# Barnekonvensjoner en julefortelling

7th-10th of December, 2023



Kristiania

#### Who is responsible for a child's wellbeing?

#### What should a child decide for themselves?

What makes a good family?

Who knows what a child needs?

What's the cost of caring for others?

And how does this affect the way you think we should do child welfare?

Emma (5) is found under a table at a Christmas party that has gone out of control. "Child Conventions - A Christmas Story" is a story about child welfare, about Emma, about everyone who loves her, who tries to help her, help each other, and help themselves.

How can theater and design be used to shape public services? Throughout this fall, we - students, researchers, and teachers at The Oslo School of Architecture and Design and Kristiania University College - have explored how theater and design can be used to open up new perspectives and conversations about how the child welfare system is, and could be. In the process, we have worked closely with nearly 100 people who have experience as children, parents, foster parents, and workers in the child welfare system.

The performance you are about to see is the result of this work. The research does not try to provide answers on how the child welfare system is, or should be. Based on insights from the project, however, we pose some open questions about how people view children, families, care, and expertise, and how this shapes the way we protect our children.

# Graduation performance for these bachelor students in acting at Kristiania (2021-2024)









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## Production

Project lead: Audun Formo Hay Director: Simen Formo Hay Production team: Nadia Marie Kummeneje, Mats Bergström, Leen Echelpoels, Simon Mørland and Jenny Skoland Teachers design: Josina Vink, Abel Crawford, Andreas Wettre, Jonathan Romm Portrait pictures: Hilde Finnseth

## Check out other plays at Kristiania

#### December 14th - 18th, 2023

**Graduation Performance #2, Bachelor in Acting** ØDE by Johannes W. Kramhøft Director: Trine Wiggen

#### December 15th & 17th, 2023

#### Christmas concert BEFORE WE ARE HEADING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

With all students at Bachelor in Musical Theatre

#### Week 3 (2024)

#### Bachelor Productions, Bachelor in Dance

By and with graduating students specializing in Jazz Dance and Contemporary Dance

#### Week 10 (2024)

#### Graduation Performance, Bachelor in Musical Theatre

RENT by Jonathan Larson Director: Erlend Samnøen

#### Week 19 (2024)

#### Bachelor Productions, Bachelor in Acting

By and with graduating students specializing in devising theatre

#### Weeks 23/24 (2024)

#### Graduation Performance, Bachelor in Dance

Featuring graduating students specializing in Jazz Dance and Contemporary Dance

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