



# Squirrel Stole My Underpants

*A poignantly silly adventure tale for families*

## ABOUT THE SHOW

A lonely, awkward girl is sent out to the backyard to hang up the laundry and keep herself busy. The moment Sylvie's back is turned, a mischievous squirrel appears, steals her favorite piece of clothing and runs off. When the girl gives chase, she finds herself lost in strange lands. As the story unfolds, an entire world emerges from her laundry basket and Sylvie learns that she is a strong girl with magic within herself.



*This show features puppetry, physical theater, live music, and a giant pile of laundry.*



## About The Gottabees

Puppets! Original music! A Tiny Bit of Acrobatics! Adventure and Invention! The Gottabees started making super fun theater for families in 2013 with the creation of *Squirrel Stole My Underpants* and it's follow-up, *Lollipops for Breakfast*, in 2015. They have since been selling out venues and inspiring homemade puppet shows throughout the US and Canada. **They find it deeply satisfying to create original physical theater so families can do something fun together that allows them all to giggle, gasp, sigh, and cheer in 45 minutes or less.**

Their shows are stories told without words—they embrace the physical and the visual in theater. The result is a poetic, non-linear story that surprises audiences. One thing that makes members of The Gottabees happiest is when they meet children who have seen a show and parents tell them how their child acted out the entire show for weeks after seeing it. This is the core reason why they make theater for young audiences: **The Gottabees want children to know in their hearts that they, too, can make theater wherever they are and whomever they are.**



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**This is BRENDAN, TONY, AND BONNIE. They're so glad you're here!**

- They will be on stage and might say “hello” to you when you are in your seat.
- Brendan and Tony are musicians in the show. Brendan plays acoustic guitar and music box. Tony plays the upright bass.
- Bonnie is the puppeteer and dancer. She shows the story using actions and emotions. She doesn't speak on stage.

***This is a judgment-free environment!***

**JUST BE YOURSELF...THIS IS CREATED JUST FOR YOU!**

## Pre-Show Audio Activity

Go to this webpage: <http://www.bonnie-duncan.com/for-presenters1.html>  
Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Music Sample, “Out to Sea.”  
Play the audio link for your family.

- ☐ What instruments do you think are being played?
- ☐ What do you think might happen while this music plays?
- ☐ How does the music make you feel?
- ☐ Write a story or draw a picture of what you think might happen while this music plays.



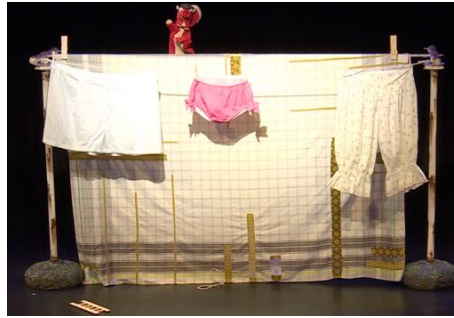
## These are some moments in the SHOW.

Some moments in the show might surprise you. We will take a breath before some of these moments.  
*It's OK to cover your eyes, close your ears, or take a break in the lobby.*



### The Beginning

You will hear a voice off stage yelling, "Sylvie!" Sylvie will appear, the music will begin, and she will bring out her laundry.



### Meet Squirrel

After Sylvie hangs her laundry, we meet Squirrel. He steals her favorite underpants. An owl tries to stop him but Squirrel escapes!



### Sylvie Chases Squirrel

Sylvie discovers Squirrel with her underpants. She chases him into the audience. She may run by you!



### The Boat

Squirrel gets away from Sylvie and steals a boat. One of Sylvie's laundry bags transforms into a boat and she follows Squirrel.



### The Storm

Out on the water, Sylvie travels into a storm. Her boat capsizes in a new land. Squirrel tricks her and she gets lost.



### Going to the Forest

Sylvie wanders through the dark and into the audience! The strange sounds lead her to a dark and scary forest.



### Forest Creatures

Sylvie meets 3 creatures in the forest. One helps her and another tries to trap her but she escapes!



### The Sneeze

Sylvie attends a party at Squirrel's tree and steals back her underpants but she sneezes and squirrel chases her!



### Rescued Underpants

At last, Sylvie returns home with her favorite underpants. She is so happy and relieved! THE END.

If you need to take a break from the show, you can go to the lobby.  
You can come back into the theater whenever you would like!

**At the end of the show,  
YOU CAN MEET BRENDAN, TONY, AND BONNIE.**

When the performance is over, you can clap to show Brendan, Tony, and Bonnie that you liked the show. You can also come to the stage and meet them.

Brendan and Tony will show you their instruments. You can ask them questions. *Only touch instruments if they tell you it's OK.*

You can also meet Bonnie and Squirrel. You can ask her questions, take your photo with her, and she will show you parts of the set and puppets. *Only touch things if she tells you it's OK.*



## A NOTE TO PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

*We are so excited to share our work with your family. We hope these materials help you prepare for your day at the theater with us. Below is a link to watch a video of the full performance if you'd like to know exactly what will happen and how it will sound. Please get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions that might help you enjoy this experience more.*

*Thanks so much,  
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WATCH THE VIDEO: <http://vimeo.com/bonnieduncan/bigunderpants>  
PASSWORD: bigunderpants

