

# The Light House

An interactive storytelling show with shadow puppets

Duration: 45 min

## For grades 1st through 5th

On an island in a faraway sea, a little girl tends a lighthouse and never ever smiles... Until one day, when she must set out for the horizon beyond the sea! With live ukulele tunes, a ticklish octopus, and a little help from the audience, this interactive shadow puppetry tale celebrates kindness, magic adventures, and friendship.

Inspired by the artist's collection of lighthouses, this show by Happy Theater is about finding your own light, and how your light can help even faraway friends through a hard time.

THE LIGHT HOUSE WON A SPIRIT OF THE FRINGE AWARD, FOR INVENTIVE, "ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED" WORK, "REDEFINING ARTISTIC NORMS" AT [BORDERLIGHT FRINGE FESTIVAL](#) IN AUGUST, 2023!

### Fine Arts

Storytelling  
Learning  
Shadow Puppetry  
Music  
creativity

### Education

Social Emotional

Friendship

Imagination and

Problem Solving

### Technical requirements:

- 10' x 10' clear area
- Access to performance area 1- hour prior to set up
- Artist will provide a sound system for audiences of over 50 people or for large rooms/ gyms

Teaser: <https://youtu.be/078zDpvDz0c>

Full video: <https://youtu.be/-QC78oLXviA>



### About the artists

*Natasha Mirny* is a teaching artist, performer, stage director, and founder of Happy Theater. She is currently working as a teaching artist at several theaters and educational programs in the DC area—Inspired Child, Arts for Learning, and Wolf Trap. Her background is in pantomime, puppetry, and physical theater.

*Tia Shearer Bassett* is an actor/creator who specializes in solo shows, children's theatre, and playful theatre for grownups. She has been a member of Only Make Believe since 2017, bringing interactive theatre to children in hospitals and special education programs. She also performs self-produced work like a poetic Zoom show featuring her son's toys. Acting credits include The Kennedy Center (two national tours), The Second City, Imagination Stage, Baltimore Center Stage.

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Assembly fee: \$800

