



TUE 9 – SUN 21 DEC 2025  
A LIVE THEATRE PRODUCTION



*Will have  
you squawking  
with laughter!*

Where do all the  
**KITTIWAKES**  
go at Christmas?  
A FESTIVE NEW PLAY FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Live Theatre,  
Broad Chare, Gosside,  
Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 3DQ

0191 232 1232  
[www.live.org.uk](http://www.live.org.uk)

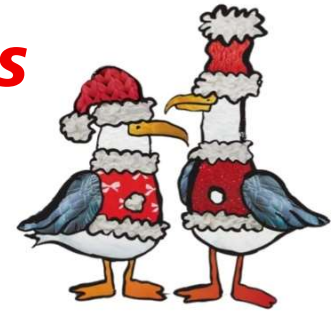


ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND



Community  
Foundation

# Where Do All The Kittiwakes Go At Christmas?



Squawk! Squawk Squawk Squaaaaaawk!  
(Translation: Welcome to Live Theatre!)

Squawk Squawk Cheep Cheep Squawk -Squawk SQUAWK Cheep  
Squawk!- Caw Caw

(Translation: We hope you enjoy this extremely birdy tale set in many different parts of the world -and even OUTSIDE of the world at one point - for the next hour.)

Squawk Squawk Squawk CAW CAW CAW CAW CAW!

(Translation: So please relax enjoy and WATCH OUT FOR ANY PLASTIC BAGS!)

SQUAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAWK!  
**So all aboard the Kittiwake Express!**



## Creative Team

Writer/Director: **Jack McNamara**

Cast: **Shannon McLean & Malcolm Shields**

Designer: **Amy Watts**

Production Manager: **Drummond Orr**

Lighting Designer: **Taylor Howie**

Sound Design: **Chris Prosho & Ivan Flores**

Stage Manager: **Chloe Meadows**

Dramaturgy & Creative Support:

**Becky Morris, Helen Green, Paul James & JD Stewart**

Live Tales facilitators: **Amy Foley & Michael Lockhart**

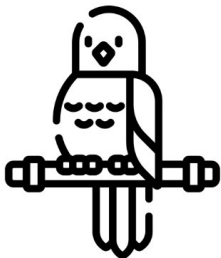


## **Shannon McLean – young kittiwake, lyrebird, turkey vulture, slender billed curlew and alien**

Shannon is a Newcastle-born performer and the owner of a thriving theatre school, where she inspires the next generation of young performers. She is delighted to be back home and working in Live Theatre once again.

Credits include: *Cinderella in A Crackin' Cinderella Story*, Webster's Theatre, *Mother for an Hour* (feature film), *Blue Jean* (BBC Films) and *The Wizard of Oz*, Tron Theatre.

**Favourite bird: Robin**



## **Malcolm Shields – Grandad Kittiwake**

Actor, dancer and choreographer Malcolm's theatre credits include *Present* (Live Theatre, Alphabetti Theatre), *One Off* (Live Theatre), *Floorboards* and *Trolley Boy* (Alphabetti Theatre), *Cinderella* (Citizen's Theatre), and *When The Boat Comes In* (Customs House). His choreography has been featured in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, *Six Characters Looking For An Author*, and *Couldn't Care Less*. On screen, Malcolm has appeared in *Outlander*, *We Hunt Together* and *Taggart*. Film includes *I Daniel Blake* and *Young Adam*.

**Favourite bird: Budgie (his childhood pet was called "Yella")**



## **Jack McNamara (AKA Feathers McFlapp) - writer & director**

Jack is an avid bird lover who occasionally directs plays. For children his past productions include *The Giant Jam Sandwich* (National Tour), *The Tiger's Bones* (Polka), *The Wolf The Duck and The Mouse* (Unicorn). He is Artistic Director of Live Theatre - a theatre that believes that children generally have way better ideas than adults.

**Favourite bird: Peregrine (because they are small, beautiful and deadly)**

## The making of *Where Do All The Kittiwakes Go At Christmas?*

Massive, giant thanks go to the following for their wild imaginations, creativity and energetic enthusiasm in sprinkling their ideas on this story:

**Cragside Primary, Dryden School, Edberts House, Pattinson House and Live Tales facilitators and volunteers.**

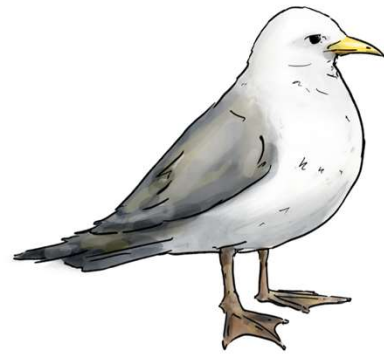


**Our little production is dedicated to the Slender Billed Curlew, declared officially extinct in 2024.**

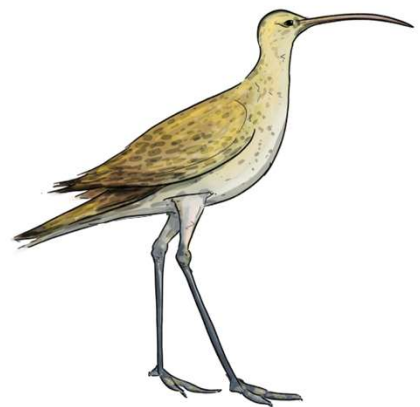


## Meet the Birds

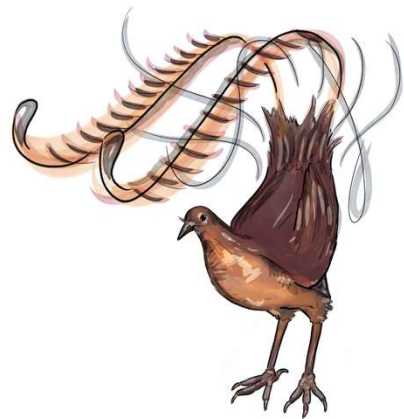
**Kittiwake** – a gentle-looking medium sized gull with a small yellow bill and a dark eye. They have a grey back with white underneath and long black legs. Spot them on the Baltic, around the Tyne Bridge and in the Toon but watch those pasties!!



**Slender billed Curlew** – a migratory shorebird and species of curlew formerly native to amongst other locations North Africa. Sadly the last of these beautiful birds was spotted in Morocco in 1995.



**Lyrebird** – a ground-dwelling strikingly beautiful Australian song-bird, able to copy lots of sounds including a baby crying, a car alarm, a camera shutter plus the birds around them.



**Turkey Vulture** – a super intelligent scavenger bird who keeps our environment clean! Has a bare red head like a wild turkey and are common in Canada and North and South America.



# MOMENT MAP



**0 MINS**

Two smelly birds enter  
through the audience



**10 MINS**

A loud clock  
sound



**11 MINS**

Dramatic flying  
music



**33 MINS**

A loud space sound



**25 MINS**

dramatic plastic  
bag music



**15 MINS**

Loud crying

If you enjoyed this production, please do the following (in this order)...

1. Clap extra loud
2. Join our e-newsletter at [www.live.org.uk](http://www.live.org.uk)
3. Put some (safe) bird food out this winter
4. Pester your parents to come to Live Theatre's next Christmas show



## What Did You Think?

After the show, please take a couple of minutes to complete a feedback card or email [feedback@live.org.uk](mailto:feedback@live.org.uk) or join in the conversation on social media using #Kittiwakes.

