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3RD INTERNATIONAL
PUPPET
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WELCOME

to the 3rd bi-annual International Puppet Underground Festival, a multidisciplinary celebration of traditional and contemporary puppetry!

This year, puppet artists at IPUF both dive into the dark and bring us back to the light. The hilarious, brilliant and frantic Ubu on the Table smacks Alfred Jarry's 120-year-old play about a cruel dictator, Ubu Roi, headlong into the high-beams of ultra-current political upheaval and uncertainty. The gorgeously designed and exquisitely performed The Umbrella reveals our better side, exploring tenderness, yearning, and the light of love even in the heart of the blackest storms. Also at opposite ends of the puppet spectrum, the carnivalesque PuppetSLAM Cabaret tosses taboos on the table and cuts the dark of night with the flash of laughter, while Kids' Day invites young puppet fans to build, parade, and be entertained by puppets in the bright warm light of midday. Finally, our PuppEX walking tour of puppet installations and three unique screenings of wildly disparate international and local Puppet films describe facets of the human experience, from the grotesque and horrible to the resplendent and sacred.

In 2013 we only dreamed of an ongoing puppet festival in Regina, and here we are at IPUF 3 -- and already starting to imagine IPUF 4, with lots of puppet action in between! IPUF would not be possible without a community, and we couldn't do it without such a wonderful and dedicated puppet audience, so thank you for coming and for your support! Thanks to the lovely and hard working IPUF board and staff, our generous funders and community partners, our mentors, our wonderful volunteers, and of course all of the amazing artists and performers bringing their skills to IPUF 3. And, not least, thanks to our friends, those tireless puppets, who are always ready to leap to life with a touch.

Now, as always, sit back, relax, and let the puppets take you away!

IPUF Artistic Director - Chrystene Ells



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THE CITY OF REGINA

On behalf of my colleagues on City Council and the citizens of Regina, it is my pleasure to congratulate Prairie Puppet Underground on the 3rd Bi-Annual International Puppet Underground Festival (IPUF).

IPUF is an established bi-annual international event that fosters community and interdisciplinary collaboration around puppetry arts. Regina is the perfect city for creating and cultivating local artists exploring this genre, and for inviting world-class filmmakers, performers, visual artists and researchers to converge around the puppet arts.

I often speak about how culturally blessed Regina is and how essential art is to the heart of a place. Creative arts offer a unique way to see, hear, and feel our collective struggles, achievement, and humanity.

Prairie Puppet Underground is a wonderful example of how performing arts in Regina continue to grow and flourish. My sincere thanks to board and staff members for your leadership, hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,
Michael Fougere
Mayor



MESSAGE FROM MLA TRENT WOTHERSPOON

On behalf of my colleagues in the Official Opposition and, in recognition of the 3rd Bi-Annual International Puppet Underground Festival, it is my pleasure to congratulate Prairie Puppet Underground for all that you do.

Here, in Saskatchewan, we are fortunate to have so many dedicated and talented artists who help to enrich all of our lives. Through live performance, film making, and workshops that develop skills and connect Saskatchewan people together, the puppet arts are an important segment of our province's thriving creative arts scene.

The International Puppet Underground Festival brings great joy to so many each year and I hope this year's festival brings even more joy and success.

Sincerely,
Trent Wotherspoon
MLA



SCHEDULE

AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY JUNE 1ST

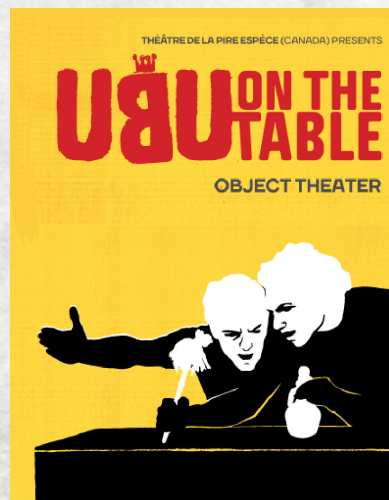
6 HEATHER HENSON'S HANDMADE PUPPET DREAMS VOLUME VII

Film Screening (recommended 14+)
7:00pm | **FREE** | RPL FILM THEATRE

FRIDAY JUNE 2ND

8 UBU ON THE TABLE

Live Performance (recommended 14+)
7:00pm | \$17.25 advance / \$20 at door
ARTESIAN ON 13TH



