



# MOVING PARTS

NEWCASTLE PUPPETRY FESTIVAL

## 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024



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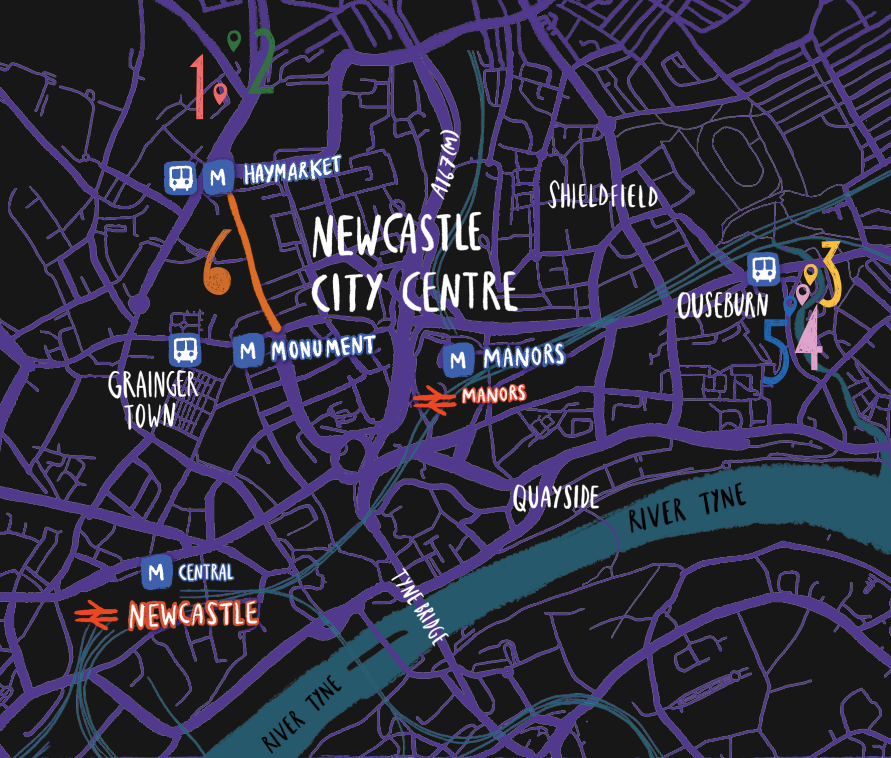
FOR ADULTS, KIDS  
TEENS  
+ FAMILIES

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# VENUE MAP

- 1** Northern Stage  
Barras Bridge  
NE1 7RH
- 2** Great North Museum: Hancock  
Barras Bridge  
NE2 4PT
- 3** Ouseburn Farm  
Ouseburn Road  
NE1 2PA
- 4** The Cluny  
36 Lime Street  
NE1 2PQ
- 5** Seven Stories  
30 Lime St  
NE1 2PQ
- 6** Northumberland St  
NE1 7AF

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## Access

Please visit [newcastlepuppetryfestival.co.uk/yourvisit](http://newcastlepuppetryfestival.co.uk/yourvisit) or email Vicky at [movingpartsengage@gmail.com](mailto:movingpartsengage@gmail.com) for more information on access at the different festival venues.

There is also an Accessible Shows Pack, which can be viewed/downloaded from that website page. For queries about access at Northern Stage please get in touch with them directly on **0191 230 5151**. All festival venues are fully accessible.

# WELCOME TO MOVING PARTS!

Newcastle Puppetry Festival is produced by Moving Parts Arts CIO (charity number 1194137) and is run by a team of freelancers.

**Welcome to the fifth edition of the award-winning Newcastle Puppetry Festival 2024** - our largest one yet! This year also marks the first annual edition of the festival (previously once every two years), which has been a big milestone for us to reach as a small team. In this brochure discover a puppet-filled 9-day festival taking place in the Easter Holidays. There is something for everyone, with shows, talks, workshops, outdoor theatre & films for adults, kids, teens and families. For the first time we're extending our usual 2 days of free outdoor theatre to 8 days, with the introduction of **Puppetry on the Green** at the Great North Museum: Hancock (pages 12-15). You can also get directly involved through the **City of Kittiwakes** project (page 4). Thank you so much for supporting us!



## **i** Key info & Tickets

- All tickets for events at Northern Stage should be booked directly through their website or box office: [northernstage.co.uk](http://northernstage.co.uk) | 0191 230 5151
- For all other ticketed festival events taking place at Seven Stories, The Cluny and the Great North Museum: Hancock, tickets should be booked through our website: [newcastlepuppetryfestival.co.uk](http://newcastlepuppetryfestival.co.uk)
- You do not need tickets for the free outdoor theatre, including Beasts on the Street, City of Kittiwakes Parade, Puppetry on the Green or Puppet Valley at Ouseburn Farm.

Ticket concessions are for under 18s, students, asylum seekers, refugees, disabled people, over 65s & unwaged people. Accompanying carers go free but please get in touch before booking.

