

For everyone who sometimes lies awake wondering: am I odd?

WEIRD HAIR

NICO BOON

In the world of 'ODD HAIR' only one thing is certain: all the characters have strange hair. Oddly enough, that's completely normal here. Nico Boon has written a script for youth theatre full of characters with unusual body hair, peculiar ideas, eccentric habits, strange fears and curious dreams. In this playful and surprising play for ages 8+, confusion about what exactly is normal is key. 'ODD HAIR' is a real treat for anyone who sometimes lies awake wondering: am I odd?

In the search to discover what's normal and what isn't, this play takes you into an updated creation story and teaches you to see things back-to-front. At the start of the play, the audience steps into a dreamworld, where the only certainty is that the sun will rise and set. In the gaps between that repetitive ritual, the different characters explain their dreams. And if anything is true of dreams, then it's that the possibilities are endless and there's no 'normal' in a dreamworld. The characters in the play have the courage to exhibit their otherness without restraint and sometimes they find each other despite their differences. Boon plays with contrasting realities, even in his language and grammar, producing passages both funny and poetic as a result.

'ODD HAIR' switches humorously between familiarity, amazement and a sense of weirdness, the conclusion being that nobody is normal and we're all a bit odd. Which isn't a problem in the slightest.



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