



TIM BRAY
THEATRE COMPANY

Mrs Wishy-Washy



SENSORY RELAXED

Sensory Relaxed Performance - introduction

During this sensory relaxed performance, we have not changed the plot, characters, or story from our standard performances. Instead, we have done our best to adjust for sensory sensitivities and preferences while still staying true to the spirit of the play, and we provide as much information as possible so you can prepare in advance for the show you are attending. Everyone is unique in their requirements for enjoying the performance, and we have tried to accommodate a wide range of preferences and needs. Please keep in mind that you know your child best in deciding if this show will be suitable for them, and that during a live theatre performance unpredictable events and last-minute changes may occur.

We thank the children who provided their feedback on Mrs Wishy-Washy to help us develop the Sensory Relaxed Performance for this show.

The lighting in Mrs Wishy-Washy is quite harsh and can also change brightness and location very suddenly as there are sometimes quick moving small scenes. The crowd and noise from other audience members in the courtyard, foyer and theatre before and after the show might be overwhelming. The noise from other members of the audience - eg clapping during a song, or calling out (especially in birthday cake scene (Scene 8) might too be overwhelming.



Scrub-a-Dub with Mrs Wishy-Washy

"Oh, lovely mud!" exclaim Mrs Wishy-Washy's farm animals Cow, Duck, and Pig. These beloved characters from Joy Cowley's series of picture books are about to come to life in a hilarious stage performance by Tim Bray Theatre Company. While the animals just love getting mucky, Mrs Wishy-Washy is determined to keep them spotless for the Big Farm Fair.

In this funny farmyard adventure, audiences will be treated to comical chaos as Mrs Wishy-Washy attempts to give her muddy animal buddies a good scrub. This tale teaches valuable lessons about determination, friendship and the consequences of one's actions, while offering plenty of opportunities to enjoy some good, clean, laugh-out loud fun.

Warning- Spoiler Alert! If you do not want to learn about details and surprises in the show, do not read any further.

There are 14 scenes in the show:

- Scene 1: Opening song / Tomorrow's plans
From here each scene is based on the name of the book(s) by Joy Cowley listed here.
- Scene 2: Mrs Wishy-Washy
- Scene 3: Wishy-Washy House
- Scene 4: Wishy-Washy Sleep
- Scene 5: Wishy-Washy Tub
- Scene 6: Wishy-Washy Corn & Wishy-Washy Garden
- Scene 7: Wishy-Washy Clothes
- Scene 8: Mrs Wishy-Washy's Birthday & Oops, Mr Wishy-Washy!
- Scene 9: Wishy-Washy Card
- Scene 10: Wishy-Washy Letter
- Scene 11: Mrs Wishy-Washy and the Big Wash & Wishy-Washy Tractor
- Scene 12: Wishy-Washy Mirror
- Scene 13: Mrs Wishy-Washy and the Big Farm Fair
- Scene 14: Mrs Wishy-Washy's Birthday

This story summary will give details about each scene, along with pictures.

Scene 1: Opening song / Tomorrow's plans



1/ Mrs Wishy-Washy (Mrs WW) enters singing about her love of cleaning as she mops and scrubs. Mr Wishy-Washy (Mr WW) enters and does his best to help. At the end of the song they sit – Mrs WW with a cup of tea, and Mr WW with a newspaper. Mr WW reads that the Big Farm Fair (BFFair) starts tomorrow, on Mrs WW's birthday, and there is a competition for the cleanest animal. While they talk, bits of mud land in their house and they stand each time to clean it up. At the end they decide to find out where the mud is coming from.

NOTE: You may find the music in the opening song noisy and perhaps with a lot of bass notes.



Scene 2: Mrs Wishy-Washy



2/ The actor playing Mud enters and entices Cow into the mud pit. Cow sings a slow song about their love for Mud. Then Pig enters and sings a rap style song about how much they love mud. Duck enters and sings an energetic song about making mud pies. Mrs WW sees them in the mud and tells them it's bath time. There is a chase scene. The actor playing Bubbles enters to add the bubbles to clean the animals. Duck finds a bubble gun in the bath and he and Bubbles fire bubbles at each other. Mrs WW tells them to stay clean for the BFFair. But the animals spy the mud and they all jump in the mud together and there is a 'mash up' of all their mud songs together.

NOTE: The rainbow flashing lights in the chase scene may be distracting.
NOTE 2: Duck is a white duck in Joy Cowley's books and so is represented the same in the show.



Scene 3: Wishy-Washy House



3/ The animals decide to enter Mrs WW house. They have never been in it before. They each settle in a chair and talk about how good humans have it. They fall asleep in the chairs. Mrs WW follows their muddy footprints into the house. She isn't happy.



Scene 4: Wishy-Washy Sleep



4/ Mrs WW tells each of them that it's bath time. They each pretend that they are asleep. Mr WW brings a bucket of food on and hands it to Mrs WW who entices the animals out of the house with the bucket of food right to the bath.

Scene 5: Wishy-Washy Tub



5/ Mrs WW and Bubbles give the animals a bath all together. Afterwards, the animals agree they are hungry and decide to look for some food.

