



Wesfarmers Arts

SYNOPSIS & CASTLIST

Executive Director Carolyn Chard AM
Artistic Director Chris van Tuinen

OUR LITTLE INVENTOR

1, 2 October 2022

His Majesty's Theatre

Composer and co-librettist Emma Jayakumar

Original Author and co-librettist Sher Rill Ng

Conductor Kate McNamara

Director Matt Reuben James Ward

Set & Costume Designer Matt McVeigh

Lighting Designer Kristie Smith

Sound Designer Jeremy Turner

Choreographer Scott Elstermann

Digital Content Creator Roly Skender

Children's Chorus Master Perry Joyce

Children's Chorus Master Katie How

Repetiteur Adrian Soares

Nell Grace Chow

Mum / Lao Shi Yann Kee

Mama / Aunt Myra Xiaoja Zhang

Mrs Livingston Li Rachele Durkin

The Mayor Brett Peart

Di di Jordan Scott

Chet Liam Fitzpatrick

Declan Harris Goh

Hani Harriett Dawson

Aunt Myra's Son Hao Chen-Zhang

Councilmen Joshua White, Thomas Lovegrove,
Caleb Rochester, Rigby Barnes

Cast correct at time of publication but may be subject to amendment.

WEST AUSTRALIAN YOUNG VOICES
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Duration 60 minutes.

Sung in English with English surtitles.

Inspired by the book 'Our Little Inventor' by Sher Rill Ng

In association with AWESOME Festival, West Australian Young Voices and Western Australian Youth Orchestra

SYNOPSIS

In a small village, children sing about the little inventor Nell. That morning, she announces to her family, "My invention is ready!" After some hesitation from her Mum, Mama and Di di, she sets off for the Big City to help clean their polluted air.

The City is smoggy and bustling. Overwhelmed, Nell collides with Chet, Hani and Declan, but she is too shy to talk to them. Along the way, she helps a young boy struggling to breathe by using her invention. Astonished, she is urged to see the city's Mayor by the shopkeeper, Myra.

Nell arrives at the City Council House where she meets Mrs Livingston Li. Though reluctant at first, Mrs Li defies all protocol and allows Nell to speak directly with the Mayor.

The Councilmen are irked by this interruption, and Nell is loudly rebuked and dismissed before she has a chance to talk. She runs from the chamber in great distress, as Mrs Li scolds the men for their behaviour and resigns in disgust.

Nell arrives home. Her family, seeing her dejection, offer her comfort and Nell gains confidence from their words of wisdom. A letter arrives from the city – Mrs Li has a request for Nell and her invention. Nell gets to work making a bigger and better machine. Once complete, she leads everyone back to the Big City.

At the City Council House, Nell finds herself in the midst of a rally. The Mayor is being drowned out by the crowd as they plead for clean air. Mrs Li calls Nell forward. This is her chance to show the world her invention. As she activates it, the citizens take off their masks and exclaim in joy. Nell stands proudly on the steps, with her family and friends, as they celebrate their Little Inventor.

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