

## ABOUT THE SHOW

We are so delighted that you have decided to see “Seen!” This is an original show that was made just for today, a time when our normal ways of connecting with other people have changed. We came up with the idea of a character who was stuck inside, all on his own. We started thinking: what would he do to make himself laugh? To create a friend? To bring pieces of the outside world into his space? (And is there a difference between creating the “idea” of a thing and the actual thing, itself?)

We created an entire “normal” for this character that existed inside his room. And then we asked: what would happen if one day, he discovered a new kind of connection — through a computer screen? How would his world change? How would what he values and needs change? What does it mean to be seen? This is a play almost entirely without words -a play of movement and gesture and music and art. We hope that you will enjoy seeing it as much as we enjoyed making it! And we hope that you laugh even more than we did!



Jenny, Jon, Tommy,  
Daniel, Rachel and Julia

## THE GUIDE!



## THE TEAM

Seen

Created and Directed by Jenny Millinger

Performed by Jon Gentry

Production design and Puppets by D. Daniel Hollingshead

Stage Manager and Sound: Rachel Solis

Technical Director: Anthony Lee

Dramaturge: Julia Hogan Laurenson

Videography and Editing by Jordan Gilliam

## DISCUSS

- ★ What do you think it means to be “seen”? What does being seen mean for the character in the play?
- ★ What do you want others to know about you as a person?
- ★ What does it mean to be lonely? When was a time you were lonely?
- ★ How do you stay connected to family and friends when you're apart?
- ★ In the play, the actor doesn't speak. How does the actor convey what the character is feeling and thinking without using words?

**Behind the  
Scenes  
with Seen!**

**Click the Link For  
More Show Resources**  
[https://vimeo.com/showcase/  
7637680](https://vimeo.com/showcase/7637680)

## EXPLORE

### Send A Letter To A Friend!

Seen is a show about someone who has to stay home, and he's a little lonely. He likes to play and he creates art to pass the time. He would love to make new friends.

Write a letter to someone who is feeling lonely. What would you say to make them feel better? Start your letter out with “Hello” and think of two to three sentences that you would say to them. Don't forget to sign your first name!

### PS: Send A Letter To Childsplay!

Send an encouraging letter to the character in the play and he'll send a video response back! This activity can be done as a group or individually.

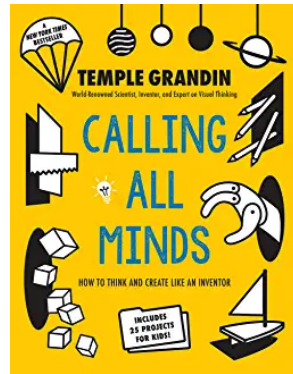
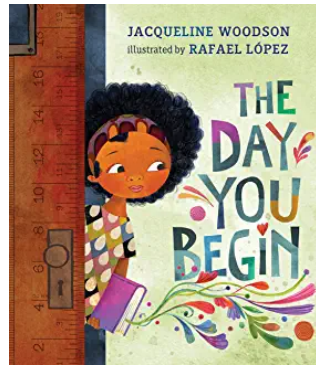
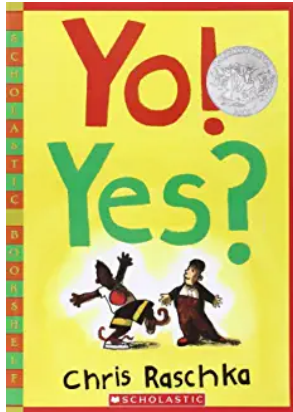
Please note that if we receive letters from all the students in your class, they will not all be able to be read aloud!



## CHECK OUT THESE BOOKS!

## CREATE

Our fabulous volunteer librarian Sharon put together a great list of books connected to themes in the show.



Want to  
Imagine  
Together  
Online some  
more?

Find many other ways to  
explore online with Childsplay  
here:

[childsplayaz.org/imagine-online](https://childsplayaz.org/imagine-online)

### Draw the World Outside Your Window

The character in the play is an artist and he makes a new piece of art everyday to represent the birds he hears outside his window. Look out your window (at home or at school) and draw a picture of what you see.

Send us your artworks and you just might get a piece of art in return!

### Amazing Origami

Origami is the art of paper folding often associated with Japanese Culture. Designs like the bird from the play can be created with just a few simple folds while other more complex origami creations have multiple folds. Take a deeper dive into the intricate world of origami with these step by step video tutorials.

Beginner

Create an easy origami butterfly!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZdO2e8K29o>

Intermediate

Make an origami dinosaur!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKOVYw9R7oI>

Advanced

Ready for a challenge? Create a rabbit!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEaWOAzrxHk>