

Buzz

Visual Story



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Introduction

Buzz is a bee-riliant, friendly show, full of puppets, storytelling and a striking honeycomb set.



Set

The set for Buzz looks like this.
The audience sit in front, on the floor.



Characters



Billy

- This is Billy.
- They are adventurous and like to play in their garden.
- Sometimes Billy is played by a performer and sometimes by a puppet.



Buddy

- This is Buddy, she is a bee.
- Buddy is friends with Billy and shows them around her world.

Characters

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Mr Fred

- This is Mr Fred, Billy's grumpy nextdoor neighbor.
- Mr Fred has a prize winning garden and sprays chemicals on his plants.
- Mr Fred does not like Billy playing in his garden.



Shredder

- This is Shredder, Mr Fred's pet Chihuahua (*Chee-wow-wa*).
- He looks scary but is actually very friendly.

Characters

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B-Control

- This is B-Control.
- They are a bee and are in control of the communication between the Bees.



Queen B

- This is Queen B, she is the Queen of the bees.
- She is in charge of who does what in the bee colony.

There are some other characters that Billy and Buddy meet along the way.

Narrative

Buzz follows Billy and we learn about their garden and the fun games they play in it.

They tell us about their neighbor Mr Fred, who is very grumpy and doesn't like anyone in his garden.



A bee lands on Billy's jam sandwich and then they start to feel funny.

Billy shrinks down to bee-size and meets Buddy the bee.



Narrative

Billy and Buddy go to a daily bee-riefing with Queen B and learn that lots of the bee's habitat is being destroyed.



Billy and Buddy go flying and collect nectar together.



Narrative

Buddy has to stop because they inhale some chemicals from the flowers.

They are too weak to fly. Billy meets another Bee who is caught in a jam trap.

They help them escape and go to take the jam to Buddy to revive her.

Shredder bounds in and chases Billy around the garden.

Eventually, he takes the jam to Buddy but this time Mr Fred appears with his fly swatter!



Narrative

Buddy and Billy call in B-Control for help.

They send in the S.W.A.T team who chase Mr Fred and get rid of him.



Billy feels funny again and grows back to their normal size.



Narrative

Billy goes to speak to Mr Fred and tells him that he mustn't spray his flowers as it is hurting the bees.

Mr Fred agrees as long as Billy stays out of his garden.



General

In *Buzz* you will see lots of different puppets. There are table top ones and ones with rods. Mr Fred is very big and this can be scary. He might be grumpy but actually he is very friendly.

Music plays throughout and the cast wear microphones so that you can hear them outside.

Sometimes the audience might be asked to help with certain parts of the show. It is ok to respond, to talk back to the performers and to offer to help, if you choose to. Everything is an offer, no one has to engage with everything.

At the end of the show, you can come and meet Buddy and Mr Fred, take a photo with them and collect a wildflower seed bomb to take home and plant.



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