

EARLY YEARS EDUCATORS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH IMAGINATE & STARCATCHERS

Using play to extend the theatre experience

North Edinburgh Arts Centre

Friday 14th May

10 am – 1.30 pm (lunch included)

In this workshop participants will have the opportunity to see *Woodbeat*, a performance for children aged 2-4, at the Imagine Festival, and explore ways of supporting young children's play in response to seeing a live performance. The workshop will be run by Sacha Kyle, Starcatchers Artist in Residence with Arts and Theatre Trust, Fife. Sacha has studied both theatre and play therapy and in her residency is creating a variety of performances and creative opportunities for children aged 0 to 4.

Starcatchers specialises in the creation and exploration of theatre performances for very young children aged from birth to 4 years. Find out more about the project at the website: www.starcatchers.org.uk

Programme components:

- ✓ See a performance
- ✓ Take part in creative workshops related to the performance
- ✓ Explore opportunities for cross-curricular work
- ✓ Share good practice with other early years educators and artists

Learning Outcomes:

The learning outcomes below link with the *Curriculum for Excellence Expressive Arts Outcomes and Experiences*:

- ✓ use drama games and play to explore real and imaginary situations
- ✓ Support pupils to express their own thoughts, feelings and opinions with confidence
- ✓ Develop relationships with professional arts companies, artists and cultural organisations
- ✓ Nurture personal and pupils' creative and aesthetic talents
- ✓ Be inspired by world class theatre performances

Further information and booking:

For further information please contact Lissa Lorenzo, Learning Coordinator at Imagine: learning@imagine.org.uk or by phone 0131 225 8050.

To book your place simply complete the attached form and return to Lissa Lorenzo, Learning Coordinator, 45a George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2HT or by Fax 0131 225 6440.

We look forward to welcoming you to Imagine very soon.

ABOUT IMAGINATE

Imagine is an arts agency that promotes and develops the performing arts for children and young people in Scotland. It is our aim that Scottish children and young people, aged up to 18, have regular access to a diverse range of high quality, performing arts activity, from home and abroad, that will entertain, enrich, teach and inspire them. Imagine is passionate in its belief that in working with the performing arts, schools can help meet the aspirations of the Curriculum for Excellence, enabling all young people in Scotland to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

The Bank of Scotland Imagine Festival takes place in Edinburgh in May and June each year. As the largest and most successful performing arts festival for children and young people in the UK, the Festival is a unique opportunity for school children and their teachers; families and industry professionals to see the best children's theatre the world has to offer.