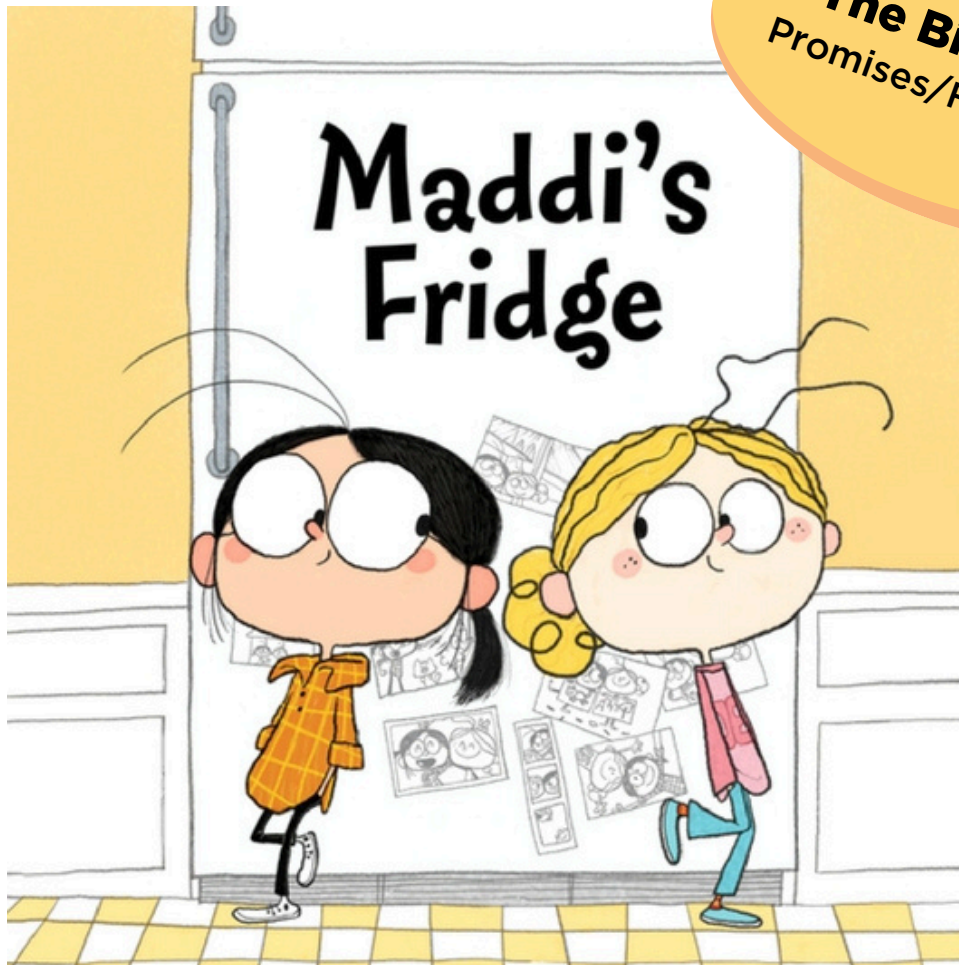




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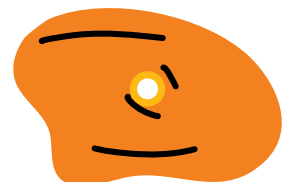
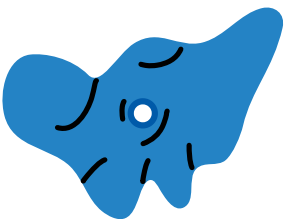


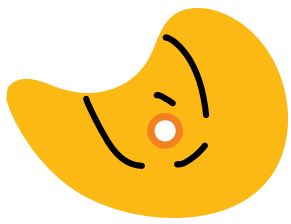
The Big Idea:
Promises/Friendship

Written by Anne Negri

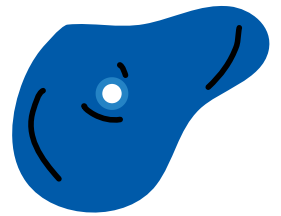
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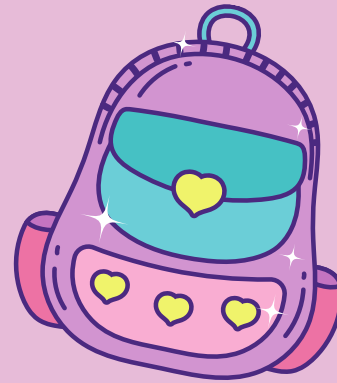