9 PRAIRIE PUPPET UNDERGROUND SASKATCHEWAN AND INTERNATIONAL SHORT PUPPET FILMS SHOWCASE

Film Screening (mature content 18+)
8:30pm | \$6.75 advance / \$10 at door
ARTESIAN ON 13TH

PURCHASE ADVANCE TICKETS
ONLINE
IPUF.CA



SATURDAY JUNE 3RD

AUTOMATA PUPPETRY WORKSHOP

Workshop (recommended 14+) | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | **FREE**
DUNLOP ART GALLERY, RPL CENTRAL BRANCH

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11 Throughout
the festival



UBU ON THE TABLE

Live Performance (recommended 14+)
7:00pm | \$17.25 advance / \$20 at door
ARTESIAN ON 13TH

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MAKE A PUPPET FRIEND

Workshop (19+) | 8:15pm | **FREE**
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PUPPETSLAM CABARET

Live Puppet Performance & Party (19+)
9:30pm | \$22.50 advance / \$25 at door
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SUNDAY JUNE 4TH

14 PARADE PUPPET FAMILY WORKSHOP

Workshop | 2:00pm | **FREE FOR EVERYONE**
RPL CONNAUGHT BRANCH

14 THE UMBRELLA [FAMILY SHOW]

Live Puppet Show (all ages) | 3:00pm
Adults \$17.25 advance / \$20 at door
KIDS FREE | ARTESIAN ON 13TH

15 FAMILY MATINÉE: SHORT PUPPET FILMS FOR KIDS

from Heather Henson's Handmade Puppet
Dreams | Film Screening | 4:15pm | **FREE**
FOR EVERYONE | ARTESIAN ON 13TH

16 THE UMBRELLA [EVENING SHOW]

Live Puppet Show (all ages) | 7:00pm
All seats paid \$17.25 advance / \$20 at door
ARTESIAN ON 13TH

KIDS'
PROGRAMS!
2pm-5pm
14 & under **FREE!!**

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY JUNE 1ST

HEATHER HENSON'S HANDMADE PUPPET DREAMS VOLUME VII

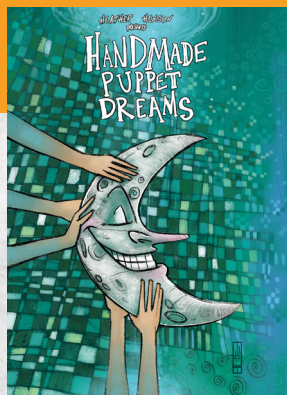
Film Screening (recommended 10+)

🕒 Showtime 7:00pm | Doors 6:30 | 🆓 FREE

📍 RPL FILM THEATRE: CENTRAL LIBRARY
2311 12TH AVENUE

⌚ 1 hour 9 minutes

Curated by Heather Henson, daughter of Muppet creator Jim Henson, IPUF is pleased to once again offer an **all new** selection of puppet films from around the world. Heather promotes the art of live action puppet films by curating these collections and making them available at no cost to festivals, so we can bring them to you free too! A big puppet thank you to presenting partners the RPL Film Theatre, *Handmade Puppet Dreams*, and *The Calgary Festival of Animated Objects*.



Monster

Cecilia Gläsker | GERMANY

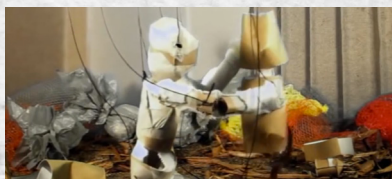
A girl seeks drastic measures from her abusive parents in this music video from the award-winning puppet group Half Past Selber Schul.



Ichabod: Sketches From Sleepy Hollow

Hobey Ford | USA

This short puppet film opens a sketchbook of images and story based around Washington Irving's Legend of Sleepy Hollow.



