



# ICARUS

By Benjamin Henson

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## WELCOME TO MYTHMAKERS!

***Icarus* is part of Auckland Theatre Company's Mythmakers series of touring plays. Mythmakers is a programme designed for students in year levels 3-8.**

Mythmakers brings old stories to life in surprising ways using drama, dance, music and song.

Mythmakers plays are created by playwrights, directors, designers and actors especially for students to see in their schools.

If this is your first-time watching a play, or you are a fan of live performance – Mythmakers is for you!

This student activity pack has been designed to help you and your teachers get the most out of the experience.

Your teachers will guide you through the different written and practical activities.

We hope you enjoy working on this pack as much as you enjoyed the show.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What did you think of *Icarus*?

Write a review of the play and send it to us.

Tell us about your favourite part of the play and why it stood out for you:

Was it the way the actors played their characters, the props they used, the songs they sang or the story they told?

Or was it a part when someone from the audience joined in?

How would you describe the show to a friend?

Is there anything else you are still wondering about *Icarus*? Ask us!

Send your reviews and questions to [lynne@atc.co.nz](mailto:lynne@atc.co.nz)

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## BEFORE YOU SEE *ICARUS*

### EXPECTATIONS

Imagine you have a friend from another class who is coming to see *Icarus* with you. They've never been to a live performance before and they ask your advice. **What do you tell them?**

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### PREDICTIONS

**Describe or draw a picture to show what you expect to see in the performance.**

A large whiteboard with a dark grey wooden frame. The whiteboard is empty, with a white marker resting on the bottom right edge of the frame.

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## **QUESTIONS**

**Note down any questions you'd like to ask the performers after the show.**

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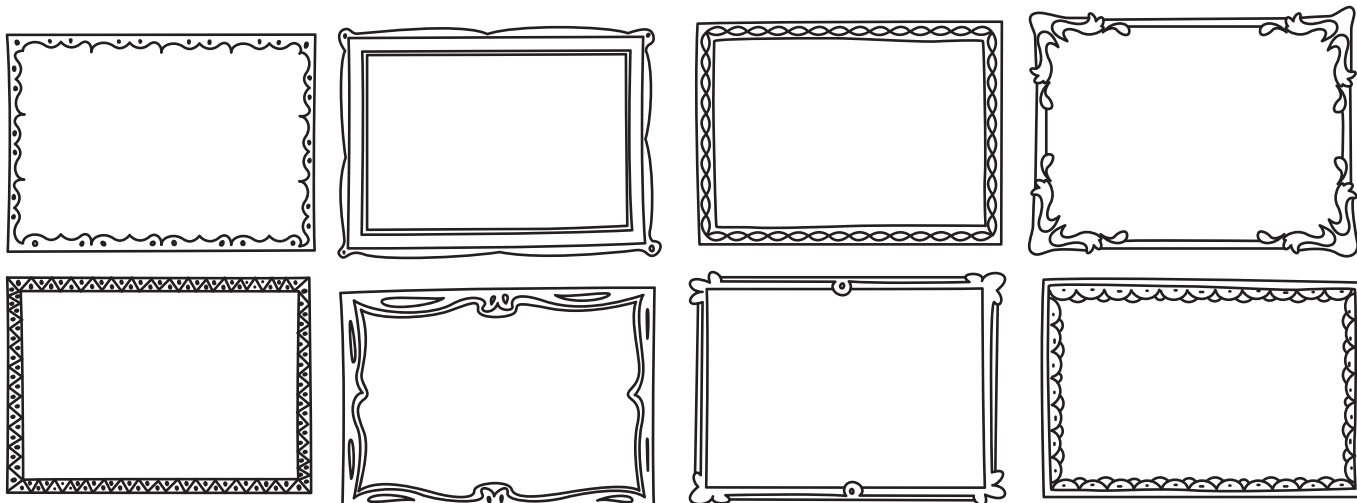
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## BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

Write down the names of the main characters in *Icarus*.



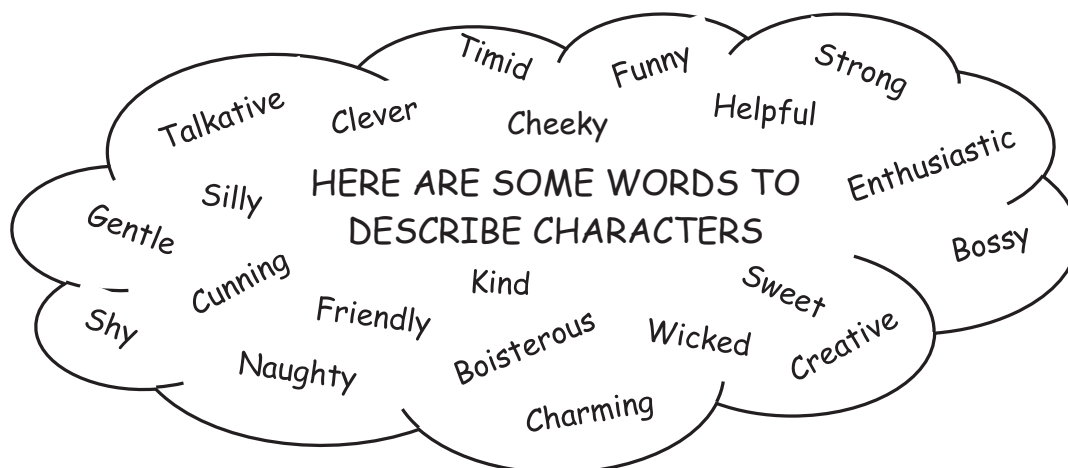
Who was your favourite character?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Why?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Circle the word or words you think best describes them



