

PROFESSIONAL THEATER FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

**EQT**  
Children's Theater  
**Festival**

 **PITTSBURGH  
CULTURAL TRUST**

 **MAY 19-21, 2023** 

**KIDS & TEENS** OF ALL AGES

**DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH**



# It's Okay to Be Different Social Story



**Yippie!**

**You are going to see a show!**



You are coming to see a performance of Mermaid Theatre's **It's Okay to Be Different** at the EQT Children's Theater Festival.

This show will be at the Byham Theater.

There will be other families watching this show alongside you.

People of all ages, young friends and grown-ups, are welcome to enjoy **It's Okay to Be Different** together!



**Here is what to  
expect...**

You are going  
to the Byham  
Theater.





Here are  
the main  
theater  
doors.





You may stop at the Box Office to pick up your tickets.



You will walk through a set of doors & go through metal detectors. They are there to keep you safe.



Inside, you will meet many of our ushers. The ushers will take your ticket and help you find a seat for the show!





The bathrooms are on the lower level of the building.

If you need to use the bathroom, just ask your grown-up!

You can get there by taking the stairs or elevator.



# Friendly Reminders Before We Begin:

Use the restroom and  
wash your hands.



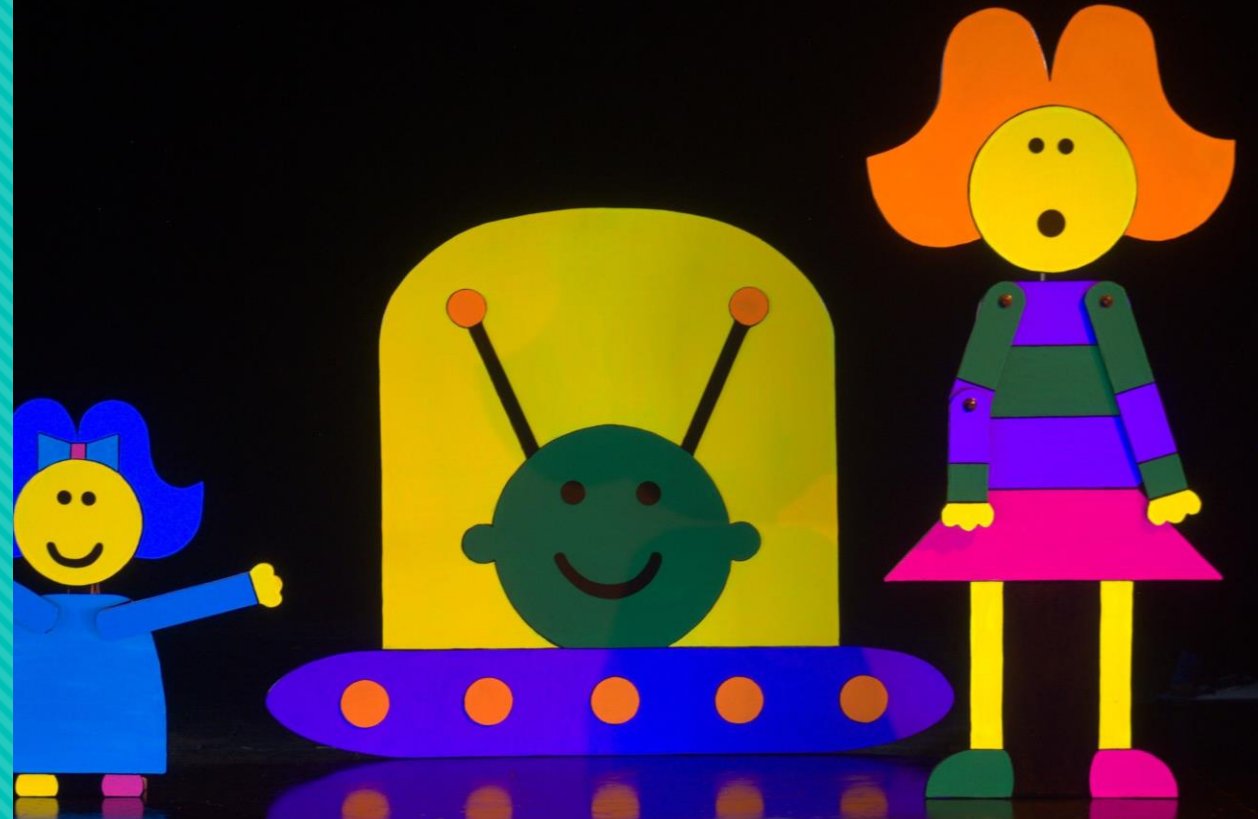
You don't have to do anything  
you are not comfortable doing.



**We are excited to meet you!**



It's Okay to Be  
**Different** is based  
on stories by  
author **Todd Parr**.



This show  
features colorful  
puppets and  
playful music.





Actors will move  
these fun puppets  
around the stage to  
tell you some  
stories.



You will see & hear three  
stories in **It's Okay to Be  
Different.**



# One of the stories is called This is My Hair.

This funny story will show you about the many kinds of hair people can have.

Some people have curly hair, others have straight.

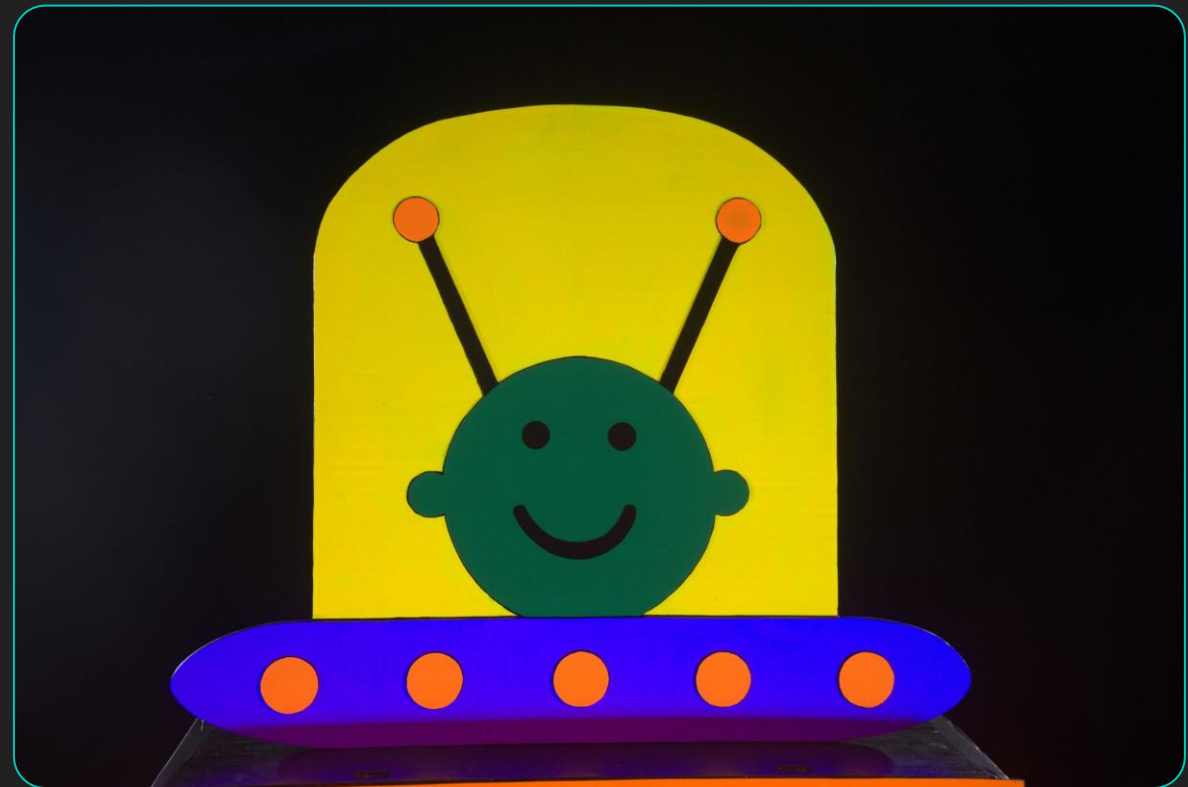
You will learn that no matter how your hair looks, **you should always feel good about yourself!**



# You will also hear The Earth Book.

**The Earth Book** is a story about the planet we live on, Earth!

It will teach you how you can help keep the Earth happy and healthy.



# Last, you will hear It's Okay to Be Different.

This story is about being kind to everyone.

It says that **you are special and important just because of being who you are.**





Once the show is over, we will be sad to see you go, but there will be plenty of other fun activities for you to explore at the festival!



# You can find friendly festival guides throughout the festival.

Festival guides will be wearing **green vests**.

The guides are helpers that can show you where to go, help you decide what to do next, or just share a funny joke with you!





We hope you will have fun at the  
EQT Children's Theater Festival!