All children must be supervised by parents/guardians. It is not advisable to bring children under the suggested age range to shows. All children require a ticket aside from babes in arms. For more info please visit [newcastlepuppetryfestival.co.uk/yourvisit](http://newcastlepuppetryfestival.co.uk/yourvisit)

The organisers reserve the right to change the programme due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of bad weather, please check our website and social media accounts. Latecomers may not be allowed entry to performances after the advertised start time. **Tickets are non-refundable.**



## Team

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and a **HUGE** thank you to all our volunteers who make the festival possible!


**Concept / Direction:** Kerrin Tatman  
**Engagement Lead:** Vicky Tate  
**Heritage Lead:** David Silk  
**Folksong Lead & Composer:** Jayne Dent  
**Lead Artists:** Alison Duddle, Chloe Rodham, Jo Feijó, Judith Hope, Rosie Bristow, Will Steele  
**Assistant Artists:** Bronwyn Riani, Ellie Phillips

and a **HUGE** thank you to all of the volunteers and community partners who have made this project possible!





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# CITY OF KITTIWAKES PARADE

 **Saturday 30th March 2024, 2pm, Northumberland Street, NE1 7AF**  
with community workshops 16th March onwards

Join us for 'CITY OF KITTIWAKES', a magical and colourful parade to open this years festival. Created with 150 local residents to celebrate the iconic seabird: the kittiwake. A bird which famously nests under the Tyne Bridge and that represents migration, sanctuary and a natural marvel in the heart of Newcastle Gateshead. There will be birds and costumes of every shape and size accompanied by music, including a new original folk song celebrating the kittiwake and our unique city.

**Get involved!** We are looking for participants of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to work alongside our team of professional artists to create puppets, masks, costumes and large-scale pieces of art. You will also have the opportunity to take part performing in the parade through Newcastle City Centre. Workshops are free to attend, and run from March 16th to March 29th at the John Marley Centre. **No prior experience in puppet making or craft necessary!**

-  Individuals and families can sign up now by visiting [www.movingpartsarts.com/kittiwake](http://www.movingpartsarts.com/kittiwake)
-  If you are part of a community group or organisations and would like to be involved, please email Vicky at [movingpartsengage@gmail.com](mailto:movingpartsengage@gmail.com)



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# SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



Northumberland Street



## The Snow Lion

Creature Encounters (of Birmingham)


 **11am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm**

From the Forests of Eternal winter pads the giant white snow lion. Come forth and witness the majesty of the largest lion to walk the earth. Learn to master your courage, step forward for an encounter with this magical character and take home a memory of the light in the darkness! This theatrical presentation combines traditional folklore, animatronic puppetry, spectacular costumes and music to create an experience like no other.



## Zarafa Giraffa

Seb Mayer

 **11.30am, 1pm, 3pm**

In 2023, this full size giraffe puppet walked 1000km through France, recreating the journey of a real giraffe from 200 years ago. Now, she's coming to Newcastle to be decorated by you! Come and help us give Zarafa a new coat of spots, then join us on a walk to show off her fresh new colours.

# BEAST ST



Acts will appear from the bottom of the street near Fenwick Department Store

**FREE!**



## Archnobot

Tim Davies Design (of London)

12pm midday, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

Archnobot the giant spider, terrifying yet enchanting, roams the streets looking for prey, or anyone brave enough to say hello! Are spiders really so bad? Excellent aversion therapy for arachnophobes...



## A Sweep of Swallows

A Bird in the Hand Theatre (of Todmorden)

Our swallows paint the skies with colour, movement and the sweet sound of birdsong. Catching the wind, they create a beautiful aerial picture, bringing joy to events and height and colour to parades.



## The Keeper's Nests

Judith Hope Puppet Maker (of Aylesford)

Encounter two giant magpie puppets as they stalk the streets in their rickety, ramshackle nests, in search of your darkest secrets. Step into a curious world of magic and make believe!

See the Swallows and The Keeper's Nests in the City of Kittiwakes Parade at 2.00pm!

**S** ON THE  
**REET**

# SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH



Ouseburn Farm



11am - 4pm

# PUPPET VALLEY

A MAGICAL FAMILY DAY IN THE  
OUSEBURN WHERE THE IMAGINARY  
COMES TO LIFE



## No Flies on Uzzz!

Bell and Bullock Circus Theatre (of Co. Durham)

📅 11am, 2.00pm, 3.30pm

## Bubble Play

Jesse Ward Bubbleologist (of Newcastle)

📅 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm

## What The Tortoise Taught Us

The Flying Buttresses (of London)

📅 12.00pm midday, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

FACE PAINTING  
MUSIC  
MAGIC  
BUBBLE PLAY  
CHARACTERS & CREATURES  
OUTDOOR THEATRE







# All shows and acts at this venue **FREE!**

## The Wandering Magician

Paul Dewhurst Magician (of Newcastle)

📅 12.00pm midday, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

## The Handmade Herd

Animus Puppetry (of Norwich)