Namahey

Marianne Mettes | AUSTRALIA

The story about building something out of nothing, for love's sake. It was created using 100% recycled materials. Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!



Melvin the Birder

Spencer Lott | USA

A short film about a loner who is obsessed with finding an elusive woodpecker. On his journey, Melvin discovers he shares many things in common with the woodpecker.

The Adventures of Liverwurst Girl

Martin P Robinson | USA

Transformed by her favorite liverwurst sandwiches, and unstopped by her clumsiness, she becomes the superhero Liverwurst Girl, sworn protector of bullied kids.



Baby That's You

Alexander Vignaud & Delux | FRANCE

In this catchy music video for Delux, a couple go on a series of adventures trying to find each other.



Hitori

Raymond Carr | USA

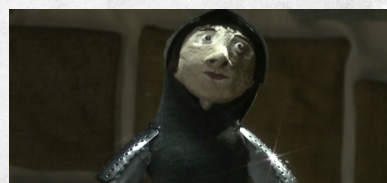
In a world of made entirely of puppeteers, the puppet is always alone. Hitori is the story of a boy who's just trying to get back to where he came from.



Sir Dance-a-Lot

Lana Schwarcz | AUSTRALIA

A cute story of a Knight who saved the day, using not his sword, but classical ballet.



Heep O Sheeep

Steven Ritz-Barr | USA

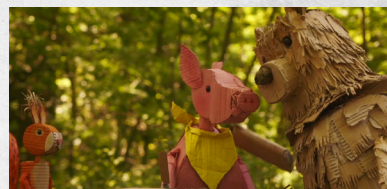
A herd of sheep and butchers match wits. Intense climate change proves a most ardent foe to both species. Few are left to tell the tale.



Table Manners

Rebecca Manley, ENGLAND

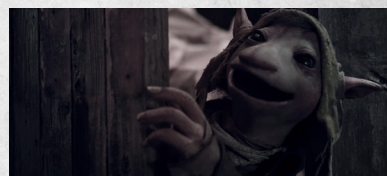
Three creatures go in search of food in the woods but find that there ain't no such thing as a free lunch.



Lessons Learned

Toby Froud | USA

Instead of the regular tea and cake fare, his grandfather presents an intriguing birthday gift to the boy. When curiosity gets the best of him, he falls into an adventure of other-worldly experiences not intended for him.



FRIDAY JUNE 2ND

UBU ON THE TABLE

Live Performance (14+)

🕒 7:00pm (doors 6:30)

🎫 \$17.25 advance / \$20 door

📍 ARTESIAN ON 13TH

2627 13TH AVENUE

⌚ 1 hour 15 minutes

📅 (also plays Saturday 7pm)



PRAIRIE PUPPET UNDERGROUND SASKATCHEWAN AND INTERNATIONAL SHORT PUPPET FILMS SHOWCASE

Film Screening (18+)

8:30pm (doors 8:00) 🕒

\$6.75 advance / \$10 door 🎫

ARTESIAN ON 13TH 📍

2627 13TH AVENUE

55 minutes ⌚

“We saw **Ubu on the Table** at Calgary’s Festival of Animated Objects in 2013 and have always wanted to bring this smart, high energy, hilarious show to IPUF - and now we have!! We are very proud to present UBU!! - **IPUF Team**”

A world of grotesque on a table!

This award-winning Object Theatre adaptation of Alfred Jarry’s Ubu Roi (King Ubu, 1896) has garnered much praise – the objects’ raw form and the performance’s frenetic pace are perfectly suited for Jarry’s cruel farce.

Since its creation, Ubu on the Table has been performed over 850 times in Québec, Mexico, Brazil and Europe!

Two armies of French baguettes face each other in a standoff as tomato bombs explode, an egg beater hovers over fleeing troops and molasses-blood splatters on fork-soldiers as they charge Père Ubu. Anything goes as Poland’s fate is sealed on a tabletop! Multiple film references spice things up as two performers hammer-out a small-scale fresco of grandiose buffoonery.

