Puppetry & Storytelling

Performance and workshops
- Puppetry and puppet making
- Story & scriptwriting
- Physical theatre

Using story and puppetry to foster connection, understanding and respect.

Available for schools, events, community groups and school camps.

Suggested for Grades 4 to 6 or 9-12 years

With Tjoni aka The Amazing Desmerelda

www.in-spiral.org/puppetry-workshops/
Puppetry and Storytelling workshop and intensive

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Popular in cultures all over the globe for thousands of years, the magical world of puppetry is vast and varied, limited only by imagination. Stories have woven their way through our lives for eons, in sharing news, myths, religious sagas, poetry and countless other forms of passing on information. The two working side by side are a powerful combination.

Externalising characters and stories through puppets can create a safe environment for students to explore and express sometimes challenging issues and experiences without the confrontation of other forms of performance art. With a carefully crafted balance of technical skill, collaborative play, performance and leadership opportunities, it also happens to be loads of fun!!

Skills taught in the sessions include:
- Puppet making
- Puppet use
- Story writing
- Acting
- Ventriloquism (optional)
- Scriptwriting
- Creative movement
- Improvisation
- Performance skills

Package options include:
- Performance and discussion about life as a creative artist (1 session)
- Sock puppet making and puppetry workshop (1 session)
- Puppetry and storytelling workshop (1/2 day)
- Puppetry and group performance intensive (full day)

Programs available for:
- Schools
- Community groups
- Events
- School camps

For details on each package please see the attached page of program options.
Suggested age group is grades 4 to 6, although the program can be altered to suit your students’ age group.

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Feel free to peruse the website in-spiral.org/puppetry-workshops/ for more on puppetry and other Creative Bootcamp programs.
## Puppetry and Storytelling Program Options

* Min booking $400 per day. * Reduced rate for schools providing art materials. * For remote schools on a limited budget please enquire about my ‘giving back’ scheme. *

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<td>Performance and discussion about my work</td>
<td>Puppetry performance and discussion about my work as a creative artist. My background as a costume maker, performer, teacher, project manager and producer.</td>
<td>Puppet making</td>
<td>Finished puppet and skills in puppet manipulation</td>
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<td>Sock puppet making and puppetry workshop</td>
<td>Using socks as a base, we will make a sock puppet using wool, chenille sticks, wool, fun fur, felt and other objects to create our characters. Then we will learn the basics of puppet manipulation, including talking, posture and focal points to bring the puppets to life.</td>
<td>Puppet making</td>
<td>Finished puppet and skills in puppet manipulation</td>
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<td>Puppetry and storytelling workshop</td>
<td>Building on from the previous skills, we will use the archetype of the heroes journey to create a story. Then students will have a chance to rehearse their stories and present them during a performance at the end of the session. Students will be encouraged to focus on a topic that is important to them, or if there is an issue the school would like to bring attention to we can use that as a theme. Some ideas for exploration could be bullying, mental illness, disability, sustainability or cultural inclusivity.</td>
<td>As above plus Story writing</td>
<td>Finished puppet, puppet manipulation skills, performance skills, story and performance of story</td>
<td>1/2 day</td>
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<td>Puppetry and group performance intensive</td>
<td>Building on from the skills in the puppetry workshop, we will work in groups to co-create a storyline involving multiple characters from all students in the group. The creative sessions will be broken up with some movement and improvisation games to increase students ability to play, collaborate and manoeuvre around each other. Students will rehearse and polish their puppetry plays before performing them to the rest of the class.</td>
<td>As above plus Scriptwriting Human puppets Creative movement Improvisation</td>
<td>Finished puppet, puppetry skills, collaborative performance skills, physical theatre skills, group story writing and performance.</td>
<td>Full day</td>
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