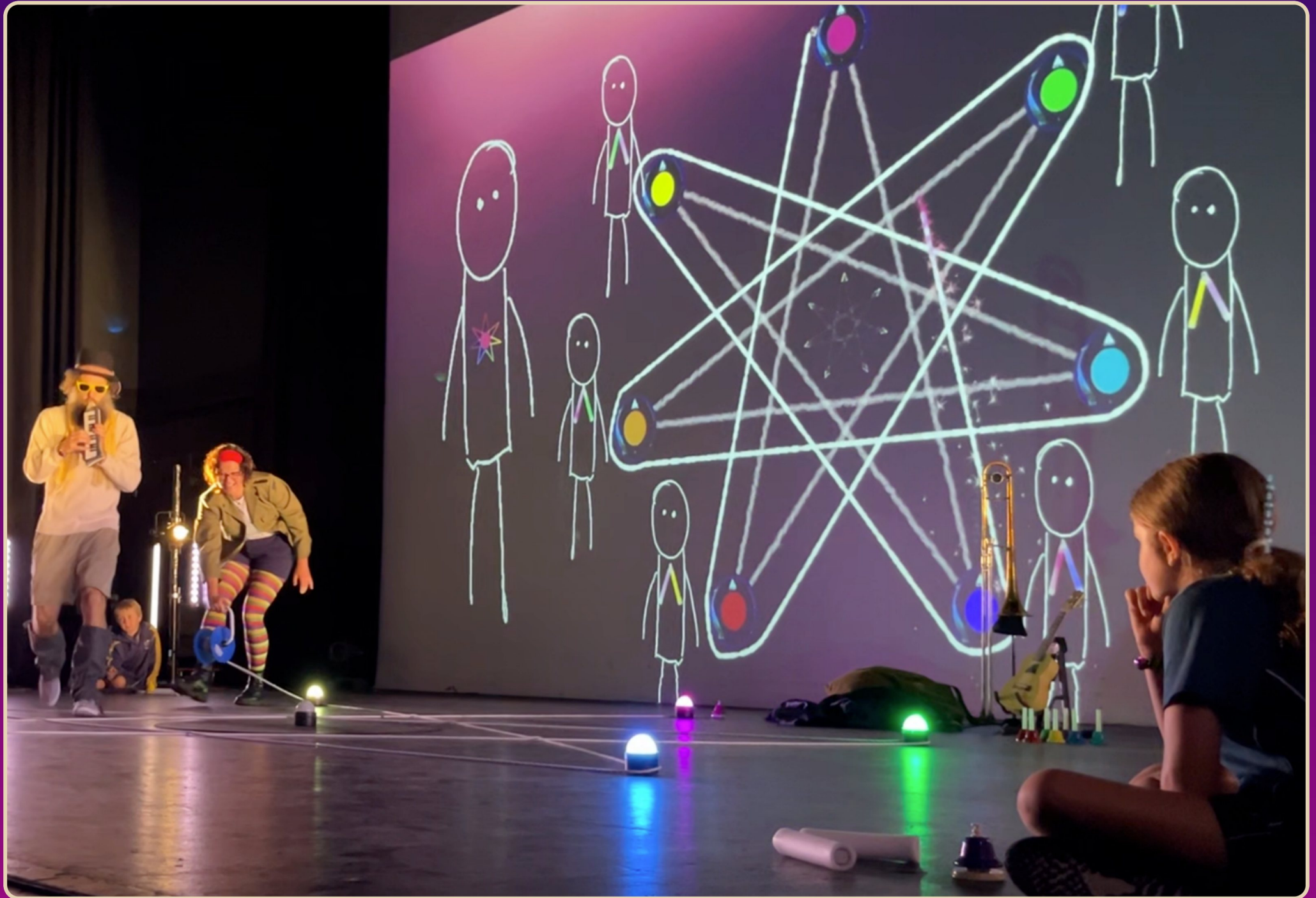


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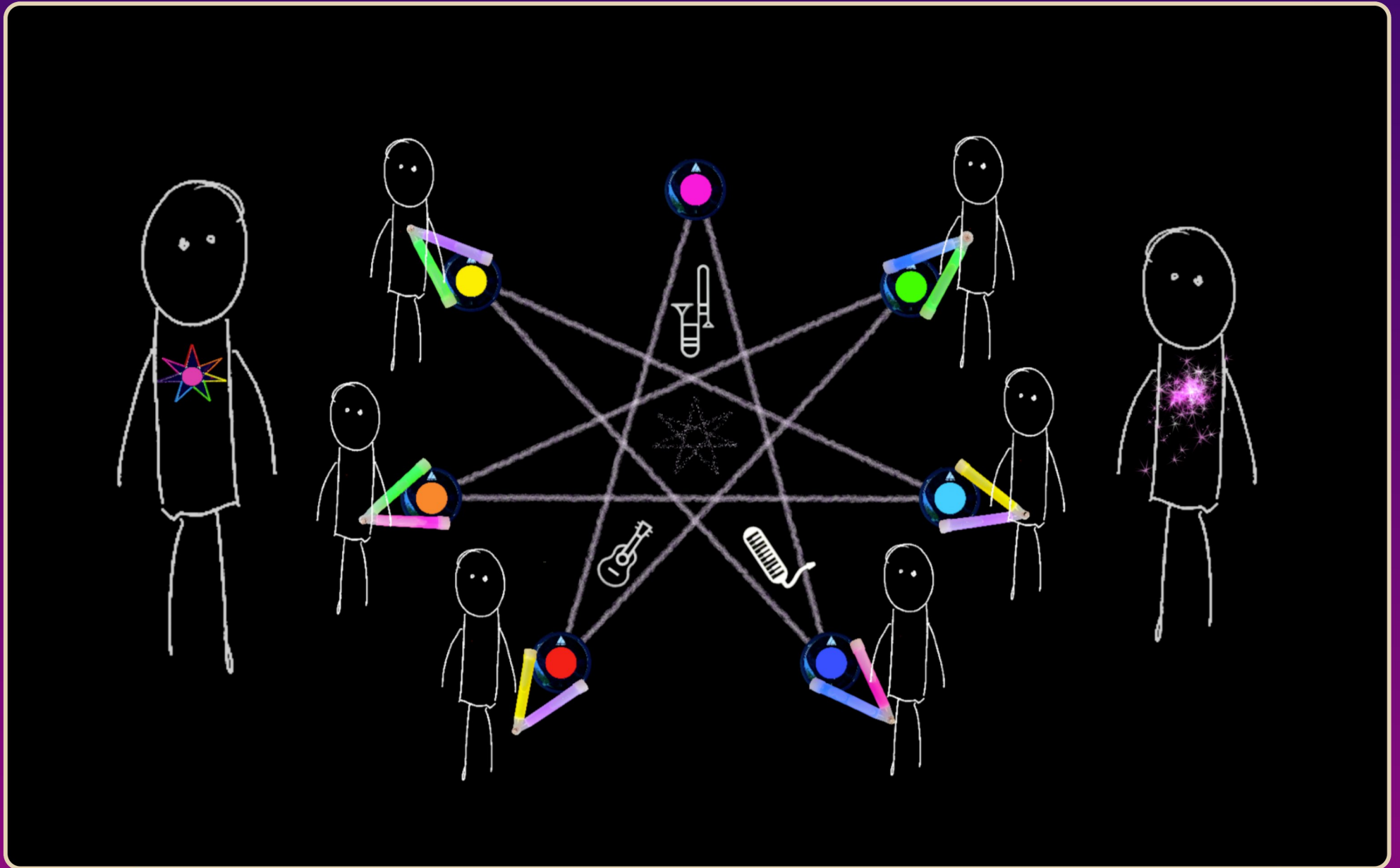


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**Seven Little Wonders ~ Review by KheShan Gronow | 25 February 2024**

Prepare to be whisked away by the spellbinding enchantment of Seven Little Wonders, a show that has rightfully clinched the coveted Arts SA's RUBY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CHILDREN'S EVENT in 2022! This visually stunning spectacle, brimming with music, colour, and light, chronicles the endearing tale of Starman Sam's quest to reunite with his cherished loved ones.

