

# We're back! Our 2021 Festival is going VIRTUAL!



The Ottawa Children's Festival de la jeunesse has missed you! We can't wait until the day we can welcome you to our Festival again! Your safety, however, is of the utmost importance to us so, for June 2021, we will have to meet virtually. OCF has chosen three productions from nationally and internationally renowned artists for you to view and enjoy with your children and students from the comfort of your homes or classrooms.

The OCF Family

**"We can't wait to see you again to share the heart-to-heart, face-to-face experience that is theatre! Stay safe, stay well, and stay tuned for our Festival updates."** - Catherine O'Grady, OCF Artistic Producer

# OCF's FREE June 2021 Virtual Performances!

Every year the Ottawa Children's Festival de la jeunesse searches out interesting and thought-provoking performances to entertain and educate audiences young and old. This year is no different. We have found three astounding productions that will excite and amaze you.

Activities and educational resources are available for teachers and parents to enhance the experience of our shows and special performances.

## Take a Peek!

Are you curious about what we have in store for you at our Virtual Festival? Have a peek below at the performances you can see with your family or students!



### **Cyclo (Non Verbal)**

#### **Compañía Aranwa and Comedia Köln Theater, Chile and Germany**

Cyclo is a celebration of the cycles of life. This festive production combines music, dance and instruments from Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile to create a captivating performance for young children.

(Click [HERE](#) to Learn More About CYCLO!)



**The Snail and the Whale (English)**  
**Tall Stories Theatre Company, London, UK**

Join an intrepid young adventurer and her seafaring father as they reimagine the story of a tiny snail's trip around the world. This performance of the Snail and the Whale is inspired by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's much-loved picture book. (Click [HERE](#) to Learn More About The Snail and the Whale!)



**Old Man and the River (Non Verbal)**  
**WeeFestival Productions Canada**

The Old Man and the River tells the tale of a grumpy old man who lives in his little house in the woods by the river. His mundane life is shaken up when a magical creature leaps into his world and changes everything for him! (Click [HERE](#) to Learn More About Old Man and the River!)



## \*\*\* EDUCATORS PLEASE NOTE! \*\*\*

In addition to the free programming, we have English language educational resource packages and activities for all shows (there is a French resource package for Old Man and the River). We can also share instructions with you on how to create a “Watch Party” with your students using Google Meet!

## Join in the #OCF2021 Virtual Scavenger Hunt!



The Ottawa Children’s Festival de la jeunesse wants you to enjoy your time during this year’s Festival! The Festival has created a Virtual Scavenger Hunt. Audiences must watch all three shows (Cyclo, The Snail and the Whale and Old Man and the River), available from June 2-7, to find the answers. Visit our website and follow us on our social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)) for further contest details.



## Our Website is Getting a Fresh New Look!

We apologize in advance for our website not looking like itself. We decided it was time to give our website an update! These changes will be happening within the coming weeks. We ask you to please excuse the mess as we strive to bring you a fresh new look and feel to our website. Up to date information on our 2021 Virtual Festival (June 2-7) is available at [ottawachildrensfestival.ca](http://ottawachildrensfestival.ca), and please get in touch if you need more information ([contact@ottawachildrensfestival.ca](mailto:contact@ottawachildrensfestival.ca)). Take a look now to see the outstanding programming and special events we have in store for you!

# Become a Sponsor of the Ottawa Children's Festival



We cannot put together a spectacular event without the help of our sponsors. As a not-for-profit organization, our sponsors assist us in bringing quality programming and the best in international theatre and performing arts to Ottawa.

Ensuring that all families have affordable access to quality live performing arts is only possible with the continued support of our generous sponsors. Companies that show support for our Festival will have visibility on our website, advertisements, media mentions and other marketing tools (depending on the level of sponsorship), these are key to establish positive impressions with our audience. Being involved with OCF gives an ideal medium to get your message to this prime target market.

To find out about the benefits of becoming a sponsor of the Ottawa Children's Festival, please contact our Sponsorship Manager James Richardson

at [james@ottawachildrensfestival.ca](mailto:james@ottawachildrensfestival.ca).

# Donate to the OCF!



The Ottawa Children's Festival aims to inspire the imagination of young people. In May 2020 the unimaginable happened: we had to cancel our Festival. In addition to the loss of income we've suffered, the many artists, production and technical staff, venue operators, etc., have had little to no income. We need your help to keep the arts alive in Ottawa!

As a charitable organization, donations and fundraising are a significant portion of our revenue. To continue to present the high calibre performances for young audiences you are accustomed to, we need your generosity more than ever.

This has been a challenging time for everyone. With so many events cancelled or free online many of you have spent less than your full entertainment budget? We ask you to consider donating that amount to the Festival to help us reach our \$40,000 goal. It's easy – click on the button below to donate today!