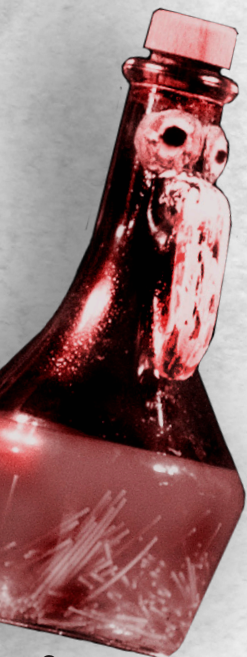
Based on: Alfred Jarry’s Ubu Roi (King Ubu)

Adaptation and Stage Direction: Olivier Ducas and Francis Monty

Performed by: Olivier Ducas and Mathieu Gosselin

Light Design: Jonas Bouchard

English translation: Bobby Theodore



Saskatchewan puppet films amongst a collection of international works curated by filmmakers **Berny Hi** and **Gerald Saul**. A big puppet hug to the presenting partner the Saskatchewan Filmpool Cooperative, a supporter of independent visionary film.

“Get ready for a trip around the world and through time with this eclectic selection of films featuring the art of cinematic puppetry. Filmmakers representing Ireland, UK, Austria, Russia, USA and fellow Canadians from Nunavut and SK showcase the global talent and interest in puppetry in a multitude of different styles including shadow puppets, sock puppets, and beautifully sculpted puppets. Invite your inner puppet to step into the light so they can see themselves on the big screen!” **BHI**



Behind the scenes **MobSpeak Institute** (L) and **Dali and Warhol** (R)

“Puppet films demonstrate the ability of puppeteers to be actors for the screen. The differences between traditional stage acting and film acting is equally true with puppets as their operators need to demonstrate an awareness of the lens for blocking, staging and light and at the same time offer the viewer a special glimpse of the subtle nuances that a puppet can generate in this highly intimate media relationship.” **gs 9**



The Mill at Calder's End

Kevin McTurk | USA

In the remote village of Calder's End stands an old windmill, a repository of dark secrets. Nicholas has returned to his haunted childhood home, intent on breaking a generations-old family curse.

The film utilizes 30" tall bunraku-inspired puppets and in-camera practical effects.

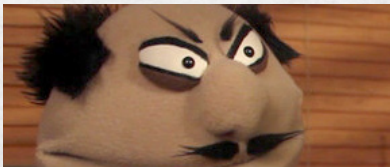


The Owl and the Lemming

Roselynn Akulukjuk | CANADA

This traditional story about a young owl who catches a lemming to eat provides a glimpse of traditional Inuit values and beliefs.

The set is made with actual Arctic plants and lichen to create an authentic landscape for this fable.



MobSpeak Institute

Daniel Mahon, Greg Peduto | USA

After a gangland rise & fall, a mobster puppet starts a school for crooks and he wants YOU to join the criminal conspiracy.



Vampire Skank

Gewain Morrison, Thomas Baker | IRELAND

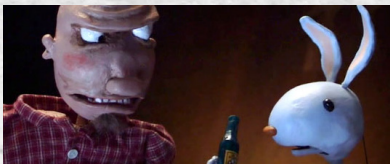
Here's the video for Doorly's remix of Beadyman's new track. "Pup-step" is now officially a thing.



About Black and White Birds

Marina Tolstobrova | RUSSIA

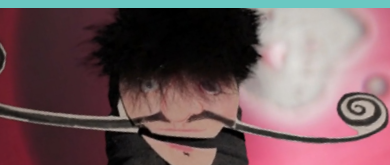
Once upon a time, all birds were white, sang beautifully and lived happily together. However, their desire to be different from the others grew.



Hoppy

Steve Mark | USA

Inside a seedy bar, a patron expresses their appreciation of the local brew.



Dali and Warhol

Gerald Saul | SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

Puppet versions of Salvador Dali and Andy Warhol have a brief discussion, neither seeming to really listen to the other.

Walter

Curtis L. Wiebe | CANADA

The holiday misadventures of the tiny Sasquatch extraordinaire, Walter!



Under the Same Sky

Sylvia Ziemann | SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

Two rabbits lie in a Saskatchewan field looking at the night sky. Both see the same stars but in conversation discover differences in perception. Instead of division they find a beauty that brings them closer together.

