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# You and Me and the Space Between

## Terrapin Puppet Theatre, Australia



"Kruckemeyer has created a universal, poignant allegory of the refugee plight which resonates with all ages, and Terrapin's telling of it is inventive and charming." Australian Stage

Photo: Peter Matthew

Settle in for **You and Me and the Space Between**, a story about a girl who lived on an island in the middle of the ocean. Although this girl had been told that the island was all there was, she couldn't help wondering about what else might be out there.

The island of The Proud Circle has sprung a leak and its citizens must find a solution to stop their home disappearing forever. But it's going to take all the ingenuity of their youngsters to ensure they don't lose their way of living in the process.

In **Terrapin Puppet Theatre**'s latest creation, this funny and heroic story from one of Australia's finest playwrights for children, **Finegan Kruckemeyer**, is brought to life through narration, music and live drawings that emerge in large scale on a paper set that has a life of its own.

The magical tale unfolds live in front of your eyes as the cartoonist, **Cathy Wilcox** (*SMH*, *The Age*), draws the pictures while the story is narrated by local actor **Raelee Hill** (*Superman Returns, Water Rats, Farscape*).

The drawings of the journey emerge projected onto a large screen bringing the whole story alive on stage. The result is a magical adventure accompanied by a delightful soundtrack performed live on stage by composer **Dean Stevenson** that makes for a unique and utterly charming theatrical experience.

Established for over 35 years, **Terrapin Puppet Theatre** is one of Australia's leading children's theatre companies that last year presented work in the USA, Canada, The Netherlands and the UK as well as reaching 10,000 school children in its home state of Tasmania.

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17-21 January at 2pm & 6pm

Duration 60mins

Tickets General Admission \$36/\$32 + booking fee

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