

# Engaging Thinkers

## Puppet Workshops & Talks for Junior & Senior High School

March 9-13



**Teachers:** to book a workshop or talk for your Junior/Senior High School class, please contact Wendy Passmore-Godfrey at [wppuppet@telus.net](mailto:wppuppet@telus.net) or call 403 228 3373

### ***How does puppet theatre help us understand our world?***

The International Festival of Animated Objects and WP Puppet Theatre is pleased to offer schools a special opportunity to "Engage Thinking" with the amazing artists from the Festival. Workshops and Talks can be booked for junior/senior high school classes through the week of March 9-13, 2015. Some talks are offered in French, or English. Some are great for drama, dance, languages or CTS. An honorarium of \$125 is requested.



### **Different points of view help understand the situation better**

**Talk by Yael Rasooly from Israel**

The story of three young girls whose lives and families are torn apart while in hiding during the Holocaust who, in spite of their tragic reality, experience a force of imagination that cannot be silenced. Rasooly discusses the show's creation process and the delicate pairing of humour and hardship. *Available for High Schools in English & Hebrew on March 11*

### **Telling great Stories: Theatre, 3D & Stop**

**Workshop by Leo Wieser from Calgary**

Coming armed with his experience and background in theatre and film, Leo will present a workshop that focuses not only on current 3D and digital animation technology – including shooting on an iPhone and digital SLR camera – but on how to use that technology to tell great stories. Wieser comes armed with a wide breadth of experience in theatre and film as well as industry recognition for his company's film, *Skeleton Girl*, Canada's first native 3D and stop animation film. *Available for High Schools in English on March 9 & 10*

### **Japanese World View through Bunraku Puppetry**

**Wendy Passmore-Godfrey from Calgary**

The Founder and Artistic Director of WPTS will host an introductory workshop on the ancient Japanese tradition of Bunraku Puppetry. Students will explore the fun and challenges of multiple puppet operators, the "tayu" and improvisation games. *Available for Junior High Schools and High Schools in English on March 9 & 10*

### **Expressing ourselves through non – verbal communication**

**Mooky Cornish from Cumberland, Ont**

Exploring how archetypes and characterization in puppetry and clowning are part of a larger continuum of myth-making and the wonders of existence. Drawing from his experience as a professional clown, including time spent as a lead clown in *Cirque du Soleil*, Cornish taps into the power of archetypal roles in a variety of situations. *Available for High Schools in English on March 10 & 11*

### **Puppetry helps us discover and rediscover ourselves**

**Magali Chouinard from Montreal**

Discover the ways performers incorporate poetry, music and manipulation into their pieces and the ways that symbolism and metaphors help to develop characters and give life to puppets. Learn about Chouinard's creative process and how to make puppets truly breathe. *Available for High Schools in English & French on March 12*

### **Hoop Dance performance provides life lessons**

**Sandra Lamouche from Alberta**

The teachings of hoop dance include equality, balance, reciprocity and responsibility. Watch and learn as Lamouche transforms the hoop into a powerful "animated object" that can help shape and guide communities. *Available for K-12 in English on March 12 & 13*

### **Trunk Puppet**

**The Old Trout Puppet Workshop from Calgary**

Take a look inside the trunk and discover what happens when you dare to unlatch the Big Box of Life! This show will push the boundaries of how we experience puppetry with playing and clowning releasing the imposed control of the puppeteer and giving way to the unbridled existence of the puppet!

Contact the Old Trout Puppet Workshop directly: Peter at 403.473.0304 or [pete@theoldtrouts.org](mailto:pete@theoldtrouts.org)

**For more information on bookings, please email [admin@wppuppet.com](mailto:admin@wppuppet.com) or call 403.228.3373!**

