

## **Children and Young People**

# **On offer to kindergartens**

## **Spring 2008**

### **The Animals in the Hakkebakke Forest**

In the spring of 2008, we will be putting on a children's play called "The Animals in the Hakkebakke Forest," which is our major production for children and young people. For the first time, we have tailored a programme just for kindergarten children.

Our dramaturge has prepared a dramatic work in connection with the play: In the role of mouse, the children and adults will face the forest's challenges – before the animals there have made their own laws. How is it to live without rules? How can we live together without being afraid of one another?

This work is in connection with the Norwegian Year of Cultural Diversity and can serve as a preliminary work, a follow-up work, or as an independent activity for children who will not be seeing the play.

This is an offering that is suitable for all the children in the kindergarten. We are offering kindergartens in Bergen and the surrounding area a visit from our dramaturge, who will come on site and work with groups of 6-12 children at a time for about 45 minutes. This arrangement is tailor-made for children aged 3-6 years, but can be readily adapted for children 1-2 years of age.

During the month of March you will also find material at our website.

## **The Animals in the Hakkebakke Forest**

### **Not everything is as it should be in the Hakkebakke Forest!**

Some of the animals eat other animals that are smaller than themselves, and Michael Fox is the worst! He slinks around in the bushes and is hungry all the time.

Our two little heroes, Climbing Mouse and Morten Field Mouse enter the fray! Morten is smart and makes a law that he wants to apply to all the animals. Climbing Mouse is quick-witted and dauntless.

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## BUT WILL THEY MANAGE TO FOOL MICHAEL?

Thorbjørn Egner's story about the animals in the Hakkebakke Forest is one of Norway's most well-known children's stories, and it has been frequently performed on stage and on radio for several generations. "Den Nationale Scene" (the National Venue of Theatre, in Bergen) wants to introduce younger generations to all the songs and the enjoyable and entertaining story about cake-loving field mice, sly foxes and double-peppered gingersnaps.

The animals in the Hakkebakke Forest, by Thorbjørn Egner

Director: Ivar Tindberg. Scenographers: Thorbjørn Egner/Tore Sæther

Costume Designers: Thorbjørn Egner/Ingrid Nylander

Choreographer: Hilde Sol Erdal. Light Designer: Geir Hovland

Featuring: Tore Chr. Sævold, Frode Bjørøy, Gerald Pettersen, Sissel Ingrid Tank-Nielsen, Jon Ketil Johnsen, Reny M. G. Folgerø, Kim Kalsås, Igor Necemer, Rhine Skaanes/Merete Armand, Aril Martinsen, Bjørn Sothberg, Ragnhild Hiorthøy, Anna Katharina Haukeland and others.

Première: 5 February on "Store Scene" (the Main Stage)

Performances in February and March

Monday – Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m.

The Hakkebakke Forest is part of the National Venue of Theatre, in Bergen's contribution to the Norwegian Year of Cultural Diversity, 2008.