📅 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

## Flying with Strings

Sarah Vigers (of Buckfastleigh)

📅 11.00am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

## Theatre-for-Ones

Lempen Puppet Theatre (of Skipton)

📅 11.30am, 2.00pm

## Amazonian Visions Walkabout

José Navarro Theatre (of London)

📅 11.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm

## Elephant Rock Delilah the Elephant

Jo Feijó / Moving Parts Arts (of Newcastle)

📅 12.00pm midday, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

## The Snow Lion

Creature Encounters (of Birmingham)

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Seb Mayer (of London)

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## The Zoo That Comes to You

Scarlet Oak Theatre (of Bristol)

Come and meet this eclectic group of charming yet cheeky animals, as they discuss their life experiences and the challenges they face in a rapidly changing world dominated by humans. Featuring puppetry, live music and playful characters, Scarlet Oak Theatre welcomes you to join the conversation about animal conservation.



**11am & 1.30pm**



**60 mins**



**Ages 5+**



**£6 / £5**



**The Cluny**



## Georgia's Monster Circus Workshops

Georgia Hill (of Whitley Bay)

Roll up, Roll up, come and join the Monster Circus! Can you make the clown tell jokes? Dare to make the puppet walk the tightrope? Georgia's Monster Circus is a unique opportunity for children to learn all about puppets and have a go at puppeteering! The puppets are made especially for small hands, the perfect size for children to operate and bring to life.



**11am & 2.30pm**



**90 mins**



**Ages 7-11**



**£6.50\***



**Seven Stories**

\* Accompanying adults do not require a ticket.



## Carried by the Wind

Goofus Theatre (of Knutsford)

A feather blowing in the wind, carried on and on, a strange dance, free and magical to who knows where... Come and join Margarinee and Basket, two strolling carnival players as they hit the road and follow a beautiful feather that could lead them anywhere...



10.30am, 11.30am  
& 12.30pm



20 mins All Ages



£4 / £3



Seven Stories



## Laika the Space Dog

Lori Hopkins (of Birmingham)

Laika is no ordinary dog. She has been selected by the Space Agency to become the first animal to orbit Earth. Her training is rigorous and she is finally ready for launch day. With the help of her friend from the Canine Support team, Laika prepares to blast off! Laika The Space Dog is a lively family show that retells the story of Laika, the first dog in space (with a twist)! Audiences are invited to see an alternative ending whereby Laika undertakes the journey of a lifetime.



2.30pm & 3.30pm



20 mins



Ages 3+



£4 / £3



Seven Stories



## The Wild Beasts of Silly

Jo Feijó (of Newcastle)

Supported by Moving Parts Arts and Arts Council England through the **Scratch Space** opportunity - a platform for puppetry artists to try out new work. The Wild Beasts of Silly came into this world when Young Caroline sneezed into a packet of sweets. Her frustration and boredom, mixed with the intensity of a powerful sneeze, created a portal so strong it brought us the keepers of sacred silliness: shamans from the world of the imagined.



12.45pm & 3.00pm



30 mins



All Ages



FREE!



Roaming outdoors

# MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



Great North Museum: Hancock

## Beached

Strangeface (of Tunbridge Wells)

📅 Monday only: 11am, 1pm, 3pm  
(3 shows per hour slot)  
👤 All ages ⌚ 20 mins 🎟 Free



## Theatre-for-Ones

Lempen Puppet Theatre  
(of Skipton)

📅 Monday only: 11.30am, 2pm  
👤 All ages ⌚ 90 mins drop in 🎟 Free



## Wheelie Wonders Workshop

Moving Parts Arts & Chloe  
Rodham (of Newcastle)

📅 Monday: 12pm midday & 2pm  
Saturday: 11am, 1pm & 3pm  
👤 All ages ⌚ 90 mins drop in 🎟 Free



# Puppetry on the Green

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## Spaced

Strangeface (of Tunbridge Wells)

📅 Tuesday only: 11am, 1pm, 3pm  
(3 shows per hour slot)  
👤 All ages ⌚ 20 mins 🎟 Free



Facepainting with Glitzy Faces throughout the week 11am-4pm! All shows and workshops at **Puppetry on the Green** are **FREE!**

Puppetry on the Green is a new strand of the festival for 2024. 6 days of free shows and workshops for families will take place on the lawn outside the Great North Museum: Hancock. No need to book – just show up!



