

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL: THE HOUSE OF DREAMING AT MTC

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Meetoo: Review by Maureen and Izzy

Izzy and I went along to the opening of The House of Dreaming last night, which is on at the MTC until Saturday as part of the Melbourne International Arts Festival.

Izzy loved it and I did too. Izzy chose the bunny hat and cape and waited patiently for our turn to go in. Only three people at a time are allowed entry which is great as it gives you the space to totally immerse yourself in the story.

My favourite part was the room with the four poster bed. A lady answers the door and lets you in – as you sit on the bed she tells you the story of the people who used to live in the house, then she shows you the secret climb-through hole behind the bed head which you climb through to get to the next room. For me, that room really set the scene for the rest of the magical journey.

Izzy loved the upside down room most. She thought it was hilarious to stand on the light fixture on the ‘ceiling’ and look up at the table and chair above us on the ‘floor’.

Izzy turns five next month, and as there is so much to take in and listen to to really grasp the story, I don’t think younger children would really ‘get’ it – that said, three-year olds would definitely love the dress ups, climbing through little doors and holes and all the other fun that’s to be had.

It’s fun for adults too – unless you have an aversion to small spaces and aren’t prepared to get down on your hands and knees to climb through tiny doors.

