



Creative Engagement for Schools

2022-23
Programme

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Who We Are and What We Do

Norwich Puppet Theatre is a unique venue for puppetry, situated in the medieval church of St James. Our organisation has a 40+ year history and a commitment to providing magical theatrical experiences and creative skills sessions for everyone through high quality puppet shows and workshops.

Our work provides a creative context which facilitates meaningful, relevant, exciting and inspiring learning opportunities.

Workshops

Our experienced Creative Learning Team devise and lead puppet making and performance workshops. See workshop information on pages 6-9.

Shows

Our productions aim to engage and inspire young hearts and minds. See our current repertoire on pages 12 - 15.



Why Puppetry

Intrinsically playful, creative and open ended, puppetry provides immense and diverse opportunities to share, learn and develop. Puppets are valuable tools in personal, social and cultural communication and development. Puppetry can provide a safe medium through which to explore complex issues and topics.

We passionately believe in the use and power of puppetry and storytelling as meaningful creative learning tools. We also recognise their wider importance as vehicles which support emotional development and empathy.

Visiting the Theatre

If your group visits the Theatre, you will either be in our Main Theatre or Octagon Studio.

We present shows and workshops in both spaces. If you have any pupils who would benefit from familiarisation with the space before your visit, please ask for our Visual Story.

We can only fit 60 pupils in the Theatre for a workshop at any one time. If you are bringing a bigger group, we encourage a shared trip between ourselves and Norwich Cathedral, which is just up the road. The group can be split and swop over half way through the day.

We are happy for your group to eat lunch in our foyer, or outside on our picnic benches if it is a nice day, although this is also dependent on numbers in your group.



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Getting Here

Norwich Puppet Theatre is a few minutes walk from Norwich Cathedral and Anglia Square shopping centre, next to the Barrack Street/Whitefriars roundabout.

Coaches can usually drop pupils off on Whitefriars outside of the Barclays Bank, and mini buses can fit into our car park.



Show & Tells

These interactive, informative and inspirational talks are a great introduction to the wonderful world of puppets and puppetry. Participants learn about puppet types, construction and mechanisms, materials and design and the history and applications of puppetry. Get hands-on experience of manipulating professional puppets from our collection and learn what it is like to be a puppeteer.

Sessions can be tailored to focus in more detail on different aspects of this multifaceted art form. If you visit us here at the Theatre for your Show and Tell session, you will also get the chance to see behind the scenes of a real working theatre with a brief tour.



Cost

90 minute session

- £180 for up to 30
- +VAT and travel if out of the Theatre

KS1 – KS5

Bespoke

If you can't see something in this programme which fits what you have in mind, don't worry! Our experienced Creative Learning Team would be happy to have a conversation with you and if we can't help with your puppetry needs, we often know someone who can.

Some examples of previous bespoke activities include:

- Working with secondary school children to make large scale puppets for their school show.
- Collaborating on funded arts projects over a whole school term.
- Q&A sessions with performers for GCSE Drama students.
- Facilitating related arts activities such as mask making, performance workshops and advanced design.

Artsmark

Artsmark is the creative quality standard for schools and education settings, awarded by Arts Council England, recognising their commitment to high quality arts and cultural education. Norwich Puppet Theatre is proud to be supporting schools and education settings on their Artsmark journey, inspiring children and young people to create, experience, and participate in great arts and culture. All of our activities can support education settings who are working towards, or currently hold an Artsmark Award.



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SEND

We can adapt our workshops to suit groups with additional needs, and try to accommodate smaller groups as best we can. Please get in touch with us to find out how we can work together. We have visual stories available to prepare for visits to the Theatre and for specific shows, too.

“My favourite part was when we all got together and performed our plays... we all tried our best” - Paige, Ludham Primary



Puppet Making

Makers apply their practical skills, creativity and perseverance to solve problems and build unique puppets that they can feel proud of. These confidence boosting puppet creations can then be used independently or in collaboration to animate imaginations, retell stories and explore emotions. Our workshops can be tailored to any school topic or theme and used to support learning across the curriculum.

Make

Two hour puppet making workshop. Guided and supported by our workshop leader, each maker will:

- Achieve in creating their own puppet
- Follow step by step instructions to make a basic puppet structure
- Choose from our vast array of different decorating materials to add details and costume
- By adapting, evaluating and communicating with others, realise their creative ambitions
- Learn how to manipulate their puppet



Make & Play

This option for a whole day workshop focuses on making and performance elements. During this workshop participants will:

- Create characters in a whole class two hour puppet making session
- Gain more in-depth knowledge and understanding of puppet manipulation
- Explore emotions through stories
- Plan a show
- Experience practical performance skills
- Apply knowledge and skills to create a collaborative performance in small groups and share creations with others

Design & Make

These whole day workshops can either focus on individuals designing and developing their own puppet, or on group work to design and make everything needed for a show.