The Saskatchewan FilmPool Cooperative supports independent visionary film by providing gear and workshops at very reasonable rates.



Good Night

Henning Backhaus | AUSTRIA

A sock puppet strolls through niveous winterworlds to Schubert's song cycle "Winter's Journey". The dark expressionist film oscillates between comedy and tragedy.



Sock Puppet

Marc Seestaedt, Naomi Fearn | GERMANY

An ode to an ex-girlfriend and to five fingered love. With puppets!

Mature content



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SATURDAY JUNE 3RD

AUTOMATA PUPPETRY WORKSHOP

Workshop (recommended 14+)

🕒 1:00pm - 4:00pm 🎫 **FREE**

📍 DUNLOP ART GALLERY, RPL Central Branch - Public Meeting Room 1
2311 12TH AVENUE

👤 Pre-registration required: ReginaLibrary.ca or ipuf.ca/workshops



Bring your creation to life with Cranks, Gears, & Pulleys!

This workshop will cover the basic materials, mechanisms, and magic of building moving puppets and toys. By learning the six Golden Rules of automata creation, we will build some simple moving masterpieces.

UBU ON THE TABLE

Live Performance

🕒 7:00pm (doors 6:30) 🎫 \$17.25 advance / \$20 door

⌚ 1 hour 15 minutes

📍 ARTESIAN ON 13TH - 2627 13TH AVENUE

📅 also plays Friday 7pm 📄 See description on page 8!



MAKE A PUPPET FRIEND

Pre-Cabaret Casual Workshop (licensed, 19+)

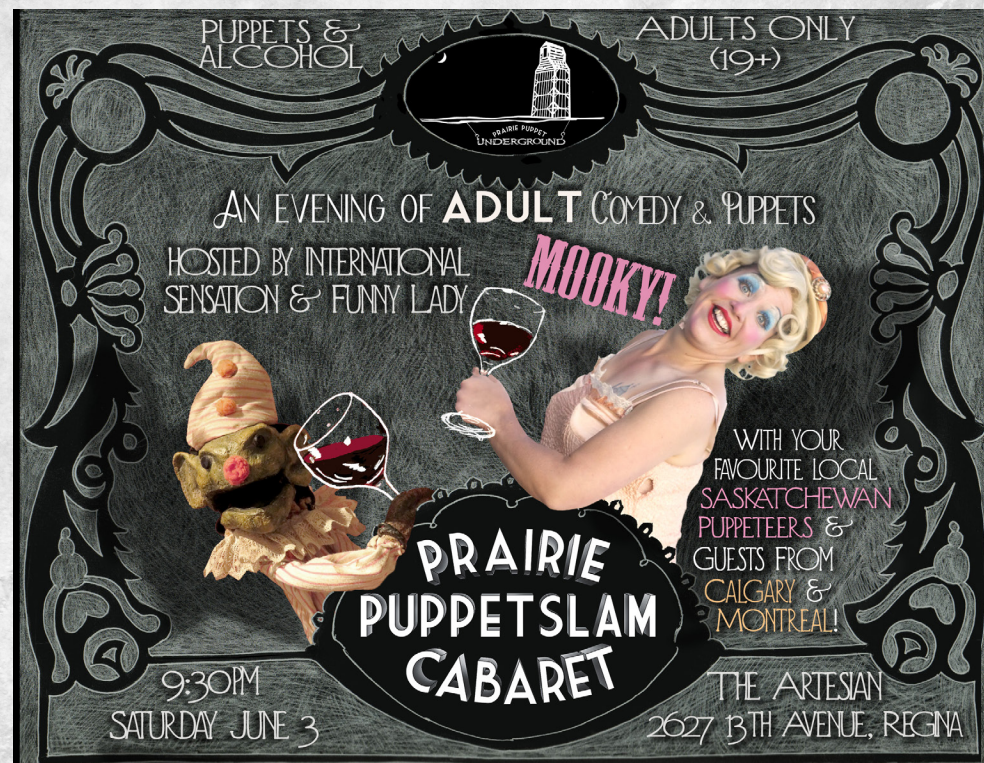
🕒 8:15pm 🎫 **FREE**

📍 ARTESIAN ON 13TH - 2627 13TH AVENUE

Stay with us after *Ubu on the Table* for this **FREE**, casual workshop and small reception with light fare! Join us in the Artesian lounge, have the beverage of your choice and make a simple puppet to join you for the PuppetSLAM Cabaret at 9:30! We supply the materials! You keep the puppet!

