

Visual Story for *Stick by Me*

for ages 3 – 6



Created by Andy Manley and Ian Cameron
produced by Red Bridge Arts

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ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Andy Manley's performance for young audiences, *Stick by Me*, is a quirky, non-verbal show about friendship and play, and the importance of treasuring little things. The show, is specifically created for children aged 3-6 years.

Created by the duo behind the critically acclaimed play, *White*, Andy Manley and Ian Cameron's new performance, *Stick by Me*, builds on their vast experience of creating work for very young children.

The show won the award for Best Production for Children and Young People at the 2019 CATS Awards.

Information and trailer for the show can be found here:

<https://redbridgearts.co.uk/projects-performances/stick-by-me/>

If you'd like any additional information, or have any feedback on the show, please contact Red Bridge Arts team – hello@redbridgearts.co.uk

About the visual story

The visual story is created to help make the show more accessible for children with autism, learning disabilities, mental health, neurological and / or sensory conditions.

The visual story is useful to share before attending a relaxed performance of the show – check with your theatre if they are providing this.

For relaxed performance we typically reduced the intensity of sound and raise the lighting levels so it isn't too dark in the theatre. Audiences are also more free to move around during the performance if they need to. The venue may also provide a chill out area, trained staff to assist audiences and show rounds of the venue in advance.

Planning a visit to see *Stick by Me* at a theatre

Thank you for coming to see *Stick by Me* a theatre show that's been made for children aged 3-6 and their adult carers. This visual story is designed for visitors to relaxed performances of the show to help prepare you if you are curious about your visit.

We hope you enjoy the show.

- The show will last for 40 minutes, without an interval or break.
- You will see *Stick By Me* in a theatre. A theatre is a special room, with seats for the audience and a stage area for the actors. There are lights that shine on the stage. Music will be playing.
- When it is time for the show to start the theatre will get a bit darker, and the people in the audience will get quieter.
- If you need to leave the show that's ok. The staff in the theatre will find you somewhere to chill out if you need to.

Characters in the show

This is Andy with a lolly stick.

Andy treats this stick and others that he finds as friends.

Andy and Stick are the main characters in *Stick By Me*.



What happens in the story?

SPOILER ALERT! These pages provide a longer explanation of the show and plot so please don't read or share these pages if you don't want to know more

When you first come in to the theatre you will see Andy sitting on a chair with his head on a desk. It looks like Andy is sleeping.



When the show begins, Andy explores the desk.
He discovers he is stuck to his chair.
During this scene there is lively music and some sticky tape sounds.



Andy explores the space and the things in it.
When he tries to leave the space we hear voices from a speaker that tell him “No!”



Andy discovers a cardboard box on the stage. He explores and opens it.
Inside the box there is a lolly stick.



Stick kisses Andy.
Andy shows Stick around and they become friends.
Then they get tired and go to sleep.



Andy notices a big round ball hanging from the ceiling.
When Andy pulls on it, lots of lolly sticks fall from the sky.
They land onto the box where Stick is sleeping.



Andy searches for his stick. Fast music plays, and it speeds up as Andy searches. Andy finds Stick, but Stick is a bit bent. He mends Stick with tape.



Andy and Stick play games together. The lid of Andy's desk falls on Stick and Stick gets snapped in two. Andy puts Stick in a small box. Sad music plays.



Andy picks a new stick friend.

He covers it in lots of sticky tape which means this stick is not able to play any more.



Andy has lots of sticks and tries to play with all of them but keeps dropping them.



Andy is sad and tired.

While he rests a present arrives for him in a little box from above. It's an ice lolly.
After he eats it he realises the lolly stick could be his new friend.



New Stick blows raspberries at Andy.

Andy finds some colourful sticky tape. He puts some on New Stick, and on his own head.

Andy and New Stick play together.

Andy puts the tape out of the space and hears "Yes"



Andy makes a path with the tape to the outside.
Andy and New Stick leave the space together.
At this point Andy and Stick come into the audience.



When the show is finished

When the performance is over, you can clap to let Andy and Stick know that you liked their show.

It is possible to meet Andy and get your own Stick in the foyer at the end of the show