## Jumping Jacks Puppet Making Workshops

Molly Barrett (of Newcastle)



Tuesday only: 12pm midday & 2pm  
 Ages 4+ 60 mins drop in Free

## The Tales of Robin Hood

Angel Heart & Rattlebox Theatre (of Exeter)



Thursday only: 12pm midday & 2pm  
 Ages 4+ 60 mins drop in Free

## Beowulf

Rattlebox Theatre (of Exeter)



Wed only: 12pm midday & 2pm  
 Ages 7+ 45 mins drop in Free

## Butterfly Puppet Making Workshop

Garlic Theatre (of Norwich)



Thursday only: 11am, 1pm & 3pm  
 Ages 5+ 60 mins drop in Free

## Making the Roman Army Craft Workshop

The Playful Maker: Molly Barrett (of Newcastle)



Wednesday only: 11am, 1pm & 3pm  
 Ages 4+ 60 mins drop in Free

## Plain Bob

Noisy Oyster (of Holsworthy)



Friday only: 12pm midday & 2pm  
 Ages 3+ 35 mins drop in Free





# MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

 Great North Museum: Hancock

## Dinosaur Detectives Puppet Making Workshops

Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre  
(of Strathmiglo)



 Friday only: 11am, 1pm & 3pm  
 All ages  60 mins drop in  Free

## The Living Museum Automata Trail

The Object Project (of Leeds)







 Mon - Sat: 10am to 5pm daily  
 All ages  Drop in  Free

Specially commissioned by Moving Parts Arts and the Great North Museum: Hancock, The Living Museum is an exciting new way of experiencing the much-loved exhibits of this iconic building. Discover 10 ingenious mechanical creations inspired by some of the Hancock's most recognisable residents – can you find them all? Become an expert museum explorer and fill in your trail sheet as you go – all completed sheets are entered into a prize draw to win a build-your-own automata kit.






## The Magic Lantern (of Withington)



 Friday & Saturday 11am, 1pm  
& 3pm  
 All ages  45 mins  Free

## The Three Billy Pigs Noisy Oyster (of Holsworthy)



 Sat only: 12pm midday & 2pm  
 Ages 3+  45 mins  Free

## City of Kittiwakes Puppetry Exhibition

Moving Parts Arts & North East residents

 Mon - Sat 10am to 5pm daily  
 All ages  drop in  Free

Come along a get up close to the puppets, masks and costumes created by 150 North East residents and a team of artists for the City of Kittiwakes parade (see page 4 for more details).

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## Natural History Society of Northumbria activities at Puppetry on the Green

Our City of Kittiwakes project (page 4) has been inspired by the need for environmental conservation in our beloved region. We have partnered with the Natural History Society of Northumbria (NHSN), owners of the Great North Museum: Hancock, to deliver free activities, which allow us to connect to the nature on our doorsteps.

### Kittiwakes & Other Seabirds

 **Tuesday only: 3pm**

A chance to see rare books in the NHSN Library collection featuring seabirds. Led by Project Archivist Kris McKie and Carter Smith, Student Naturalist.



### Urban Nature Walk

 **Tuesday only: 11am**

Come along to discover nature and enjoy nature-based activities with Senior Naturalist, James Common and Nature Ranger Amber Tatman. Start point at the Great North Museum: Hancock front door, followed by a walk to Exhibition Park.



**NHSN will also have a stall at Puppetry on the Green so you can find out more about their wider activities and ways you can get involved!**



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event	Times	Location	Pg
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## Saturday 30th March

Beasts on the Street	11am - 4pm	Northumberland Street	6-7
City of Kitiwakes Parade	2pm	Northumberland Street	4-5

## Sunday 31st March

Carried by the Wind	10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm	Seven Stories	11
Puppet Valley - Ouseburn Family Day	11am - 4pm	Ouseburn Farm	8-9
Georgia's Monster Circus Workshops	11am, 2.30pm	Seven Stories	10
The Zoo That Comes To You	11am, 1.30pm	The Cluny	10
Laika the Space Dog	2.30pm, 3.30pm	Seven Stories	11

## Monday 1st April

Guide Through the Unspoken (6 day glove puppet making workshop)	10am - 5pm daily	Great North Museum	18
The Hero's Journey (2 day applied theatre workshop)	10am - 5pm daily	Great North Museum	18
Puppetry on the Green (6 day programme of free events)	11am - 4pm daily	Great North Museum	12-15
Moonsmile	11am	Northern Stage	19
Lempen Puppet Theatre Q&A	6.30pm	Northern Stage	19
Moving Parts Puppet Cabaret	7.30pm	Northern Stage	19

## Tuesday 2nd April

Cardboard Carnival	11am	Northern Stage	21
Breathe	2pm, 4.30pm	Northern Stage	20
Catmother	5.30pm, 7.30pm	Northern Stage	21
Sarah Vigers Q&A	6.30pm	Northern Stage	21

## Wednesday 3rd April

2-Day Puppetry Performance Workshop	10am - 5pm daily	Great North Museum	22
Sea Dragon	11am, 2pm	Northern Stage	22
Raven Kaliana Q&A	6pm	Northern Stage	23
Exuvia	7pm	Northern Stage	23
Puppet Olympics	8.30pm	Northern Stage	23



## Thursday 4th April

The Elves and the Shoemaker	11am	Northern Stage	24
Frankenweenie Film Screening	3pm	Northern Stage	24
Alison McGowan / Puppetship Q&A	6pm	Northern Stage	25
Ghost Stories: Tales of the Supernatural	7pm	Northern Stage	25
Stop Motion Animation Films	8.30pm	Northern Stage	25

