machine.

Bubbles!

Everyone tries to catch bubbles. You can try and catch one if they come near you if you want to.

She takes out a large bubble and shows it around.

She can't catch a bubble for her collection.



There is a bunny sound. Listen! A little bunny!

Persephone sings and uses hand actions:

I saw a little bunny go hop, hop hop

I saw their little ears go flop, flop, flop

I saw their little eyes go blink, blink, blink

I saw their little nose go twinkle, twinkle, twinkle

I said little bunny please won't you stay

But it just looked at me and hopped away.

Can you join in? She sings again.

Persephone brings bunny out from the box. The bunny does a binky which is a little jump.

The bunny hops from stepping stone to stepping stone and up on the tower of boxes and spots the daisy. **The bunny smells the daisy and sneezes. The bunny meets the audience.**

Persephone makes the sound of rain with her fingertips.

It's raining! Can you help make the rain with your fingers? There is the sound of rain. And swirling lights.

The bunny hops to shelter. Persephone takes shelter until the rain stops.

Persephone couldn't collect a bubble but she can collect a flower.

She takes the flower around the audience.



It's summertime!

Persephone loves walking along the coastal path. She makes a path with the blocks. She gets grasses and hangs them on the line and pulls out a wave drum which makes the sound of the waves as they gently lap the shore.

The sun comes out - Persephone takes the sun round the circle and over the audiences heads.

She asks the audience if they can help her collect a sun beam.

She can't collect a sun beam.

She finds a chrysalis! And a chrysalis turns into a butterfly!

Persephone sings a rhyme about a butterfly and uses hand actions:

First comes a butterfly who lays an egg

Out comes a caterpillar with many legs

Oh see the caterpillar spin and spin

A little chrysalis to sleep in

Oh, oh, oh look and see

Oh, oh, oh look and see

Out of the chrysalis my oh my

Out comes a pretty butterfly.

Can you join in? She sings it again.

Persephone brings out a butterfly. It flies around meeting everyone. The butterfly lands on a shell.

She can't collect a sunbeam but she can collect a shell. **She takes the shell around the audience.**

She sings a song about summer ending as she puts the shell in her collection basket.



It's Autumn!

Leaves fall down. The light glows orange. Leaves rustle in the wind and blown with some bellows.

She builds a tree with the blocks and more leaves fall in the wind.

Persephone finds a big leaf and blows it around the audience. You can be the wind and blow the leaf to make it fly if you want to.

She can't collect the wind.

Persephone hears the sound of a Hedgehog.

She sings a rhyme with hand actions:

The prickly little hedgehog

Goes slowly on his way

He comes out in the evening

And goes to sleep by day.

He's a gentle little fellow

Who does no harm at all

But if you try to hurt him

He'll curl up in a ball.

Can you join in? She sings it again.

Persephone brings out a hedgehog. **The Hedgehog meets the audience.**

She couldn't collect the wind, but she finds a pinecone and puts that in her basket.

Persephone explores her collection of seasonal treasures. She brings out a mobile made out of all the things she has collected.

Persephone sings a song about the seasons.

This is the end of the show. **You can clap if you want to.**

Persephone tells the audience that they can stay and play. There are four treasure baskets filled with things from each season to play with. **The audience can play.**

When play time is over Persephone comes back and sings a tidy up song. **You can help with tidying the treasures if you want.** It's time to go. We hope you had fun.

