

How to Catch a Star

This performance is approximately 60 minutes with no intermission

A space where patrons can take a break and still watch and listen is available in the lobby of the Family Theater.



The performance starts with a sudden drum roll while a single light is lowered from the ceiling.

Three actors will gather at the front of the theater in the aisle, trying to catch the light by jumping and lifting each other up.

An actor, who plays the Father walks onto the stage from the audience. He tells a story about the solar system and earth using a model. A close up view of the model is projected onto a screen on stage.



Near the end of the Father's story, the Boy, interrupts his Father by asking how he can catch a star.

While the Boy and his Father discuss how to catch a star, the Boy's imaginary friend Penguin shows up in his room to help.



After the Father leaves, the Boy and Penguin begin to plot how they will catch a star. **Projections and animations** help tell the story of how they plan to fly to the star by building a plane.

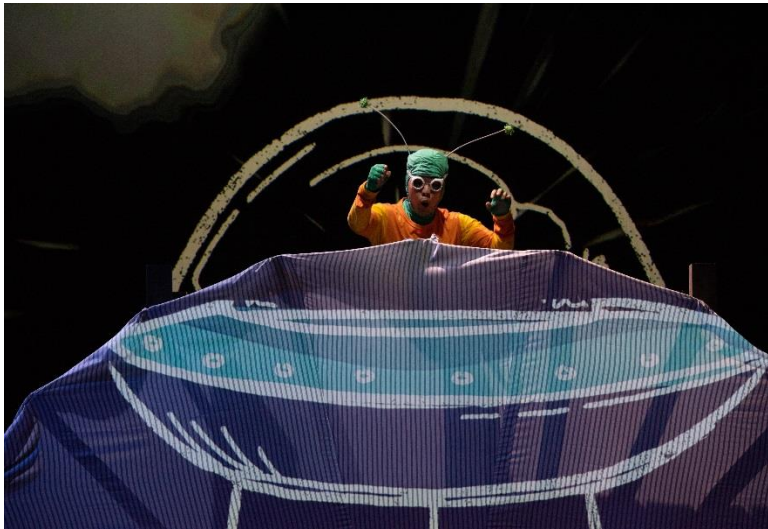
Penguin is accidentally left behind.

When the boy makes it to space, his plane crashes. **Sometimes the music and visuals can be scary and loud.**



The Boy crashes on the moon and he thinks **he can move the stars with the beam of his flashlight**. The stars are animated and move from side-to-side on the stage.

On the other side of the moon, Marty the martian has also crashed his ship and can **move the stars around the stage** with his DJing and dancing.



Eventually the Boy and Marty meet each other on the moon. At first, Marty is scared and hides. **When the Boy lifts up part of the moon to find him, part of the moon loudly clatters on the stage.**

The Boy and Marty learn to communicate by using gestures and body movements. Listen for the sounds they make, too!

Soon they decide on a plan to fix Marty's ship. **Animations on stage** show their plan to lower the Boy back down to Earth with a rope to get his Father's hammer.

Both Marty and the Boy accidentally fall off of the moon toward Earth.

As the Boy and Marty fall, the Father comes back on to stage to describe the different layers of the atmosphere.

When they get to the Troposphere, Marty and the Boy begin to scream!

The animated background moves fast and makes it look like they are falling through the different parts of the atmosphere.

Meanwhile, on Earth, Penguin has paddled a boat out into the ocean in hopes of finding the Boy. Luckily she is in the right spot and catches both the Boy and Marty when they fall to Earth!

The Boy decides they should paddle toward his home to get the hammer to fix Marty's ship. Penguin wants to paddle toward her home in the South Pole because she has a different plan to get back to the moon.



While in the water, the Boy dreams about being on Marty's repaired ship. **Penguin and Marty are able to talk in his dream.** The Father is also in the dream acting as a butler on the ship.

The Boy also dreams about seeing his star.

When the Boy wakes up he finds that they are in the South Pole, Penguin's home.



Penguin shows the Boy and Marty a slide show about her plan to use a giant ramp to fly back to the moon.

When they arrive to Penguin's ramp they find it has been ruined by the storm.

The Boy, Marty, and Penguin begin to plan how to get back to the moon. While planning and building **Marty drops and oar and it is loud.**



Once their project is complete they have to wait for the right moment before flying into space. They fly!

The next scene shows the Boy back in his room, busy building and moving things around his room. His Father comes in and is surprised at the sight!

When the Father asks the Boy what is going on, the Boy starts telling his Father about all of the adventures he had with Penguin and Marty.

The End