Picture this: as the seven vibrant hues of the rainbow harmonize with the melodious seven notes of music, along with the delightful Imogen and six star children plucked straight from the audience, a heartwarming collaboration unfolds, guiding Starman Sam on his magical odyssey. Together, they embark on a whimsical journey filled with camaraderie, joy, and a sprinkle of stardust magic.

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Live music fills the air, interactive lighting weaves a mesmerizing dance, and immersive video projections transport you into a world of wonder and imagination. Seven Little Wonders is not only a show; it's an immersive experience that captivates, delights, and inspires. This production shines brightly as a perfect first theatre experience for children aged 4 and up, offering a gateway to the magic of live performance that is sure to ignite their imaginations and create lasting memories.

A harmonious blend of creativity, heart, and pure joy, Seven Little Wonders earns a resounding five stars for its ability to transport audiences of all ages to a place where the extraordinary feels within reach. Don't miss the chance to be a part of this wondrous journey that proves magic exists in every colour of the rainbow and every note of music!



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Seven Little Wonders ~ Review by Joti Weijers-Coghlan | 26 February 2024

On arrival, the hall jingled with anticipation as children put on their bell-lined "wristbands; an early invitation to join Imogen's sensory journey. Imogen sits alone on stage with her quill, penning fantastical tales of all things seven – her favourite number. To her surprise, she soon finds herself drawn into her own story, joining Starman Sam and his six little stars: preselected volunteers from the audience. Together, they embark on a journey to bring the lost Starman home to his family.

A meticulously orchestrated display of light, sound and visual projections ensues, accompanied by an array of short, expertly delivered instrumentals of keys, wind and strings. Whether Sam is hopeful and joyous, or lonely and yearning for his family, the variation in tempo and atmosphere carry us on the Starman's emotional journey.

The seamless integration of digital, and physical elements, including children on stage, shows the careful planning and preparation that has gone into every aspect of this show: evidence of artistic director Dave Brown's breadth of experience leading decades of acclaimed children's theatre.

Lights and graphics are impactful, yet not overwhelming and well suited to the age group. Even our 18-month-old was captivated. Use of live feed images from the stage and audience were folded into the show to artfully bring everyone into the picture. And this is part of the message: that creatively working as a collective is better than solitude, and sometimes you need to work together to achieve big things. Truly delightful!"



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# Seven Little Wonders

**Seven Little Wonders ~ Review by Lisa Lanzi | 23 February 2024**

Presenting Seven Little Wonders after its regional Mt Gambier debut, March 2022, Dave Brown is quite the theatrical legend. Inducted into the Adelaide Festival Centre's 'Walk of Fame' in 2020, Brown was former Artistic Director of Patch Theatre for twenty years and is much awarded here and overseas for an outstanding legacy within children's and family-friendly theatre making. This production also secured Dave and the PaperBoats the prestigious Arts SA Ruby Award for Outstanding Work for Young People 2022.

The PaperBoats is an entity that researches, curates, shapes, and creates thoughtful work for young people over an extended period with dedication, artistic teamwork, excellence, and embedded knowledge. This show invites children into the stage space as collaborators during the story, and the entire audience wears a bracelet of tinkling bells so that we too might participate rhythmically - and joyfully. Other elements include the opportunity to participate in The Numbers Dance and The StarMan Song, the videos helpfully emailed to ticket holders prior to the performance.

A visual, multi-sensory feast of colour, light, sound, and projection, Seven Little Wonders (based on the seven colours of the rainbow and the seven notes in a musical scale) playfully engages 3-8 year olds to wonder at the possibilities of finding one's way, the power of connection and community endeavour, and the attachment to 'home'.

The performer/collaborators Gavin Clarke (StarMan Sam) and Sarah Brokensha (Imogen) are perfectly at home in their roles. Clarke astonishes with his musical virtuosity, playing a number of instruments live to accompany his recorded compositions. Both artists have an endearing presence alongside the whimsical video projections and lighting play and direct the six 'star children' chosen from the audience with empathy and grace. If you have young people in your life, do catch this performance as it tours widely.



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