During a design focused workshop participants will:

- Carefully consider and plan their puppet character in 2D
- Explore and analyse the effect material choices have upon design
- Use their knowledge of materials to plan their 3D puppet construction
- Create a puppet by applying their knowledge and practical skills
- Learn how to manipulate their puppet
- Evaluate their puppet against their initial design

During a show focused workshop participants will:

- Plan the story and assign story characters to each maker
- Create individual characters in a whole class two hour puppet making session
- Collaborate in making props and a setting for their story
- Learn how the created elements work together in a show

Design Make Play

A more in depth two day workshop during which participants will:

- Create everything they need to make their own puppet show
- Be supported through the rehearsal and performance process
- Give peer support and feedback
- Share and celebrate creations with others



Shadow Play

Shadow puppetry supports the development of scientific investigation skills and understanding of light and dark. Shadow is also a great creative tool for storytelling and explanation of concepts, making it a rich context for cross-curricular learning.

Explore & Make

During this two hour shadow puppetry session, participants will:

- Investigate light dark and shadows and how they behave
- Explore the properties of different materials in relation to light
- Apply knowledge to create shadow puppets
- Share their findings and creations with the rest of the group



Explore Make Play

As well as all of the elements of Explore and Make, during this whole day workshop participants will collaborate in small groups to:

- Devise and develop stories
- Apply their knowledge and skills to create shadow scenes
- Analyse and evaluate the effectiveness of their work
- Experience and understand practical puppet manipulation skills
- Apply their knowledge to create short performances
- Share and celebrate their work with others



Key Workshops Information

This information applies to both our puppet making and shadow workshops.

- One workshop leader can work with up to 30 participants
- We bring all equipment and materials with us
- Each participant needs their own workspace - a classroom is ideal
- We need extra surface space to lay out our materials and to set up a glue gun station (near to power)
- We need 1 hour to set up and up to 30 minutes to pack away
- We ask for support from staff throughout the session
- Shadow puppetry workshops require a space which can be made dark

Workshop Prices

Two hour workshop

- £270 for a class of up to 30
- £360 for two classes of up to 30 (in two consecutive sessions)
- £440 for two classes of up to 30 (in two simultaneous sessions)

Whole day workshop

- £360 for a class of up to 30
- £700 for two classes of up to 30

Two day workshop

- £700 for a class of up to 30

All prices +VAT and travel if out of the Theatre

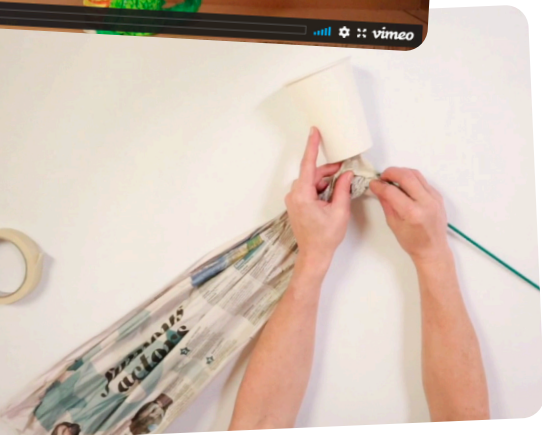
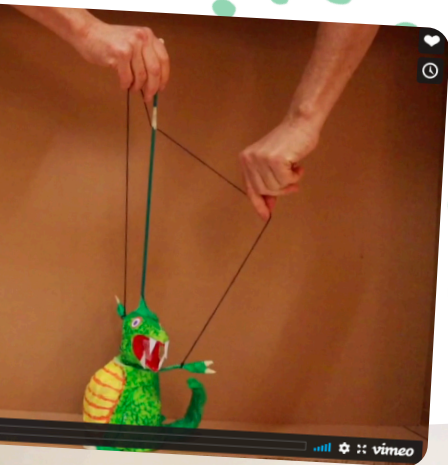


“I have learned how to work better in a group and how to get puppets to move... I also learned that when you try something for the first time it will not always work, but you need to keep trying.” - Reuben, Ludham Primary

Digital Schools Offer

Each programme includes online videos and downloadable worksheets to help complete a puppetry-based project.

We can either provide materials for these workshops for an additional fee, or you can source your own. Many require recycled materials which you can ask your pupils to collect from home.



Rod-Marionette Puppet Making

Create individual puppet characters with your class, with the help of our professional workshop team.

This package includes:

- A step by step guide for making rod marionette puppets
- Tips for performing with your puppets
- Design and evaluation worksheets
- Support from our Creative Engagement team throughout the half term, including advice and ideas for how to use our resources

Optional Extras (additional costs apply):

- A pack of materials for a class of 30 to make the basic puppet shape
- We can also loan our box of decorating materials – this offer is only available to schools in Norwich and the immediately surrounding area

Introduction to Shadow Puppetry

An introduction to the wonderful art form of shadow puppetry. Learn the science behind shadows and make your own shadow puppets with the help of our professional puppeteer and workshop leader Zannie.

