

The Singing Mermaid: trailer

[Audio: piano music is played throughout the first 35 seconds of the video]

A black background fades in to show an artwork graphic from the illustrated children's book *The Singing Mermaid*. The illustration includes a drawn mermaid surrounded by stars of various colours. Illustrative text also reads:

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The graphic fades into video footage where on stage, we can see two puppeteers controlling a mermaid in a small fishtank and another puppeteer controlling a seagull which is pecking a drum-like object. This is followed by a clip of the mermaid swimming with dark-blue lighting representing the sea, as well as a red and yellow fish swimming near her.

[Audio: Singing voice: How I love to sing through the water with my hair floating all around the sea.]

The mermaid puppet lies on a rock where there are also seven clams, a crab, and a seagull squawking. This is followed by the mermaid swimming out of a small fishtank as another puppet dressed in a pink tutu and stripey leggings watches on. The video then cuts to a wider shot of the stage where a puppeteer controls two crabs moving from claw-to-claw as seven clams sat on a rock and the mermaid puppet watch on.

[Audio: Singing voice: How I love to sing for I am happy with the care of my friends, all sing with me.]

The video shows a clown puppet standing at the bottom of a pole with a blue balloon at the top. A white bucket is next to the pole with two dog puppets, one white and one brown, sat next to this. Blurred footage of the performance is shown with the following text displayed:

“A real treat” ★★★★ The Times

[Audio: Singing voice: I sing. I sing.]

The video cuts to the mermaid puppet sat on a gold surface with starfish and shells as seven clams sat on a rock sing.

[Audio: Singing voice: Tralalalalalala]

Three puppeteers stand on stage and move six squid puppets initially towards one another before swimming apart.

[Audio: Singing voice: I sing. I sing.]

Two puppeteers sway two seagull puppets from left to right to mimic their flight. The video then cuts to a brown dog up high with a white dog standing on a bucket and hanging from the brown dog's leg.

[Audio: Singing voice: Tralalalalalala]

Blurred footage of the performance is shown with the following text displayed:

“A charming show...expertly crafted but feels effortless” Children’s Theatre Reviews

[Audio: the background music changes introducing maracas and drums which continues until the end of the video]

[Audio: Singing voices: It doesn't matter where you come from whether dog or cat or the bombing flea.]

The footage moves into focus to show the mermaid in a small fishtank with other puppets stood around her including one wearing a suit and goggles, a brown dog, one dressed in a purple tutu, a clown, a white dog, and one wearing a spotty jumper and checked shot. They move from side-to-side as if dancing.

The video cuts to a puppet on a unicycle balancing a ball on their head. This cuts to show another puppet blowing a piece of yellow fabric out of their mouth which the puppeteer sways above their head.

[Audio: Singing voices: It doesn't matter where you come from, you are welcome in our circus family.]

The footage shows the mermaid puppet facing downwards as they move their hand up to wave. Blurred footage of the performance is show with the following text displayed:

“Engaging, creative and the puppetry was beautiful!”

“My 3 year old loved it, I've never heard him laugh as much!”

Audience Feedback

[Audio: Singing voices: It doesn't matter what you're doing, on a flying trapeze or tumbling free.

Three puppeteers control the mermaid puppet as she swims ahead of the footage cutting to the mermaid doing a handstand as a seagull flies next to her. The video then cuts to the mermaid moving on a gold surface as a crab and clams sat on a rock watch on. The mermaid then jumps into the sky and dives down as if diving into the ocean.

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