

Sea of Light

By Patch Theatre

At DreamBIG Children's Festival 2023



Note for Teachers: A general 'Coming to DreamBIG' social story can be found at: [\[LINK\]](#), which includes information about entering the theatre space and general theatre etiquette.

I am coming to take part in an installation at DreamBIG Children's Festival. The installation is called *Sea of Light*.

The word 'Installation' means a show that I can play, move around in, and help create. It is not like a theatre performance where I have to sit still and watch. In an installation, I am not an audience member – I am a participant, and I can participate in making the installation!



Sea of Light is taking place in the Banquet Room at the Adelaide Festival Centre. The first space that I will see when I enter the Adelaide Festival Centre is the foyer.

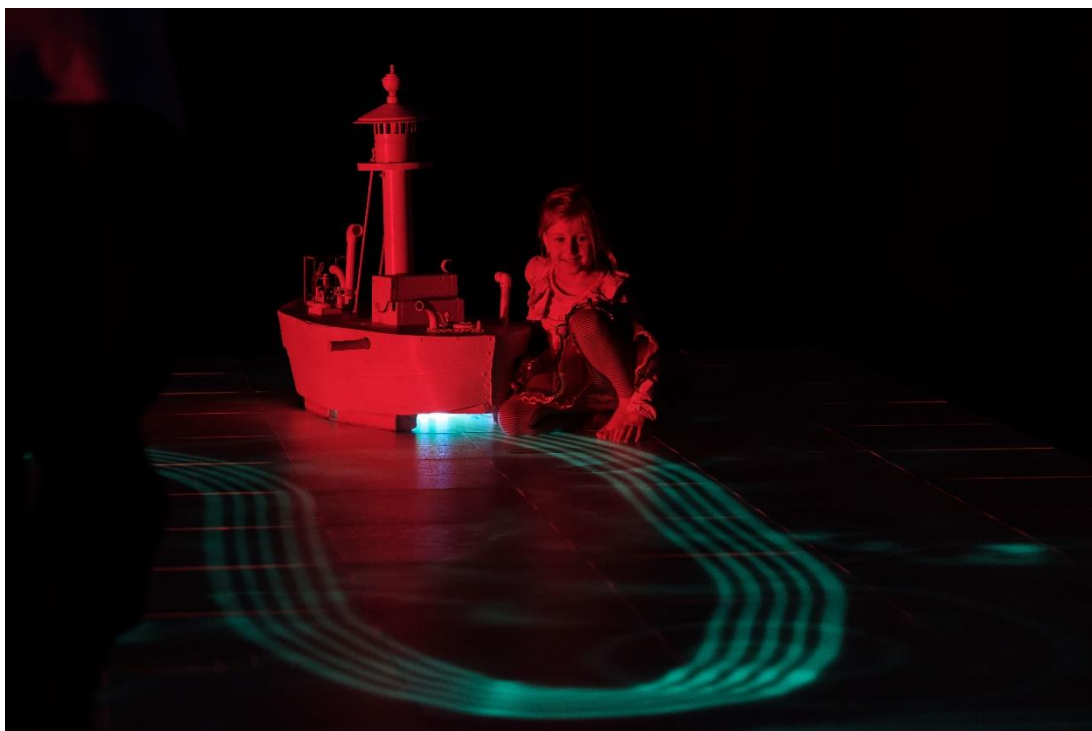


A front of house staff member will meet me and my class when we arrive. I will be asked to take off my socks and shoes before I enter *Sea of Light*.

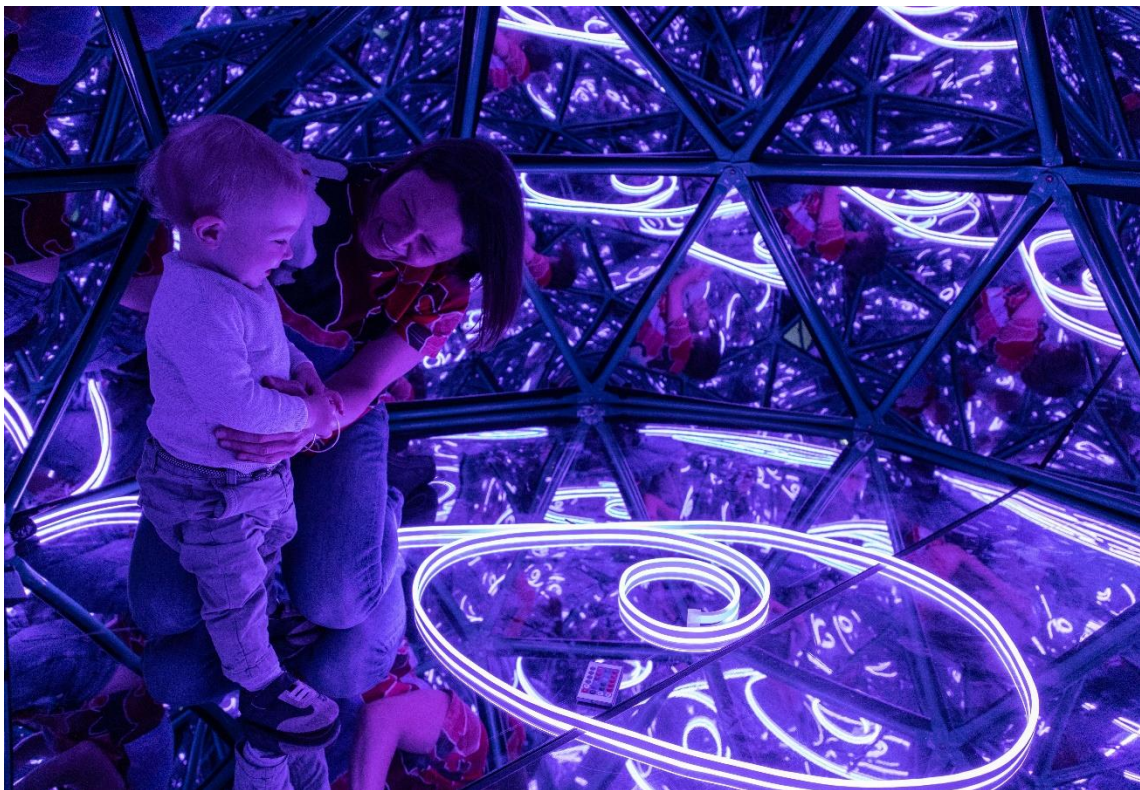
I will also be given a magical paintbrush before I enter. The paintbrush has a UV light in it, so I can paint pictures out of light!