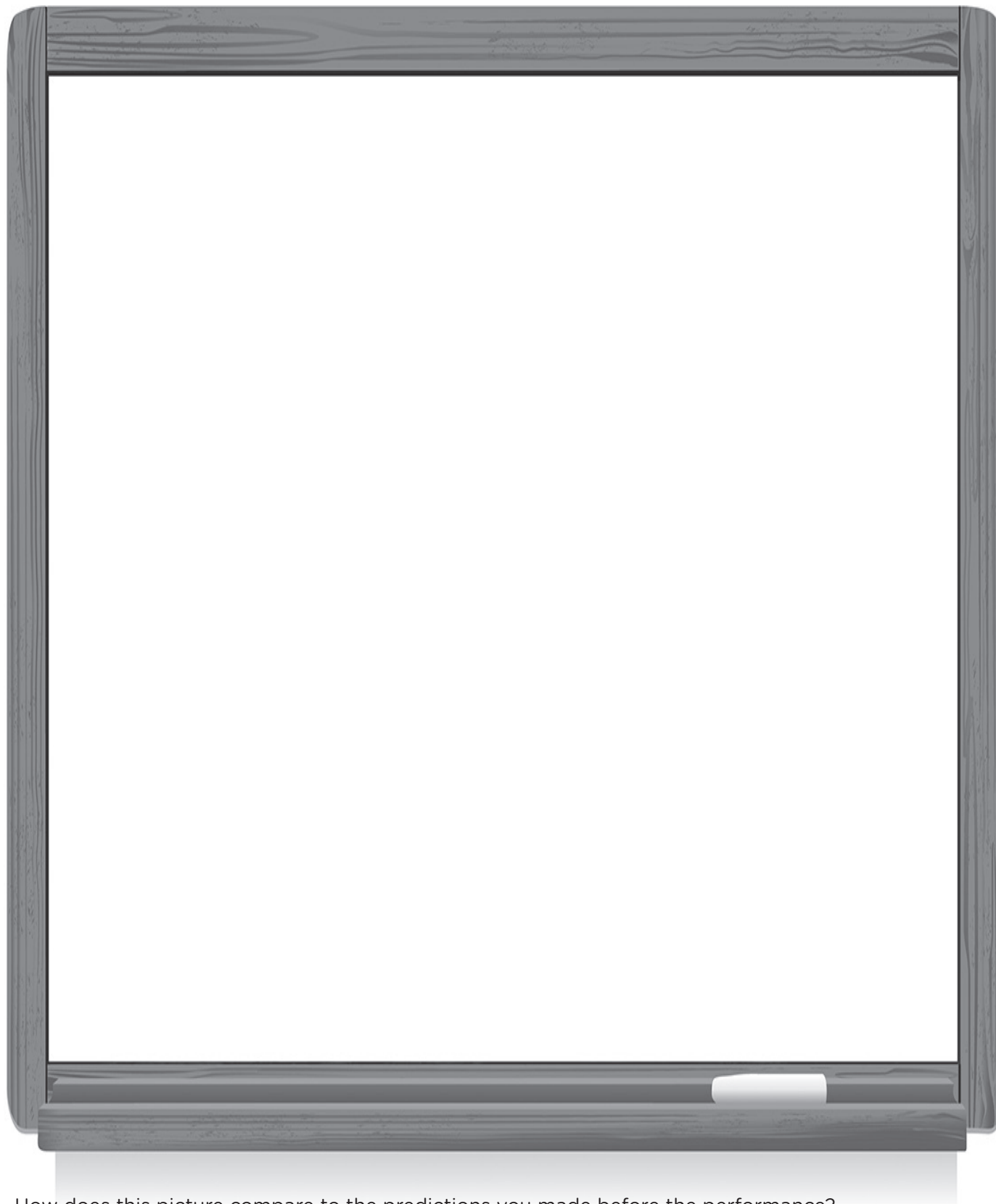
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What was your favourite scene in *Icarus*? **Draw what you saw.**



How does this picture compare to the predictions you made before the performance?



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Here are some photos of key moments of the *Icarus* performance. **Match each photo with the headline that shows what is happening.** Can you write an even better headline?



A STATUE OF  
DAEDALUS

OFF TO  
NAUGHTY CAMP



TEACHER STOPS  
THE STORY

ICARUS ENTERS  
THE LABYRINTH

ICARUS FLIES



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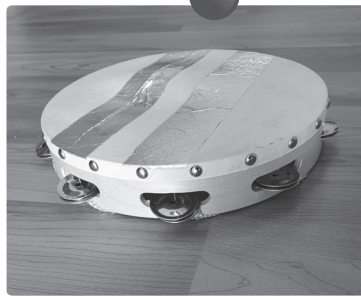
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## PLAYING WITH PROPS

The performers in *Icarus* used simple things like buckets and pieces of cloth to make meaning in the performance. Can you remember what else they used? Check the photos below for some reminders. Work with a partner, or your whole class to name each object and note how it was used.



**I see:**



**I see:**



**I see:**



**I see:**



**I see:**



**I see:**

**Ask your teacher about other activities you can do in your class related to *Icarus*!**



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Commissioned by Auckland Theatre Company, 2018

## CREATIVE

Director — BENJAMIN HENSON

Designer — RUBY READ

Dramaturg — LYNNE CARDY

## CAST

Icky/Icarus — DOUG GRANT

Wu/Daedalus/Soldier — JASON WU

Grace/Teacher/Athena — GRACE BENTLEY-TSIBUAH

Celeste/Citizen of Athens/Soldier — CELESTE DE FRIETAS

Bella/King Minos — BELLA ROBERTSON

## PRODUCTION

Props and Wardrobe Supervisor — HOLLY MEYERS

Stage Manager — ANNA BENNINGTON

Voice Coach — CHERIE MOORE

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