## Friday 5th April

Live Animation Theatre Workshop (2 days)	10am - 5pm daily	Great North Museum	26
The Nosy Little Troll	11am	Northern Stage	26
The Paper Cinema Q&A	6pm	Northern Stage	27
Meet Fred	7pm	Northern Stage	27
Cinema in Silhouette	8.30pm	Northern Stage	27

## Saturday 6th April

Shadowplay with Crankies workshop (2 days)	10am - 5pm daily (until Sun 7th)	Great North Museum	30
Snug and Grub Catch a Bug	11am	Northern Stage	29
Zannie Fraser Q&A	6pm	Northern Stage	29
Ascension - UK PREMIERE	7pm	Northern Stage	28
Voices of Evil	9pm	Northern Stage	29





### Guide Through the Unspoken: 6-Day Glove Puppet Making Workshop for adults

Raven Kaliana (of Brighton)

Make your own glove puppet for exploring folk tales, fantasy, myth, comedy, contemporary stories, and the realms of your own imagination. Built around the shape of your hand, the puppet communicates through the primal and universal language of movement, which you'll learn to apply to theatre, events, storytelling, and workshops. Raven Kaliana taught puppet making at Little Angel Theatre for many years, and works freelance as a director and puppet builder.



### The Hero's Journey - Puppetry and Human Experience: 2-Day Applied Puppetry Workshop for Adults

Alison McGowan / PuppetShip CIC (of Newcastle)

This two day applied puppetry workshop explores using existing narrative structures to underpin storytelling with puppets, objects and materials. Participants will learn puppetry performance and making skills alongside ways of listening to stories and transposing them into imagery. We will reflect on how we are impacted as performers by telling stories using puppetry and by having our stories told with transferable skills to therapeutic group work and community arts settings.



1st - 6th April



10am - 5pm daily



Ages 18+



£360 (includes everything)



Great North Museum



All tools/materials provided



1st - 2nd April



10am - 5pm daily



Ages 18+



£120 (includes everything)



Great North Museum



All tools/materials provided



## Moonsmile

Goofus Theatre (of Knutsford)

A lonely museum caretaker loses something very dear to him. In his quest to retrieve what was lost, he finds himself traveling to the Moon where he meets the strange but lovable Moonlings. Through trust and friendship the Moonlings help the Caretaker restore what was lost to him. Taking this gift back to Earth, the caretaker discovers all that was hidden.


 11am  
 40 mins  
 Ages 5+  
 £6 / £5  
 Northern Stage




## Moving Parts Puppet Cabaret



Velma Von Bon Bon and Mystic Mog (of Liverpool)

Roll up, roll up for the Moving Parts Puppet Cabaret – strictly for adults only! Join whimsical and hilarious hosts Velma Von Bon Bon and Mystic Mog as they guide you through a puppet-filled evening of laughter, wonder, glamour & mystery. Featuring Bambi Bang Bang, Beanpig Puppets, Jimi Handtrix, Patsy May, Scarlet Oak Theatre and The Object Project.

 7.30pm  
 90 mins approx  
 Strictly ages 18+  
 £10 / £8  
 Northern Stage

 Also catch **The Handmade Herd** by Animus Puppetry and **Flying with Strings** by Sarah Vigers in the **Northern Stage bar** either side of shows for free! Make sure to check out **Puppetry on the Green** – free family theatre throughout the week (see pages 12-15)

## Meet the Puppeteers Q&A: Lempen Puppet Theatre

 1st April, 6.30pm  FREE (no booking required)  Northern Stage

# TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

📍 Northern Stage



## Breathe

Half a String (of Canterbury)

An extraordinary journey from the perspective of an acorn; the hectic forest floor, thrumming underworlds, and dazzling heights of icy branches. Beautifully realised through puppetry, folk music, and live camera work. Find the epic in the tiny in this celebration of trees, nature, and finding space in a buzzing community.

📅 2.00pm & 4.30pm

🕒 60 mins

👤 Ages 5+

🎫 £6 / £5


📍 Northern Stage



## Cardboard Carnival

Lempen Puppet Theatre (of Skipton)

Trunk, Tail, Ears or Wings? - Carnival creates itself from all sorts of things! This is “Carnival of the Animals” but not as we know it. Dissected for body part potential to create the “ultimate animal” we take inspiration from the music by Camille Saint-Saëns, a little help from Charles Darwin and a whole lot of cardboard to mash up a show full of puppet possibility. Inspiration and delight for everyone from 4 to 104.

 11am

 45 mins

 Ages 4+

 £6 / £5

 Northern Stage



## Catmother

Invisible Thread Theatre of Animation (of Holmfirth)

Catmother is an experimental, toy-theatre style re-telling of a scary Victorian children’s tale, performed to a recorded sound track and live-played double bass score. Two children meet a beguiling woman by a bridge on their way home running an errand for mother. She offers them secrets and dancing but only if they can be REALLY naughty. A perfectly-sized bewitching, surprising and chilling show – recommended for teens and adults.


