

PRESS RELEASE

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN AT BAC

This Christmas, BAC is catering for children of all ages with the opening of a brand new social space and cafe for younger children, and an adventurous, interactive theatre show for 6-11 year olds based on Mary Norton's *The Borrowers*.

December will mark the launch of *The Bees Knees*, a specially designed indoor 'garden space', complete with slides, toys, books, bean bags and all sorts of other things to play with! The child friendly space will have a daily programme of children's storytelling and music performances and workshops from artists including Perrier award winning comedian Will Adamsdale. Parents will find space to park their buggies and a waiter service on hand, ready to bring healthy baby food (and cappuccinos!) from the main cafe. The social space provides a unique and beautiful environment for parents in the Wandsworth area to relax with their children.

Explorers aged 6-11 are needed to join a secret agency and take part in an intriguing mission, using their super sleuth skills to uncover evidence for the existence of Borrowers (the small people who live under the floorboards). Based on *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton, *The Great Escape (A Borrower's Tale)* will lead children through BAC's beautiful Victorian building on a quest for Bob the Borrower, discovering tiny clues and helping him escape the evil clutches of the KBD movement (Keep Borrowers Down). The performance is fully supervised, allowing parents to spend time with younger children in *The Bees Knees* or have an hour to themselves!

The Great Escape (A Borrower's Tale) is a stand out example of BAC's unique approach to producing work for children, working in partnership with exceptional theatre artists who have never created work for children before to generate inspiring new theatre. Kazuko Hohki, who generated much media attention this summer when her performance art group, Frank Chickens, were unexpectedly crowned Foster's Edinburgh Comedy God, has developed the show through BAC's participation programme, running bespoke workshops in BAC's partner schools and developing the piece in conversation with pupils over the last four years.

'BAC's new interactive children's room and cafe, *The Bees Knees*, provides an exciting offer to families in the Wandsworth area. Parents and children can relax in a fun and creative family environment. Our imaginative workshop activities combined with the best in home cooking from our café, makes *The Bees Knees* a treat for parents and children alike. This Christmas, parents can also leave older children (aged 6-11) to enjoy a fully supervised, delightfully interactive theatrical adventure: *The Great Escape (A Borrower's Tale)*, making BAC truly a home for people for all ages.' -Sarah Quelch, Associate Artistic Director, BAC

The Bees Knees is supported by Wandsworth Borough Council, Sire Walter St John, Awards for All
The Great Escape (A Borrower's Tale) is supported by The Ernest Cook Trust, Arts Council England

Listings Information

For *The Great Escape (A Borrower's Tale)*:

Venue:	Battersea Arts Centre
Address:	Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TN
Dates:	Sat 4th, Sat 11 th & Sat 18 th - Fri 31 st Dec (exc. Sun 19 th , Mon 20 th & Fri 24 th - 26 th)
Times:	11.30am & 2.30pm
Price:	Child £8 (£5 concs), Adults £12 (£8 concs) Tuesdays (11.30am performances) Pay What You Can
Box Office:	020 7223 2223 / www.bac.org.uk

Transport:	Clapham Junction overground station
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The Bees Knees will be open daily between 10am – 5pm.