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puppet by Nicolle Nugent



PUPPETSLAM CABARET

Live Puppet Performances & Party (licensed with mature content - 19+)

🕒 9:30pm (doors 9:00) (8:30 for the Make a Friend Workshop)

🎫 \$22.50 advance / \$25 door ⌚ 1 hour 15 minutes

📍 ARTESIAN ON 13TH - 2627 13TH AVENUE

With your host, the hilarious and gorgeous MOOKY CORNISH!
Just how far can puppets go?

IPUF's most popular annual event!

A showcase of local puppeteers and performing artists, with special guest performances by members of *La Pire Espèce* (Montréal), *Quest Theatre* (Calgary), *Xstine Cook* (Calgary), and the *Prairie Puppet Underground* (Regina). Have a drink or two and enter the dark and hilarious world of risqué and possibly X-rated puppet shenanigans!

BONUS EVENT! Join us at 8:30 for a **FREE**, casual **Make A Puppet Friend** workshop (see left) in the lounge! *** 19+ ONLY - mature content ***

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SUNDAY JUNE 4TH

KIDS' PROGRAMS

2pm-5pm
14 & under **FREE!!**

PARADE PUPPET FAMILY WORKSHOP

Workshop ⌚ 2:00pm **FREE FOR EVERYONE**

⌚ 45 minutes 📍 Connaught Library - 3435 13th Ave

All materials are supplied for kids to make their very own parade dragon puppet! Following the workshop, kids and their dragons can join a puppet parade for one block down 13th Avenue to the Artesian for the family performance of *The Umbrella* (right).

FAMILY MATINÉE: SHORT PUPPET FILMS FOR KIDS

from Heather Henson's *Handmade Puppet Dreams*

Film Screening ⌚ 4:15pm ⌚ 45 minutes

FREE FOR EVERYONE

📍 ARTESIAN ON 13TH - 2627 13TH AVENUE

Curated by Muppet creator Jim Henson's daughter Heather Henson, this international collection of funny, extra-short films is sure to delight and entertain both kids and kids-at-heart!

Young puppet fans will enjoy Colosse the Giant Robot, laugh along with the adventures of Mother Hubbard and her dog Toby, learn to Eat Vegetables, watch Finger puppets pop up everywhere, groove along with Graveyard Jamboree and thrill to Robot Adventures on Planet Earth!

THE UMBRELLA [FAMILY SHOW]

Live Puppet Show (all ages) ⌚ 3:00pm (doors 2:30)

Adults \$17.25 advance / \$20 door KIDS FREE

📍 ARTESIAN ON 13TH - 2627 13TH AVENUE

Quest Theatre presents *THE UMBRELLA* by Puente Theatre and the Old Trout Puppet Workshop, with artistic contributions from Nikki Loach.

"There once was an umbrella who loved a man."

Using beautiful, expressive hand-carved wooden puppets, and wind, rain and thunder machines, *The Umbrella* tells the inspiring story of the relationship between an umbrella to its owner. Through this exquisite narrative of love, loyalty and devotion, we discover that even imperfect, a person remains worthy of being loved.

During a storm, our heroes suffer damage, but love triumphs!

The show is an adaptation of the book written and illustrated by Judd Palmer, nominated in 2012 for the Governor General's Literary Award for Children's Literature. Created by Puente Theatre and The Old Trout Puppet Workshop, with development support from Quest Theatre.