 5.30pm & 7.30pm

 50 mins

 Ages 8+ / adults

 £10 / £8

 Northern Stage

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## Meet the Puppeteers Q&A: Sarah Vigers

 2nd April, 6.30pm  FREE (no booking required)  Northern Stage

# WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL



## Northern Stage / Great North Museum: Hancock



## 2-day Puppetry Performance Workshop for Adults

StrangeFace (of Tunbridge Wells)

Learn the principles of puppetry and how to bring a bunraku-style (3-person) puppet to life. Using StrangeFace's own workshop and show puppets, we will move toward short informal table top performances within the group on the afternoon of the second day. We will cover the basics of breath, balance, fixed point, momentum, internal monologue and improvisation.

We will also explore some of the fascinating psychology of perception that makes puppetry such a powerful form of story telling. **Suitable for beginners, performers as well as teachers** interested in developing the benefits of puppetry in their school.



3rd - 4th April



10am - 5pm daily



Ages 18+



£120 (includes both days)



Great North Museum

For children under 5



## Sea Dragon

Dragon Song Productions (of Edinburgh)

Three kelpies arrive on the reef for a play date only to find that the colour from the coral has all washed away. They tell the tale of what happened next and with the help of Kipper the Sea Dragon he comes to the rescue but can't work alone. He searches the sea for colours to help put the coral reef back together and with the help of a family of sea horses, a star fish and a very naughty crab. Sea Dragon is accompanied by a pianist.



11am & 2pm



45 mins



For children under 5



£6 per child\*



Northern Stage

\* accompanying adults do not require a ticket



## Exuvia

'T Magsich Theaterje (of The Netherlands)

A visual and musical feast, Exuvia is about the search for our inner possibilities and limitations. A beginning of the creation, bodies in space, a never ending space in which we are not the end of evolution. A search in today's increasingly materialistic society. A world in which we are barely conscious of belonging to a larger entity. In her performance without words, Charlotte will sweep the floor from under your feet, but will catch you once again and, just for a moment, she will make you part of a bigger universe...



7pm



60mins



Ages 12+ / adults



£12 / £10



Northern Stage



## Puppet Olympics

Hosted by Life & Limb Puppets (of Gateshead)

Puppet Olympics is back again for its fourth annual ceremony of games and awards. A relaxed social evening of puppet-themed fun – no puppetry experience needed! Life & Limb Puppets will rally teams to create their own puppets from recycling, before putting them to the test in a series of Olympic challenges. Prizes to be won!



8.30pm



Until the bar closes



Ages 18+



FREE! (donations welcome)



Northern Stage



Also catch **The Existential Pet Shop** by The Object Project in the **Northern Stage bar** either side of shows for free! Make sure to check out **Puppetry on the Green** – free family theatre throughout the week (see pages 12-15)



## Meet the Puppeteers Q&A: Raven Kaliana



3rd April, 6pm



FREE (no booking required)



Northern Stage



## The Elves and The Shoemaker

Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre (of Strathmiglo)

A poor shoemaker has only one pair of shoes left and not enough money to pay his rent. With the help of two mischievous Elves, he makes some unusual shoes that are very much appreciated and rewards the Elves in return. Beautiful wooden carved puppets, lots of lovely shoes and specially composed music make this a visual puppet treat for ages 5 upwards.

📅 11am  
🕒 50 mins  
👤 Ages 5+  
🎫 £6 / £5  
📍 Northern Stage



## Frankweenie (Feature Film)

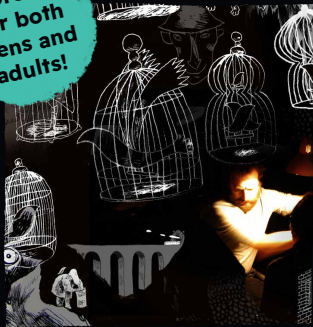
Directed by Tim Burton

From creative genius Tim Burton (“Alice in Wonderland”) comes “Frankweenie,” a heartwarming tale about a boy and his dog. After unexpectedly losing his beloved dog Sparky, young Victor harnesses the power of science to bring his best friend back to life with just a few minor adjustments. He tries to hide his home-sewn creation, but when Sparky gets out, Victor’s fellow students, teachers and the entire town all learn that getting a new “leash on life” can be monstrous. Licensed through Filmbank Media

📅 3pm  
🕒 86 mins  
👤 Ages PG  
🎫 £6 / £5  
📍 Northern Stage



Great  
for both  
teens and  
adults!



