

the hurt monster

AN ORIGINAL PUPPET THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Presented by

The Dusty & Dott Company

Concept & Script by Layne Kunce

Supported by the Jim Henson Foundation

with Engineering by Think Variant

Producer Sponsorship Packet

A Letter to Our Partners

Dear Friend,

We are writing to invite you to become a founding partner of The Hurt Monster — an original puppet theatre experience about big feelings, brave stories, and the quiet courage it takes to help one another.

The Hurt Monster is the next original production from The Dusty & Dott Company — producers of PBS's Reading Buddies, which received three New York State Emmy nominations. Supported by the Jim Henson Foundation through their prestigious Family Grant and built with cutting-edge puppeteering technology from engineering firm Think Variant, this premiere represents both artistic excellence and community investment.

The world premiere takes place in Fall 2026 at Redhouse Arts Center in Syracuse, New York — a home for inclusive, community-rooted theatre. This is a rare opportunity to help bring an original story of healing and connection to life on stage.

We are currently seeking presenting partners, co-producers, and early supporters. Your investment not only makes this premiere possible — it helps sustain the show's future life and reach.

We would be honored to welcome you into the world of The Hurt Monster.

With gratitude,

Andrea Dotto & Brendan Malafrente

The Dusty & Dott Company

"When the stars vanish, the story begins."

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The Story

When the stars vanish from the sky, young Kiya encounters a legendary creature, The Hurt Monster, who may hold the key to restoring them. The journey becomes a gentle metaphor for resilience, empathy, and emotional growth.

This is not a children's show that talks down to children. It is a show that meets them exactly where they are. In a time when many children are navigating anxiety, loneliness, and disconnection, The Hurt Monster creates space for those feelings to be seen, named, and shared.

What Children Explore Through the Show

- Curiosity instead of fear
- Naming feelings rather than hiding them
- Understanding that no one is ever truly alone
- Companionship in place of isolation
- The quiet power of helping someone else
- Transformation, rather than suppression

World Premiere — Fall 2026

The Hurt Monster makes contact at Redhouse Arts Center this Fall, with a full slate of events designed to uplift children, families, and the entire Central New York community.

Premiere Events

- Four unique live events
- Imagination Stations with hands-on interactive programming
- Three chances to catch the world premiere performance
- A behind-the-scenes talkback with puppeteers and the engineering team from Think Variant.



Partnership Opportunities

The Hurt Monster is made possible by individuals, families, and organizations who believe in the power of storytelling, puppetry, and social-emotional learning. Explore the tiers below to see how you can become part of the community behind the show.

COMMUNITY CIRCLE \$25 – \$500	RECOGNITION Digital acknowledgment from the artists	BENEFITS Digital thank-you · Early project updates & behind-the-scenes glimpses
FRIEND OF THE MONSTER \$500 – \$1,000	RECOGNITION Name listed on project website	BENEFITS Two tickets to any performance
CREATIVE CHAMPION \$1,000 – \$4,000	RECOGNITION Logo on posters, production programs, lobby signage, and website	BENEFITS Ten tickets to any performance · Full-page program acknowledgment
LEGEND BUILDER \$4,000 – \$10,000	RECOGNITION Logo on posters, programs, signage & website · Recognition in all audience emails, media releases & social media	BENEFITS Twenty tickets · Cover or center-spread program recognition

We'd love to hear from you. Whether you're ready to commit or simply want to learn more, reach out and let's start a conversation!

Packed with care & curiosity,

Andrea (Dott) + Brendan

Co-Founders of The Dusty & Dott Company

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Producer Commitment Form

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Redhouse Arts Center, Syracuse, NY

ORGANIZATION / PARTNER INFORMATION

Organization / Company Name

Primary Contact Name & Title

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Website Address (for logo link)

PAYMENT METHOD

- Check enclosed — payable to **The Dusty & Dott Company**
- Online — via thehurtmonster.com donation portal
- Invoice Requested

Logo Submission: Please email your high-resolution logo (PNG or EPS preferred) along with this completed form.

Sponsorship is confirmed upon receipt of payment.

Return completed form to: dustyanddott@gmail.com • The Dusty & Dott Company, Central New York