Creators: Mercedes Bätz-Benét & Judd Palmer

Artistic Contributor: Nikki Loach

Scenography: Mercedes Bätz-Benét & Judd Palmer

Composer: Julia Knight

Musicians: Bučan Bučan

Lighting Designer:
Cimmeron Meyer

Performers: Anne Lalancette and Troy O'Donnell
Stage Manager: Jennica Grienke

The Sure Sheep
by John Kennedy
USA

Thank you to our partners for making this screening
free to you: *Handmade Puppet Dreams* and the
Calgary Festival of Animated Objects.

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH

THE UMBRELLA [EVENING SHOW]

Live Puppet Show ⌚ 7:00pm (doors 6:30) ⌚ 1 hour includes talkback

🎫 All seats \$17.25 advance / \$20 door

📍 ARTESIAN ON 13TH - 2627 13TH AVENUE

📄 See full description on page 15! 📅 also plays Sunday 3pm

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“Although **The Umbrella** is based on a children’s book, the sheer beauty and physicality of the show begs to be enjoyed by all audiences, so we decided to present this special evening show just for you. We saw *The Umbrella* at Calgary’s Festival of Animated Objects in March 2017 and immediately set to work to bring this beautiful show to IPUF for your enjoyment! We are very pleased to present *The Umbrella*! The show is beautiful, exquisitely performed, and will be enjoyed on many levels by puppet fans of any age.”

- IPUF Team ”



THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

IPUF PUPPEX WALKING TOUR

Puppet Exhibition (all ages) 📅 May 25 - June 4th

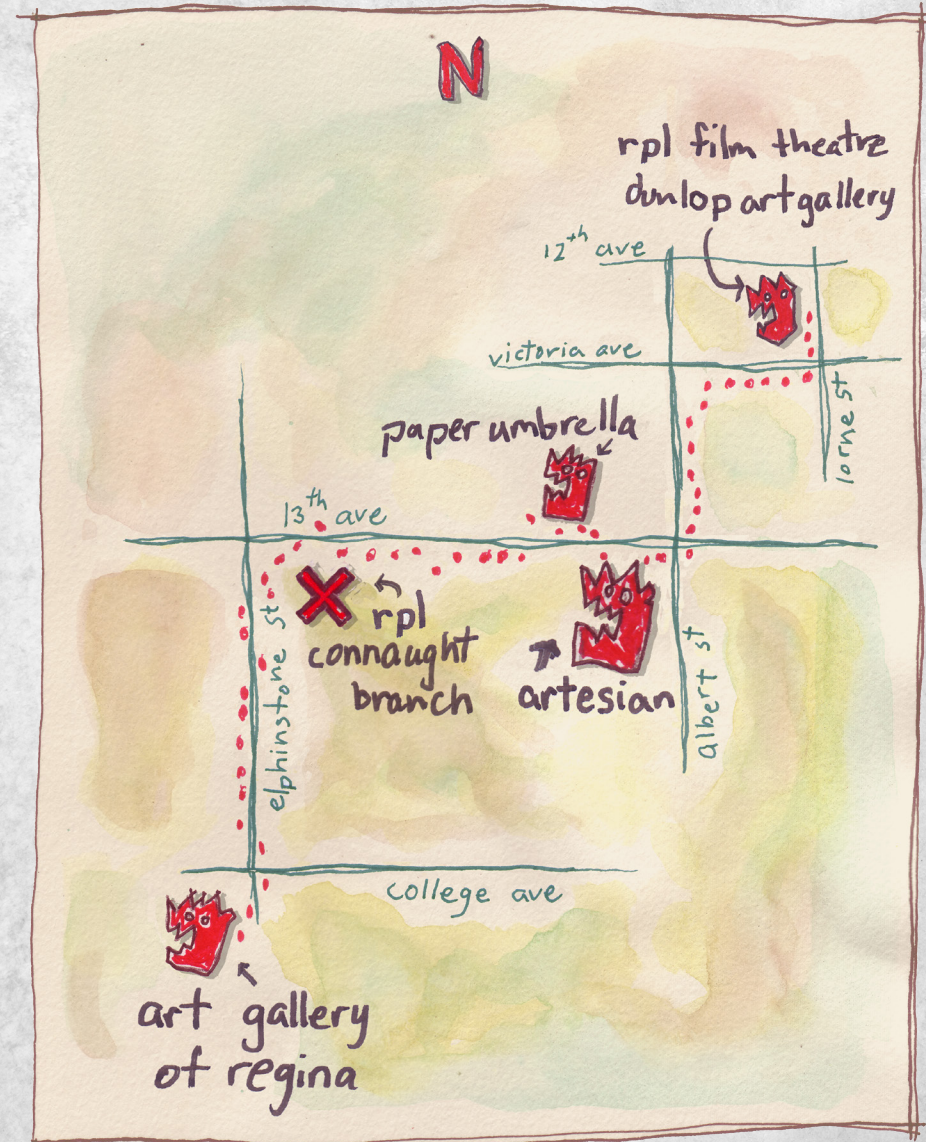
🎫 **FREE** 🔍 curated and installed by Sylvia Ziemann



