



# Young People's Puppet Theatre

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## YPPT is sponsored by Brilliant Stages!

What do Robbie Williams, Lady Gaga, Cirque du Soleil and the Young People's Puppet Theatre have in common? Answer: their stage builders. As we set up for the *Soldier's Tale* performances, we are delighted to announce that the new stage has been designed and built by Brilliant Stages, a company with a long-established reputation for delivering complex, custom set design and fabrication projects within the touring and cruise ship industry. Their client list includes highly acclaimed artists such as The Rolling Stones, U2, MUSE, Take That, Lady Gaga, ACDC, One Direction and Pink, and the company can put its name to many iconic stages including the giant animated 'OM' man at the centre of Take That's Progress Tour, the central spire to the legendary set for U2's 360 tour and ACDC's rock n roll train which came crashing onto the stage for their Black Ice Tour. More information about Brilliant Stages can be found at [www.brilliantstages.com](http://www.brilliantstages.com). As well as working with the YPPT, Brilliant Stages and the group of companies to which it belongs sponsor Backstage Academy, which offers degree courses, short courses and bespoke training programmes for young students, established professionals and community groups in all areas of backstage work. Its students have gone on to work with high-profile events such as the Jay Z world tour, the Winter Olympics and the Glastonbury festival.



### Aboyne Lodge visit Brilliant Stages

As part of their work with YPPT, Brilliant Stages and Backstage Academy recently hosted Aboyne Lodge's Y6 class for a visit. The class learned about the various careers for which Backstage Academy offers training, and were shown the stage design process from start to finish, using Brilliant Stages' recent work for the One Direction tour as an example. They also toured the workshops and practised putting up and taking down their own stage.



Aboyne Lodge pupils meet Ben and Tony from Backstage Academy and Brilliant Stages

### Soldier's Tale – happening now!

Don't forget! *Soldier's Tale* performances:  
7pm, 17<sup>th</sup> April, Purcell School, Bushey  
7.30pm, 20<sup>th</sup> April, Jacksons Lane, Highgate  
7.30pm, 21<sup>st</sup> April, Maltings Arts Theatre, St Albans  
Ticket information at [yppt.org.uk/upcoming-events](http://yppt.org.uk/upcoming-events)  
Don't miss out!