

MEDIA RELEASE

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THE 4th INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED OBJECTS

January 23 – February 1, 2009

A celebration of puppetry, masks and all things animated.

Featuring

WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES

The 4th biennial International Festival of Animated Objects will present **two workshops open to all ages.**

At 10:00 AM on each morning of the Festival's opening weekend, the Art Gallery of Calgary will host two workshops especially suited to all ages.

On Saturday, **Pam Atkinson**, a Bragg Creek puppet maker and visual artist, will lead **Once Upon a World's Beginnings**. Explore the creation story Raven Brings Light To The World while learning to make enchanting shadow puppets. After creating characters and settings, you will perform scenarios with your puppets. Bring anything with an interesting silhouette or movement when held up to the light, as well as repurposed cardboard.

On Sunday, the **Calgary Puppet Club** leads a workshop in **Pop-Up Motion**. Learn the secrets of pop-up books and how to create motion with paper using tabs, cams and pulleys. Using everyday materials like paper, wood glue, string and scissors, add your own personal touches to pre-designed projects, or create something uniquely your own.

WORKSHOP: Once Upon A World's Beginnings

SAT JAN 24 10:00 AM, 2.5 hours

WORKSHOP: Pop-Up Motion

SUN JAN 25 10:00 AM, 2 hours

Art Gallery of Calgary, 117 – 8 Ave SW

All Ages

Younger children welcome when accompanied by an adult

Parent interaction encouraged

\$10 or by donation

Tickets for all events are available at the Vertigo Box Office. Tickets are available by phone at 403-221-3708, online at www.vertigotheatre.com or in person at the Vertigo Box Office at the base of the Calgary Tower. Festival Passes and Gift Certificates are also available.

Full information on all Festival events is at www.animatedobjects.ca

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