## Ghost Stories: Tales of the Supernatural

The Paper Cinema (of Bristol)

Fascinating and imaginative storytellers, The Paper Cinema, create extraordinary, magical worlds with vivid pen and ink drawings, puppetry, and a treasure trove of acoustic and electronic sounds. Performed by two puppeteers and a multi-instrumentalist, The Paper Cinema return to their 'out-of-a suitcase' origins to delight you with atmospheric tales of ghosts, dreams and the supernatural. *The pleasure here is not just that the animations are both sinister and enchanting, or that the wonderful music gives the whole thing the feel of a quirky silent movie, but also that you can see how the show is being made right before your eyes.* - **The Guardian**



7pm



60 mins



Ages 8+ / adults



£12 / £10



Northern Stage



## Stop Motion Animation Film Night

Hosted by Lauren Stone and  
Co-curated with Lesley-anne Rose

Featuring critically-acclaimed work from artists around the world, this selection of stop motion shorts will demonstrate the wide breadth of creativity possible in this unique art form. Sit back, relax and enjoy a curated mixture of comedy, whimsy, beauty and cutting-edge animation



7pm



90 mins



Ages 18+



£6 / £5



Northern Stage

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## Meet the Puppeteers Q&A: Alison McGowan



4th April, 6pm



FREE (no booking required)



Northern Stage



## 2-day Live Animation Theatre Workshop for adults

The Paper Cinema (of Bristol)

Explore making a story using The Paper Cinema's unique techniques. We will share some of our work, then guide you through our process, aiming to produce a short piece by the end of the course. Suitable for everyone but particularly those with an interest or practice in visual storytelling, illustration, puppetry, music, writing and devised theatre.



5th - 6th April



10am - 5pm daily



Ages 18+



£120 (includes both days)



Great North Museum



## The Nosy Little Troll

Garlic Theatre (of Norwich)

Deep in the heart of the Norwegian Forest live the trolls – big trolls, tiny trolls and a Nosy Little Troll who has an amazingly sensitive nose...

One day there is a mumbling and a rumbling from the trolls. What is that stinky smell wafting through the trees? The Nosy Little Troll sets off to follow her nose on a quest to solve the mysterious pong. Will she be brave enough to cross the scary old stone bridge and succeed in sniffing out the culprit? Join us for this funny Scandinavian story starring a tasty brown cheese song, a lost goat and a bushy old troll with green fingers.



11am



45 mins



Ages 3+



£6 / £5



Northern Stage



Live Captions

Live  
Captions



## Meet Fred

Hijinx Theatre (of Cardiff)

A cloth puppet fights prejudice every day. Fred just wants to be part of the real world, to get a job and meet a girl, but when threatened with losing his PLA (Puppetry Living Allowance), Fred's life begins to spiral out of his control. This Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2016 sell out hit contains strong language and puppet nudity.

*Sharp, funny and vastly entertaining* **Lyn Gardner, The Guardian**  
*The humour here is brilliantly black with mordant social and political relevance* **The Herald**



7pm



80 mins



Ages 14+ / adults



£12 / £10



Northern Stage



Strong language



## Cinema in Silhouette

Drew Colby (of Eastbourne)

Expect rabbits doing what rabbits do, famous extra-terrestrials from the silver screen and many more endearing and astonishing characters all made with just a light, two hands and a screen, before a show-stopping shadow duet rounds off this virtuoso performance. Stand-up comedy meets cabaret meets visual shadow feast! Expect a gallery of notorious politicians and tributes to well-loved films...Colby leads the audience on a hilarious and highly skilled journey from the age of the caveman to the present day, via the magic of the silver screen, TV cartoons and (in)famous politicians.



8.30pm



60 mins



Ages 12+ / adults



£10 / £8



Northern Stage



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## Meet the Puppeteers Q&A: The Paper Cinema



4th April, 6.15pm



FREE (no booking required)



Northern Stage

## Ascension

SITIO Compagnie (of France)

Fresh from the World Puppet Festival and a UK premiere, *Ascension* is a visceral and cerebral spectacle for adults and teens. A man lives in a business district at the foot of the highest tower. He used to work on the 88th floor. The highest one. He was one of those men dressed in a black suit, who walked quickly to save time, save money, and increase value...but no more. He now longs to redeem himself, both professionally and personally; and regain his social status and the love of his former colleague Barbara. Till then, he is enjoying the sincere friendship of his friend Horace. He is an elephant who protects him and holds him tight with his trunk. Although Horace is imaginary, he is also quite real. Will Horace help the Man to get back to the 88th floor? And to undertake his social and spiritual quest of ascension?

UK  
Premiere

-  7pm
-  70 mins
-  Ages 12+
-  £12 / £10
-  Northern Stage
-  Live Captions




## Snug and Grub Catch a Bug

Garlic Theatre (of Norwich)

Snug and Grub catch a Bug is an inventive, funny puppet show about two little characters, Snug and Grub, who pop out from under a rock and see a little bug wriggling through the grass. As they try and catch it, an adventure unfolds in their little organic world as they try to protect it from something hovering in the blue sky ready to swoop down...

