

Cats wander through poems...

travelling theater



TARGET AUDIENCE :
ALL AUDIENCES
DURATION : 01H00





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**beauty turns our souls inside
out and then slips away**

TEATRO E MARIONETAS DE MANDRÁGORA

Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora is a professional puppet theater company, founded on 2 April 2002, directed by **Clara Ribeiro** and **Filipa Mesquita** and **enVide neFelibata** as art direction.

- In the symbiosis of a symbolic language that combines heritage and traditional legacy with the contemporary society's thinking and dynamics, in a dialogue that's not always peaceful, a fundamental element emerges: the puppet — the tool used in our quest for our own cultural identity.
- Our goal is to discover the puppet's own aesthetic, visual, scenic, and dramatic potential, as well as in the relation between actor and puppet. In this experience, we intend to find our own identity-based dramaturgy: the one that explores culture, belief, and folklore combined with the urban area, the technological exploitation and the global village's fast pace.
- Throughout our artistic journey, we created a wide range of proposals, both in terms of audiences (adults, youngsters schoolchildren, families) and in terms of training (basic and specialized).
- One of our major commitments is touring our projects, through the country and abroad. We constantly concern on decentralization, community work, partnerships, social and inclusive enhancement.
- For over two decades, the Company firmly established itself as a contemporary artistic creation structure by putting on a wide range of shows. Some creations our own, others resulted from partnerships with national and foreign cultural structures and entities.
- Our team has always had space to freely create according to each other's

language and vision, converging to develop and enrich the puppet theater's art.

- Our Company focuses on social vulnerabilities but also traditions and heritage through different but converging sights. Dialogue with all different audiences, blend our creations with sites and spaces, intersect with partner entities and structures is essential for creating multidisciplinary projects that prioritize communication with spectators.
- We would like to highlight our collaboration with numerous educational service teams while implementing our education activities program in institutions such as monuments, museums, and landmark buildings.
- *Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora is supported by Portuguese Republic – Culture, Youth, and Sports / Directorate-General for the Arts, Espinho Municipality / Espinho City Council, and Gondomar Municipality. The structure is based at FACE - Espinho Art and Culture Forum and headquartered in Gondomar.*

CATS WANDER THROUGH POEMS...

target audience : all audiences

duration : 01h00

production : 68^a

group : travelling theater

premiere date : 25 August 2024 (Sunday)

premiere location : Jardins do Palácio de Cristal do Porto × Porto × Porto

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Biblioteca Municipal Almeida Garrett



PRESENTATION

Cats. Like Eugénio de Andrade, so many poets have gazed upon and contemplated cats. How many of us are not amazed by these delicate creatures, with their agile movements, appearing from all sides in the haughtiness of their seven lives?

Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora decided to turn this seductive feline into a giant. Thus, four giant cats populate the streets, as if seeking to enchant passersby with their beauty, their gaze, and a subtlety that so cunningly seduces us through their meows and purrs. For cat lovers and animal enthusiasts, these will be the great sphinx-like cats that, over thousands of years, have beguiled us and led us to believe that they were ever truly ours.



TRAVELLING THEATER

The outdoors, the street, and the open air are as much a way of being as they are a form of artistic dialogue. This is the privileged stage for community life. In a country like Portugal, the occupation of outdoor spaces—our squares, gardens, and beaches—is fundamental. These are places where the sun shines and where families, children, and spectators gather, turning artistic creation into a point of contact, with the sky and the landscape as their backdrop.

Since time immemorial, whether through small or large-scale works, historical contexts, or vibrant festivals, our territory has offered magnificent natural and urban spaces. We populate these settings with countless proposals born from our particular artistic way of being. Whether through new creations, itinerant performances, or the presentation of our beloved Teatro Dom Roberto, we believe that the street and the open air are inseparable from our journey.

The street is not simple; it contends with atmospheric unpredictability, the inconstancy of space, and shifting social dynamics. Yet, it is immediately embraced by the local population—the people who transform a fleeting performance into a lasting memory. We deeply value the outdoors and feel that it remains the ideal place to make art happen.







TESTIMONIALS

— Filipa Mesquita × 1 September 2024

TOUR

DATA	LOCAL
25 AUG 2024 . SUNDAY	Jardins do Palácio de Cristal do
1 SEP 2024 . SUNDAY	Porto, Porto, Porto
8 SEP 2024 . SUNDAY	
24 MAY 2025 . SATURDAY . 15h00 > 16h00	ruas de Espinho, Espinho, Aveiro
30 MAY 2025 . FRIDAY . 10h00	Biblioteca Municipal Almeida
31 MAY 2025 . SATURDAY . 10h30	Garrett, Porto, Porto
31 MAY 2025 . SATURDAY . 18h00	
1 JUN 2025 . SUNDAY . 10h30	
1 JUN 2025 . SUNDAY . 18h00	

TOTAL : 9

NATIONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

LOCAL	FESTIVAL	YEAR
Jardins do Palácio de Cristal do Porto	Feira do Livro do Porto	2024
ruas de Espinho	MAR~MARIONETAS - Festival Internacional de Marionetas de Espinho	2025

TOTAL : 2

HISTORY

"Cats wander through poems...", premiered at "Jardins do Palácio de Cristal do Porto × Porto × Porto" on 25 August 2024 (Sunday). To date, it has performed in 3 venues, 2 cities, 2 districts, 1 country (Portugal) and participated in 2 festivals and 2 meetings and 0 internationals.

Its history includes 9 shows for an audience of 2.000 spectators.

Cats wander through poems... went off stage on '1 JUN 2025 . SUNDAY' with a journey of 9 months and 7 days at the time of creating this document.

TECHNICAL RIDER

For more information about technical requirements and other production-related needs, please refer to the **GENERAL CONDITIONS** section of this document.

At the moment, detailed information about the technical rider associated with this production is not available. If you need to clarify specific technical requirements or obtain additional data regarding the implementation of scenography, lighting, sound, or other technical areas, you may request them directly via email contact with the company, which will be happy to provide the necessary documentation.

PROMOTIONAL DOCUMENTS AND OTHERS

Current Document

GATOS - DOSSIER - EN **2.9 MB**

https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/_dwn/dossier/gatos - dossier - en.pdf

Imagery Archive

IMAGERY ARCHIVE PROMO **64.7 MB**

https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/_dwn/zip/prj_gatos.zip

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IMAGE AND COMMUNICATION

- Mandatory mentions in all promotional material:
- Production: Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora
- Support: Portuguese Republic – Culture, Youth, and Sports / Directorate-General for the Arts (with logos), Municipality of Espinho / City Council of Espinho, Municipality of Gondomar

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Access and parking must be available for the company's vehicle (Class II or Class I).
- The promoter must provide a technician to assist during assembly, rehearsal, and performance.
- Before setup begins, the space must be clean and free of any equipment.
- Any proposed changes to the Technical Rider must be communicated in a timely manner so that, together with the technical team and the event production, the best solutions can be found to make the activity possible.
- Individual dressing rooms suitable for the performers must be provided, equipped with running water, a mirror, a chair, and a table.
- The promoter must provide bottles of water for all team.

BUDGET

- Consult budget and, if necessary, request specific conditions for two or more presentations on the same day, in the same location, and/or on consecutive days.
- The amounts are VAT exempt, under the terms of nº8 of Article 9º of the portuguese VAT Code.
- Travel expenses will be added, calculated from Espinho (price per km).
- Where applicable, the promoter shall provide accommodation and meals for the team. We will communicate the type of rooms (preferably singles) and dietary restrictions in advance.

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