

SING 'N' SIGN

SYNOPSIS

Sing 'N' Sign is a 50 minute to 1 hour workshop show performed by 3 Deaf actors who are clad in trendy black outfits and perform in front of a large backdrop of psychedelic colours. Four rectangular platforms complete the simple set.

Sing and Sign consists of a total of six songs, four as performance pieces and two as learning pieces.

Caroline, Phillip, and Samantha will open the show with a Broadway number, *THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS*, which will be performed in Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN), as will all of the songs in the show. This leads into the teaching of the first song, *OLD MACDONALD'S FARM*, to the audience. When the students have learned the signs of the song, the actors will ask for volunteers to perform on the platforms in front of the rest of the audience.

This will be followed by a solo performance, with Caroline sign-singing *I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU* by Whitney Houston, a popular song that is currently on the charts. The actors then explain to the audience about Deafness: Not all Deaf people are the same, which will end with the students singing *ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR* while Phillip signs the song.

The actors will then teach either *SING A RAINBOW* or *GIVE ME A HOME AMONG THE GUM TREES* to the students, depending on their age group. Again, volunteers will perform from the platforms to the rest of the audience.

To close the show, the actors will perform a very up-tempo song, *THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE*, another current chart song. This song is performed mostly in dance, incorporating some sign-singing. Following there will be time for the students to freely ask questions of the actors.