

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Professional Development & Student Workshops

Linking puppet experiences with education curricula has long been a feature of WP Puppet Theatre workshops for both student workshops and teacher professional development. Our practical puppet project ideas that connect with core and arts curricula allow teachers immediate implementation. Our student workshops incorporate both hands on creation and performance opportunities supporting multiple literacy learning areas.

Past participants said: *"Wow! Fabulous - lots of great ideas for the classroom that are practical and yet full of 'adventure'!"* (teacher)

"I enjoyed learning all the tekneaks of being a puppeteer. Thanks so much Wendy" (student)

How to Book Professional Development and/or Student Workshops.

Contact W.P. Puppet Theatre to discuss integrating puppets into your classroom!

Professional Development Samples

Exploring Shadow Puppets

Teachers of all grades

Through performance, demonstrations and hands-on activity we'll explore the vast potential of shadow puppets in the classroom. From the rich culture to the technological applications and many curriculum links, this genre has lots to offer. Participants will create simple hand shadow stories as well as some more technical, articulated shadow puppets.

Introducing Rod Puppets

Teachers of all grades

This basic puppet can be adapted to all sorts of classroom projects, including people in my family/community, a character from a book study, a self portrait and more! Participants will make their own rod puppet, play some drama games, learn some basic manipulation techniques and improvise some short plays.

Bird puppet project for k-3 — Fun!

Teachers of Kindergarten and Division One

Inspired by the charming story *Are You My Mother?* participants will learn several methods to make puppets, using found and other materials. Together we'll act out and film the story. This workshop pulls in materials exploration that relates to Reggio thinking as well as story re-telling and improvisation.

Vietnamese Water Puppets, Science and Story

Teachers of all grades.

Vietnamese Water puppeteers wear hip waders! Make and perform your own version of a water show and hear more intriguing things about this ancient art form. From materials exploration and building challenges in the puppet creation to re-telling and performing cultural stories, this workshop is great for all grades.

MATH plus PUPPETS equals FUN!

Teachers of Grades 1- 3

Three puppet projects: 3 D geometrical paper sculpture monster puppets recite wacky poems in the black light. Symmetrical shadow puppets create pattern parades to music. Sock hand puppets solve and act out puzzling logic problems.

Puppets of India

Teachers of Grade 3

India's many regional puppet traditions reflect the culture and way of life in those areas. Learn about three kinds of puppets; hear some of the traditional stories that make up puppet fare such as the Ramayana and make your own puppet.

Bunraku: Japan's elegant and traditional puppet.

Teachers of Grade 8

The intriguing culture of the Bunraku theatre of Japan, will be introduced through stories and video. Try out a bunraku style puppet and start construction of a simple bunraku style of puppet suggested for student projects.

A Dozen Projects for Kindergarten Fun!

Teachers of K-1

Materials exploration and process experimentation combine with puppets, movement, music, poetry, songs and stories projects targeted for kindergarten. From Hungry Caterpillar marionettes to Colour Mixing paper plate puppets participants leave with lots of ideas to start immediately.