This package includes:

- Worksheets, including activity ideas and suggested materials lists
- Support from our Creative Engagement team throughout the half term, including advice and ideas for how to use our resources

Introduction to shadow puppetry videos:

- Exploration of material properties
- Tips for creating your own shadow landscapes
- A guide to making your own shadow puppets

Optional Extras (additional costs apply):

- A ready-made pack of recycled materials to make shadow puppets and shadow scenes with
- Loan of our torches and shadow screens (enough for a class of 30 to share in small groups)

Digital Workshop Prices

Access to each programme for a half term

- £30

Additional materials packs

- Basic £30
- Decorating £55
- + £5 postage if outside Norwich



Shows

Our productions aim to engage and inspire young hearts and minds.

Our puppet shows are especially devised for children and families by a team of creative professionals including; directors, puppeteers, writers, musicians, animators and early years specialists.

You can access our shows and workshops by booking a magical visit to Norwich Puppet Theatre or a tour date at your school. We tour to schools across East Anglia and to venues nationally, sharing the enjoyment, wonder and curiosity that quality theatre can bring.

All our productions have accompanying education packs which are full of ideas for activities around seeing the show.

“So far my favourite school trip was the Puppet Theatre!”

- Ida, Aldborough Primary School

Shows

EYFS +

Coming Soon

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Available from Spring 2023

A retelling of Shakespeare's comedy for ages 6+

Christmas Production

School performances at Norwich Puppet Theatre 12-16 December 2022

More information coming very soon!



Practical information about our shows

- Space needed 4m x 4m x 2.5m height
- Full blackout is preferred as we bring stage lighting
- We require access to the performance space 2 hours before the show to set up and for up to 1 hour afterwards to clear away.
- Our performances do not have intervals

Pied Piper

When the Pied Piper plays his flute the rats run, the greedy mayor rubs his hands and the children dance...

Norwich Puppet Theatre's humorous and irresistible one person show combines a skilful mix of puppetry, foot-tapping music and storytelling and will have audiences young and old entranced.

🎭 Poetry, Honesty, Music

We also have a digital workshop programme to accompany a performance of Pied Piper. Please enquire for more information.

“It was a very interesting show. It was funny and serious at the same time.” - Class 5B, Avenue Road



Shows

KS1 | KS2



Show Information

- Please enquire for availability
- Ages 3+
- Max audience 100 at your school or venue, or 50 at the Theatre
- Running time 50 mins
- Performed by one puppeteer

Cost

At your school or venue

- £325 +VAT for 1 show
- £525 +VAT for 2 shows

At the Theatre

- £350 for up to 50

Thumbelina

There was once a little girl so small she could float on a lily pad and ride on the back of a dragonfly...Hans Christian Andersen's tale of a girl no bigger than a thumb and her encounters with a frog, mouse, mole and swallow, is played gently amongst gardening tools, leading her to ultimate happiness in the kingdom of flowers.

🎓 Traditional Stories, Seasons, Feminism



"I loved the fish it looked like magic."

- Joshua, Arden Grove

Show Information

- Please enquire for availability
- Ages 2+
- Max audience 100 at your school or venue, or 50 at the Theatre
- Running time 45 mins
- Performed by one puppeteer

Cost

At your school or venue

- £325 +VAT for 1 show
- £525 +VAT for 2 shows

At the Theatre

- £350 for up to 50 people

Jina and the STEM Sisters

Presented by HMDT Music for a special one-off performance date

Join budding scientist Jina on her adventure home, empowered by some of history's super-STEM women. Digital-coder Ada Lovelace, glamorous inventor Hedy Lamarr, 'radiating' Marie Curie and pioneering astronaut Mae Jemison are amongst those offering Jina scientific gifts to help her on her way. Curiosity, courage, creativity, persistence, and open-mindedness; values that help Jina follow her dreams to become a scientist!



This new multi-media musical puppet show is based on the discoveries and stories of historical STEM women who fought against the odds to pursue their flair for scientific enquiry, and who frequently encountered discrimination and prejudice along the way.

Show Information

- Thu 3 November 2022 at Norwich Puppet Theatre
- Recommended for ages 7+
- Performances at 11am & 2pm
- Max audience 140
- Bookings can be made for small group sizes
- Running time approx 1 hour
- Performed by two puppeteers

Cost

- £8 per ticket with one free teacher ticket per 10 pupils.

Created and performed by an all-female team, this witty and enlightening show will entertain and inspire children and adults alike!

🎓 STEM, Feminism, Music

"STEM Sisters has inspired us to never give up on something if you believe it will work!"

- Year 5 students

Please email touring@puppettheatre.co.uk

Contact Information

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Email is usually the best first point of contact, as most of our staff members only work in the office part-time. You will find our booking forms on the Creative Learning pages of our website. These are very useful for us to plan how we will work with you, so please fill one in and email it to us with your enquiry.

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Payment Information

We will send you an invoice upon confirmation of your booking. This will contain all our banking information for payment. We prefer payment by BACs, although we also accept cheques.

Prices Explained

Our prices are all subject to VAT if out at your school or venue.

Most of our workshop prices are based on a class of up to 30. If you have more in your group we will likely need to split your group into two sessions. If you have a much smaller group, please get in touch to discuss options.

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