

Plastic Fantastic? the musical

The story of plastic on the planet

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Suitable for the 7 – 14 age group

Brief Synopsis:

'Plastic Fantastic?' is a musical that tells the story of plastic on this planet, romping through the decades from the invention of Bakelite over 100 years ago through its development during the two world wars, the excitement around innovative design and the mass production of plastic after the second world war. It charts the subsequent explosion of the plastics industry alongside the beginning of ecological awareness and the recycling movement and goes on to acknowledge the unacceptable levels of plastic waste pollution we are facing in the 21st century, asking what can be done to improve the situation or if it's too late. It ends with a message of hope and determination to bring change.

The musical styles, costumes and dances add layers of social history to the whistle stop tour of the 20th century in the first and second acts. The musical consists of 8 original songs and 3 short pieces of dialogue and the performance takes from 30 – 40 minutes. It is composed of three 10 - 15 minute stand-alone acts, each of which is suitable to use as an aid to learning in the classroom and for performance in school assemblies.

FREE PERFORMANCE PACK includes:

- Script with live links to learning topics throughout
- Song Book with song sheets and manuscripts
- 8 Backing Tracks (available on request)
- Video link to performance showing dance steps and costume ideas

ACT 1: The First Plastic On The Planet

1909 Song 1: "Lets call It Bakelite"

1914-18 Dialogue: World War 1

1920s Song 2: "Plastic Fantastic!"

1939-45 Sound/Lightings Effects: World War 2

ACT 2: The Growth Of The Plastics Industry

1950s Dialogue: The Future is Plastic

1960s Song 3: "Good Job We've Got Plastic!"

1970s Dialogue: Early Ecologists

1980s-90s Song 4: "Plastic World"

2009 Song 5: "A Hundred Years of Plastic"

ACT 3. The Problem With Plastic And What Can Be Done

2010 Song 6: "No More!"

2012 Song 7: "The Ocean Clean Up Song"

NOW Song 8: "Chain Reaction"

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