When I enter the space, there will be different areas to explore. I can walk around, look at, and play with anything I like in the space.

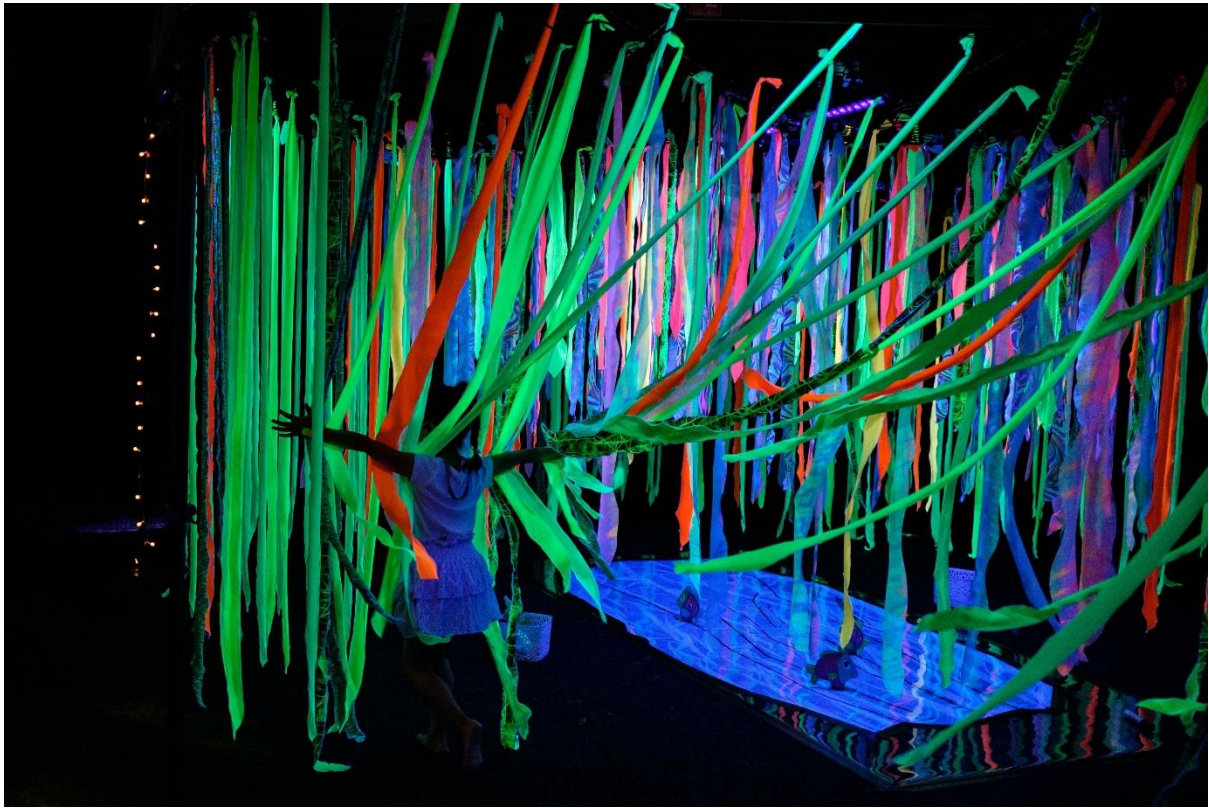
In one of the areas, I can use my magic paintbrush to draw on the ground out of light. I can use the stencils to make shapes, or push the boats across the floor to create trails of light. In this area, the light is quite dark, and can change colour.



In another area, I can crawl into a mirrored dome. The light will change colour, and my reflection will appear all over the dome.



There is a brightly coloured seaweed cove that I can explore.



Inside the hanging pretend seaweed are toy fish. I can draw a home for them on the floor.



There are lots of exciting things in *Sea of Light*. My classmates might be excited, and run around and yell. If I feel uncomfortable by the noise, or any of the lights in the installation, I can tell a teacher. They will help me find a quiet place, or take me back out into the foyer, until I feel ready to join back in.



It is then time for my class to leave *Sea of Light*. I will follow the instructions of the front of house staff member, who will lead me back into the foyer, and to my next DreamBIG activity.