Scene 6: Wishy-Washy Corn & Wishy-Washy Garden



6/ Mr WW decides it's the perfect day to plant some corn. He plants some seeds in the right hand garden bed and Mrs WW waters as he does so. They exit and the corn grows at a silly rate. Mr WW enters and can't believe his eyes. He goes to fine Mrs WW to show her. The animals enter still looking for food. Cow spies the corn and decides to 'clean' the garden by eating the corn. Duck and Pig join in. They eat all the corn and exit. Mr WW brings in Mrs WW in and proudly presents his corn. But there isn't any. Mr WW is sad.



Scene 7: Wishy-Washy Clothes



7/ Mrs WW has just done the washing so brings on a washing line and hangs her clothes on the line – a dress, apron and head scarf. She exits. The animals enter but Cow accidentally walks into the dress and ends up wearing it. He laughs and says he is Mrs WW. Pig and Duck also put Mrs WW clothes on. Mrs WW enters and is dismayed to see the animals wearing her clothes but she soon finds it funny and calls Mr WW on to see. They all laugh. Mrs WW takes the clothes off the animals to rewash them.



Scene 8: Mrs Wishy-Washy's Birthday & Oops, Mr Wishy-Washy!



8/ As Mrs WW exits, Mr WW tries to tell the audience a secret – that he has made a cake for Mrs WW's birthday. He shows it to the audience and puts it on the kitchen bench. The animals appear behind the bench to look at it (there may be quite a lot of audience noise at this point). They exit. Mr WW decides to do the dishes and puts a plug in the sink and turns the tap on. But he hears the animals offstage and decides to feed them. The actor playing Water emerges from the sink and pulls blue fabric across the house as if water was pouring out of the sink. The animals see the 'water' and begin playing in it. Mr WW sees the water and realised he left the tap on and turns it off. As they all mop up the water they sing about Mr WW being the fastest washer in the world. Mrs WW enters and is very impressed to see everything so clean.



NOTE: When the animals are near the cake there may be a lot of noise from the audience warning Mr Wishy-Washy that the animals are there.

Scene 9: Wishy-Washy Card



9/ The animals are sad as they don't have anything to give Mrs WW for her birthday. They think about what they could do. Pig suggests a card and Duck knows where one would be – in the house. Spy movie style music starts and Cow and Pig adopt persona of spies and 'break into' Mrs WW house. Duck finds a card more simply. They use Mud to decorate the card – Cow's hoof mark makes a big heart. Pig's hoof makes a small heart and a couple of wing swishes makes a kiss from Duck.



Scene 10: Wishy-Washy Letter



10/ They all put a stamp on the envelope by standing in the mud and stamping their muddy feet on the envelope. They are pleased with themselves. But Mrs WW enters and sees that they are muddy again and is upset.

Scene 11: Mrs Wishy-Washy and the Big Farm Fair & Wishy-Washy Tractor

11/ Mrs WW decides to use the hose to clean them. But as the actor playing Water comes along the hose, each animal bends the hose to stop water travelling along to the nozzle. Mrs WW decides there is no water on the farm so gets the truck to take the animals into town.

The animals play 'stuck in the mud'. Then Mrs WW enters with a steering wheel (representing her truck) but gets stuck in the mud. The animals help push her out. Mrs WW puts the animals into the 'truck' and takes them into a carwash. This is represented by two disco dancers. Mrs WW brings in some cupcakes to say thanks to the animals.

NOTE: The mirrorball in the carwash disco scene may catch your eyes.

Scene 12: Wishy-Washy Mirror

12/ As they finish off the cakes, Mrs WW enters with a mirror for Mr WW. As she hands it to Cow he sees his reflection and says it's a picture of a cow. Each of the animals look at the mirror and argue that it's a picture of a duck, or a pig or a cow depending on who is looking at it. Mrs WW stops the truck and takes the mirror and the animals all agree it's a picture of Mrs WW. The next morning, we hear the animals singing 'Happy Birthday'. Mrs WW and Mr WW enter. They hear the animals and Mr WW wishes Mrs WW a happy birthday.



Scene 13: Mrs Wishy-Washy and the Big Farm Fair



13/ Mr WW says he has some treats for Mrs WW's birthday later on, but she must head to the Big Farm Fair (BFFair). They exit. The BFFair Announcer enters and sets up flags for the BFFair and makes some important announcements but no-one can hear the most important parts. The Judge arrives for the cleanest animal competition and asks Mrs WW to leave. The animals each perform a routine. The Judge calls Mrs WW back and proudly announces that Cow, Pig and Duck are the winners and the Judge gives them medals. They all exit.



Scene 14: Mrs Wishy-Washy's Birthday



14/ Mr WW enters and tells the audience that Mrs WW will be home soon and asks if everyone can sing her 'Happy Birthday'. Mrs WW enters and is delighted with the song, and Mr WW cake and the animal's birthday card. The animals proudly show Mr WW their medals. Mrs WW says it is the best birthday she has ever had. The cast all sing the song that Mrs WW sang at the beginning of the show.



NOTE: The last song is the same length as the opening song so may feel long as you have heard it all before. In stage shows, these songs are often called Finale songs.

The End.