

## MWANA and the turtle's secret

### INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCTION

#### Play summary:

Spun from an African tale, this is the beautiful story of a courageous young girl named "Mwana" who lives in a village deep in the forest. Every day, a giant monster comes and steals the villagers' food. When *Mwana* proposes confronting the giant, the Village Chief wonders how such a little girl could defeat a monster that no one has ever been able to stop. Is there a secret that only Mwana knows? The play takes the audience on a theatrical journey of courage, love and friendship as it explores the French proverb "We often need someone smaller than ourselves". The story is told by Canadian and Congolese performers and uses a range of theatrical art forms, including puppets, shadow theatre and object theatre.

#### Stage dimensions:

- 50 m width x 4.88 m depth x 2.44 m height (18' width x 16' depth x 8' height).  
Allow a minimum of 4-5 feet between the stage and the first row of spectators on the ground.

**Target audience:** 3 to 8 years old (families) and 4 to 8 years old (school groups)

**Performance length:** 45 minutes

**Max capacity:** 150 to 250 spectators

**Set-up:** 3 hours before the show with the help of one or two technicians to unload the transport vehicle and set up the sound system, the set and the lighting.

**Strike:** 1h30

**Staff on tour:** 2 performers

**Type of show:** Play with storyteller/puppeteers, shadows, objects and puppets

**Type of rooms:** This show is designed for small and medium size areas, but also community halls, schools and non-traditional performance venues.

### MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL NEEDS

#### Sound:

- in case of a performance in an equipped space, the TAE uses loudspeakers that are connected to its own mixer backstage. The sound is controlled by the performers using a QLab. A sound technician is required to set the sound balance;

- in case of a performance in a non-equipped area (schools, community halls, etc.), the company may provide speakers for an additional-charge (rental). Please notify the company if this is the case.

#### Lighting:

- 2 accessible and separate electrical outlets;

- low light for shadow theatre play;

- if spotlights are available in the theatre, the lighting could be enhanced by adding 4 white lamps and 4 blue lamps in "Front of the house" FOH;

- note that FOH lights can be controlled by a technician or controlled by the lighting board operated by the performers on stage.

#### Background:

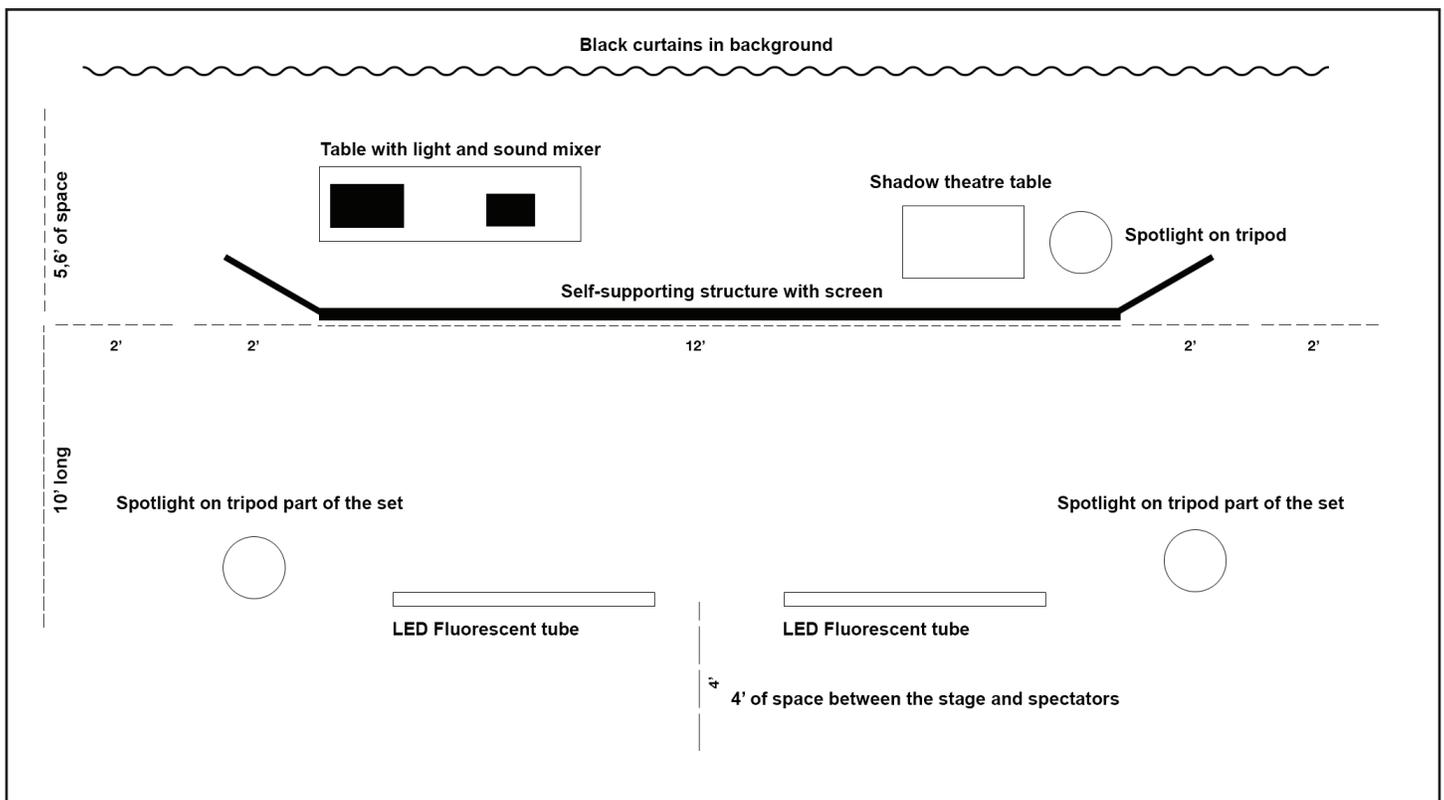
- 1 black curtain for the back stage (approximately 20 ft or 6 m and 12ft or 3.7 m);  
- 2 black curtains for the sides.

#### Weight and volume of design set and accessories:

Weight: 143 kg

Volume: 1,12 m X 1,1 m X 2,3 m = 2,83 m<sup>3</sup>

## STAGE PLAN



## VIDEO LINKS

French trailer with subtitles: <https://vimeo.com/330110090>

English trailer: <https://vimeo.com/349083427>

## THE PRESENTER HEREBY COMMITS TO :

1. provide theatre and stage plans upon contract signature (at least 8 weeks prior to first performance);
2. provide a heated and clean dressing room for 2 people with toilets;
3. provide water for both performers;
4. providing 2 individual room accommodations, ideally without carpet, in case they are made available by the presenter;
4. It is imperative that a theatre director be on hand during the performances.

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