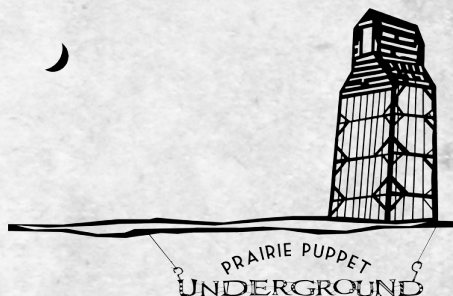
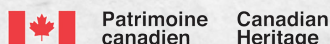
Follow the IPUF Monster icons to discover PupPEX installations!

Parade Puppet Family Workshop location at the Connaught Library

TAKE SELFIES
WITH ALL FOUR
PUPPET EXHIBITIONS
& PICK UP YOUR FREE
IPUF 2017
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BUTTON!



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THANK YOU!!

IPUF would not be possible without the generous support of our funders and our lovely partners, all important members of our local arts and culture community.

Thank you to our performers, artists, and filmmakers for spreading the puppet love and sharing their work and play with us. Thank you to our amazing volunteers, and our hardworking staff and board!

Thank you to Andrew Manera, Artistic & Executive Director of Artesian Presents, to Wendy Peart and Amber Phelps Bonderoff for leading the Kids' Day workshop, and to Sylvia Ziemann for curating and installing all the PuppEX-hibitions.

Thank you to Mooky Cornish for once again leading the madness that is the PuppetSLAM Cabaret! Thank you to William Hales for bringing light to the dark little puppet world. Thank you to Conexus Credit Union for the Door Prizes! Thank you to Industrial Love for joining us with trinkets at the cabaret! And thanks to everyone else who has, once again, gone above and beyond to make this year's puppet festivities the best they can possibly be!

A HUGE thank you to the local community that comes out to support our puppet events! Thank you to the dreamers, and to those who so willingly join the dreams. Happy IPUF 2017!

FESTIVAL INFORMATION



TICKETS

Online tickets will be available until one hour prior to each show. Please visit ipuf.ca or artesianon13th.ca to purchase. Unless sold out, tickets may also be purchased at the door with cash.



ACCESSIBILITY

We try to select venues that are wheelchair accessible and strive to make the theatre experience comfortable. Please contact us ahead of time if you have any questions or concerns. The Artesian has an elevator door at the 13th Avenue entrance. The Central Library / Dunlop has a ramp and elevator at the Lorne entrance. Unfortunately, the workshop at Connaught Library is not wheelchair accessible. We apologize for the inconvenience.



ALL AGES?

IPUF has something for every age! Please check each event for specific recommendations. Some events have mature content and are not recommended for children. All Kids' Day events are for all ages!

COMING UP NEXT!

Our 2017-18 season will be brimming with puppet pandemonium, including puppet shows, our continuing Master Class Series of puppet workshops, and our annual PuppetSLAM Cabaret in June 2018, followed by the 4th International Puppet Underground Festival, 2019! Sign up for our email list at the front door, Like Us on Facebook, or email us at festival@ipuf.ca to stay up to date on our year-round puppet programming, including shows and workshops, and of course IPUF 2019!!

1. cut along dotted lines & attach tails to kittens

4. cut out stage & have a puppet

3. tape mittens to fingers

2. insert fingers thru holes for kitten paws