

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia
INTRODUCTION TO PUPPETRY ARTS

**A specialized two-hour workshop / demonstration presented by senior
Mermaid Theatre puppeteers.**

Designed as a practical introduction the world of puppetry where the notion of using puppets as a medium to tell stories is explored, with special emphasis on the importance of the relationship between the puppeteer, the puppet and the audience. By using a simple found object, the participants are introduced to the five basic principles of a puppet presentation, and talk generally about simple techniques.

The workshop aims to be animated and entertaining, rather than simply instructional. The session concludes with a demonstration of puppets drawn from actual characters used in Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's touring shows. During this segment of the workshop, some basic construction and manipulation techniques are explored and actual hands-on participation is encouraged.

For elementary and high school students, as well as teachers, recreation leaders and parents. Ideal number of participants 20-25.

Costs include:

- Travel to and from Windsor, Nova Scotia
- Workshop Fee: \$500.00
- Per Diem (Hotel, Food)



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PUPPETRY DEMONSTRATION

A demonstration of puppetry styles, manipulation methods, and construction techniques, with some hands-on participation. One hour, limited to 25 participants. This demonstration is offered in locations where performances have been booked.

Fee: \$350.00

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