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Make your own puppet show at SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Festival

SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Festival is an all ages, all abilities 6-week workshop series beginning September 2023 that will culminate in the SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Slam, Puppet Cabaret, and Puppet Parade October 11th through 14th! Catch performances by artists from near and far, make art with new friends at Open Studios, and visit the gallery exhibition at Visionaries + Voices!

Workshops:

Arts organizations across Cincinnati will host puppetry workshops. Each workshop will focus on a different type of puppetry style and will be led by teaching artists from diverse puppet backgrounds. You are invited to come to as many workshops as you would like. Make a 2-5 minute puppet show with your new skills to share in the SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Slam!

-Wed, Sept 6th, 6-8PM It's My Storyboard (and I'm Sticking To It) with Courtney Combs-Mock + Linda Kunick - Visionaries + Voices Northside Studio, 3841 Spring Grove Ave -Wed, Sept 13th,6-8PM Large Scale Shadow Puppetry with Christine Langford + Amy Hayden -PAR Projects, 1646 Hoffner Street,

-Sun, Sept 17th, 11AM -1PM Sock Puppets with Sophie Schiff and Mike Ginn - Contemporary Arts Center, Creativity Center, 44 East 6th Street

-Wed, Sept 20th, 6PM-8PM Scrolling Stories: A Crankie Toy Theater Workshop with Abby Palen + Carlos Perez, DSGN CLLCTV, 4150 Hamilton Avenue

-Sun, Sept 24th, 2PM-5PM Cardboard Puppet Building with Jesse Mooney-Bullock, Cincinnati Art Museum, Rosenthal Education Center, 953 Eden Park Drive

-Wed, Sept 27th, 6PM-8PM *Toy Theater Magic with Seana Higgins* + Savannah Martin, WordPlay Cincy, 1556 Chase Avenue

-**Mon, October 2nd, 5:30-7:30PM** *PART 1:Go BIG (and then go to the parade) PARADE Puppet Workshop with Karen Boyhen + Julia Lipovsky + Curtis Davis,* Wave Pool, 2940 Colerain Avenue

-Wed, October 4th, 6-8:55PM Behind the Screen with Maisie O'Brien, Virtual Workshop -Mon, October 9th, 5:30-7:30PM PART 2:Go BIG (and then go to the parade) PARADE Puppet Workshop with Karen Boyhen + Julia Lipovsky + Curtis Davis, Wave Pool, 2940 Colerain Avenue

Performances

Participants in the workshops can choose to share their new short-form puppet shows in the SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Slam, a high-energy, supportive, celebratory puppetry showcase. Don't miss performances by puppetry artists from near and far, teaching artists and musician collaborations, a giant puppet parade, and a puppet cabaret.

-Wed, October 11th, 6-9PM Belong by Sofía Sâenz at Cincinnati's Table + Overhead Projector *Puppets: Mixing Shadow Puppets and Sand Drawings,* American Sign Museum, 1330 Monmouth Avenue

-Thurs, October 12th 5-8PM Visionaries + Voices Puppet Exhibition Opening + Performance by Emily Schubert, Visionaries + Voices Northside Studio, 3841 Spring Grove Ave -Fri, Oct 13th, 8:30-10:30PM Show Of Hands Puppet Cabaret, *Northside Lounge, 3938 Spring Grove Ave

-Sat, Oct 14th:

11AM-12PM *Tomte Puppet Show by Tom Lee,* The Well, 2868 Colerain Avenue **12PM-1:30PM** *Japanese Folk Puppetry with Tom Lee,* The Well, 2868 Colerain Avenue **1-2PM** *Show Of Hands Puppet Parade,* Wave Pool, 2940 Colerain Avenue 2-3:30PM *Show Of Hands Puppet Slam,* The Well, 2868 Colerain Avenue

Open Studio

In addition to hands-on learning during workshops, V+V invites you to play alongside other artists, collaborate, and get feedback on your puppet show during Open Studio hours every Thursday 5:00 - 7:30 pm in September and October. October 5th we invite you to enjoy our delightful Garden Party fundraiser with refreshments and treats in our courtyard. Visionaries + Voices Northside Studio, 3841 Spring Grove Ave

Lead Sentence:

You can learn to make different kinds of puppets in a 6 week workshop series September -October and bring your puppet show to life at the SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Slam!

Story:

Presented by Visionaries + Voices, SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Festival debuts in Cincinnati, September - October 2023, to inspire our community to experience the many forms of puppetry and be empowered to create! SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Festival has paired 10 international and local teaching artists with Visionaries + Voices artists to lead workshops hosted at art hubs across our city. The 6-week workshop series will culminate into the SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Slam and a weekend of raucous music, puppetry performances, and a pageant parade October 11th -14th! Come to one workshop, come to all, you will have the opportunity to share your creation in the SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Slam or the Puppet Cabaret.

Boiler Point:

As we work towards our goals to grow a more inclusive arts community in Greater Cincinnati, SHOW OF HANDS Puppet Festival aims to give international and local puppeteers a network, engage and inspire our community with free workshops, and give a opportunities for aspiring artists to perform.

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