 11am

 45 mins

 Ages 3+

 £6 / £5

 Northern Stage


 Live Captions



## Voices of Evil

Lachlan Werner (of London)

The horrifying debut show from the award-winning poof prince of puppets. Lachy is a poof, and apparently a virgin. Brew is a small, squishy witch, and she has decided to sacrifice him. To help with his self-esteem. Together, they'll bring your worst nightmares to life in a ceremony of paranormal tricks and treats. But when the ritual releases a sinister entity with a lust for destruction, the virginal Lachy may never be the same... *Hilarious. Extraordinary. A healthy dose of the unhinged*  
☆☆☆ **The Guardian**


 9.00pm


 60 mins

 Ages 16+ / adults

 £10 / £8

 Northern Stage

 Strong Language

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## Meet the Puppeteers Q&A: Zannie Fraser

 4th April, 6pm

 FREE (no booking required)

 Northern Stage

SAT 6<sup>TH</sup>-SUN 7<sup>TH</sup>

Great North Museum: Hancock

No prior  
experience  
needed!



## Shadowplay with Crankies 2-day workshop for adults

Zannie Fraser (of Norwich)

Make your very own rolling, scrolling light-up shadow machine, otherwise known as a 'crankie', and perform a shadow puppet show. You will make a 'crankie' then design and make a scroll to tell a story or illustrate a poem or song with shadow puppets exploring the possibilities of shadow play with an assortment of flight sources and materials.

-  6th - 7th April
-  10am - 5pm daily
-  Ages 18+
-  £95 (includes both days)
-  Great North Museum



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# Great North Museum: Hancock

## Easter Highlights

### Opening for Easter 2024

Space Investigators North East, (30 March – 1 September 2024) an immersive, multi-sensory journey into the hidden world of the universe.

See the full programme at  
[greatnorthmuseum.org.uk](https://greatnorthmuseum.org.uk)

Great North Museum: Hancock,  
Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PT

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Free entry



### 7-14 April 2024

Some of the puppets from Moving Parts Arts Puppet Festival have decided to stick around and call the museum home for the holidays! Why not complete the amazing Automaton trail or squark hello to a larger than life kittiwake puppet. You can also visit our astronomical space exhibition and take part in some inspiring intergalactic activities.



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event	Times	Location	Pg
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## Saturday 30th March

Beasts on the Street	11am - 4pm	Northumberland Street	6-7
City of Kittiwakes Parade	2pm	Northumberland Street	4-5

## Sunday 31st March

Carried by the Wind	10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm	Seven Stories	11
Puppet Valley - Ouseburn Family Day	11am - 4pm	Ouseburn Farm	8-9
Georgia's Monster Circus Workshops	11am, 2.30pm	Seven Stories	10
The Zoo That Comes To You	11am, 1.30pm	The Cluny	10
Laika the Space Dog	2.30pm, 3.30pm	Seven Stories	11

## Monday 1st April

Guide Through the Unspoken (6 day glove puppet making workshop)	10am - 5pm daily	Great North Museum	18
The Hero's Journey (2 day applied theatre workshop)	10am - 5pm daily	Great North Museum	18
Puppetry on the Green (6 day programme of free events)	11am - 4pm daily	Great North Museum	12-15
Moonsmile	11am	Northern Stage	19
Lempen Puppet Theatre Q&A	6.30pm	Northern Stage	19
Moving Parts Puppet Cabaret	7.30pm	Northern Stage	19

## Tuesday 2nd April

Cardboard Carnival	11am	Northern Stage	21
Breathe	2pm, 4.30pm	Northern Stage	20
Catmother	5.30pm, 7.30pm	Northern Stage	21
Sarah Vigars Q&A	6.30pm	Northern Stage	21

## Wednesday 3rd April

2-Day Puppetry Performance Workshop	10am - 5pm daily	Great North Museum	22
Sea Dragon	11am, 2pm	Northern Stage	22
Raven Kaliana Q&A	6pm	Northern Stage	23
Exuvia	7pm	Northern Stage	23
Puppet Olympics	8.30pm	Northern Stage	23

## Thursday 4th April

The Elves and the Shoemaker	11am	Northern Stage	24
Frankenweenie Film Screening	3pm	Northern Stage	24
Alison McGowan / Puppetship Q&A	6pm	Northern Stage	25
Ghost Stories: Tales of the Supernatural	7pm	Northern Stage	25
Stop Motion Animation Films	8.30pm	Northern Stage	25

## Friday 5th April

Live Animation Theatre Workshop (2 days)	10am - 5pm daily	Great North Museum	26
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The Paper Cinema Q&A	6pm	Northern Stage	27
Meet Fred	7pm	Northern Stage	27
Cinema in Silhouette	8.30pm	Northern Stage	27

## Saturday 6th April

Shadowplay with Crankies workshop (2 days)	10am - 5pm daily (until Sun 7th)	Great North Museum	30
Snug and Grub Catch a Bug	11am	Northern Stage	29
Zannie Fraser Q&A	6pm	Northern Stage	29
Ascension - UK PREMIERE	7pm	Northern Stage	28
Voices of Evil	9pm	Northern Stage	29