Meet the Team



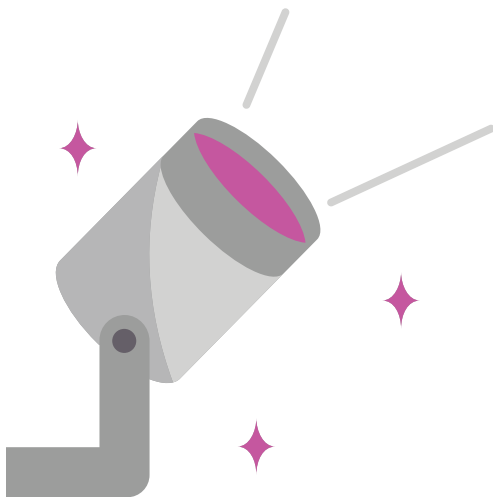
Cast

Maddi Clara Bentz
 Sofia Angelica Saario
 Luis Liam Delgado



Creative Team

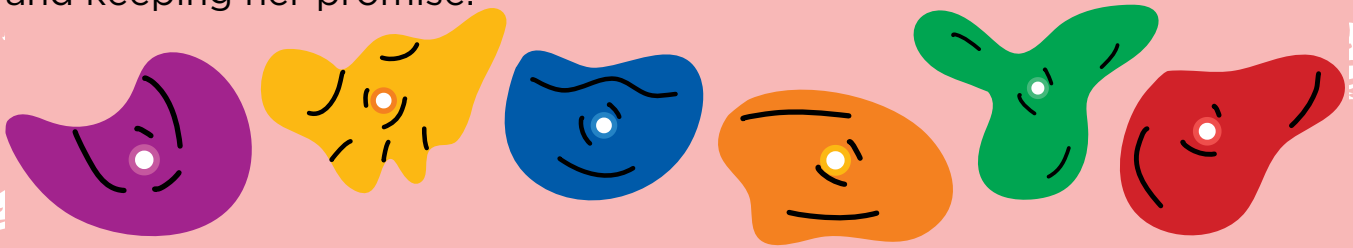
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 Costume Designer Holly Windingstad
 Sound Designer Chris Neumeyer
 Puppet Designer Liz Ihlenfeld
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 Puppet Person Dwayne Hartford



What the Play is About

Maddi's Fridge is about the friendship between Maddi and Sofia and a secret that is too big to keep. Maddi is amazing at climbing the rock wall in their neighborhood and helps Sofia conquer her fear of climbing to the top. Sofia's little brother, Luis, is full of energy and creativity. He's obsessed with Cheesy Pizza Bombs, while their dog, Pepito—played by a puppet—adds humor and fun to the play.

One afternoon, after climbing the rock wall, Sofia goes to Maddi's house for a snack. She discovers something upsetting—Maddi's fridge is almost empty, with just a little milk inside. Maddi tells Sofia about her family's struggle with not having enough food but makes her promise not to tell anyone. Sofia feels stuck between wanting to help her friend and keeping her promise.

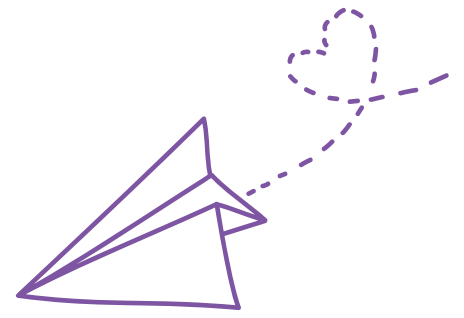


Sofia tries to help by sneaking food from home to school in her backpack. But things go wrong—one day, the eggs break in her backpack, making a huge mess. On another day, the leftover fish begins to stink and causes a terrible smell. Maddi remains reluctant to accept help, while Sofia is learning it's a bigger problem than she can solve alone.

Sofia tells her brother, Luis, about Maddi's situation. Luis helps Sofia gather bags of food—including his favorite Cheesy Pizza Bombs—to fill Maddi's fridge. But when Maddi's mom notices the food, it leads to unexpected problems. Maddi feels embarrassed and upset, and this causes a fight between the friends. Sofia struggles with whether she did the right thing by breaking her promise.

In the end, Sofia and Maddi make up. With Sofia's support, Maddi writes a note to her teacher, a trusted adult, asking for help. Sofia learns that some secrets shouldn't be kept. And together, the girls realize that reaching out for help is a sign of strength.

Themes of the Show



- ▶ Promises
- ▶ Friendship
- ▶ Helping Others
- ▶ Food Insecurity



Talk About It!

Start a conversation before the show:

- ★ What does it mean to be a good friend?
- ★ Has a friend ever helped you learn a new skill? What was it?
- ★ Have you ever made a promise to a friend? Was it easy or hard to keep it?
- ★ Is it ever okay to break a promise?

Start a conversation after the show:

- ★ Why does Sofia tell Maddi's secret to Luis? Do you think she made the right choice?
- ★ Have you ever felt like Sofia, where you wanted to help a friend but didn't know what to do? What did you do?
- ★ In what ways do Maddi and Sofia help each other?
- ★ What can we do when we see something unfair, like food insecurity, happening in the world?

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