



TRYPS Children's Theater

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THE SELFISH GIANT



**A musical adaptation based on the marvelous and touching short story by
Oscar Wilde**

**Chosen as a finalist for the
2002 New Visions / New Voices Festival**

The Selfish Giant has a beautiful garden. It is cared for by the tender-hearted Tree, who invites all the local children to come and play. When the Giant returns from his visit to the Cornish Ogre, he is outraged to find his garden overrun with unwelcome, uninvited children. He bans the children from the garden and puts up a notice board warning that trespassers will be prosecuted. His cold nature attracts North Wind, Snow, Hail, and Frost. These outrageous characters take up residence in the garden and bring permanent winter with them.

Only when a child, a very special child, comes to the garden does the Giant the error of his ways. He learns to see the joy in sharing and opens his garden and his heart to the children.