

Puppets in Portugal

exhibition



TARGET AUDIENCE :
ALL AUDIENCES





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**a look at Portuguese puppets
and their creators**

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 República Portuguesa - Cultura, Juventude e Desporto / Direção-Geral das Artes, Município de Espinho / Museu Municipal de Espinho e Município de Gondomar. The structure is based at FACE - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho and headquartered in Gondomar.*

PUPPETS IN PORTUGAL

target audience : all audiences

group : exhibition

premiere date : 19 January 2024 (Friday)

premiere location : F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho × Espinho × Aveiro



PRESENTATION

Exploring the rich art of puppetry on Portuguese soil is to embark on a journey through the builders and creators who elevate the puppet to the status of true artistic expression. This four-month exhibition is a celebration of the visual work of national creators, serving as a tribute to both rooted tradition and contemporary innovation.

This exhibition does more than just celebrate the past; it highlights the innovations that contemporary creatives bring to the art of puppetry. The showcase stands as a testament to the dynamism of this form of expression, where tradition and innovation coexist harmoniously, highlighting the diversity of styles, techniques, and inspirations that shape the country's puppetry landscape.



EXHIBITION

Over the years, the Company has carried out a range of activities, from shows and workshops to collaborations, which have enabled it to build up a vast collection. We realized that it was necessary to showcase this collection, both for the Company, in terms of promotion and publicity, and for the public, who have always been incredibly supportive.

Whether for recreational, educational, or artistic reasons, exhibiting our work is an integral part of our intention to showcase the many facets of puppet theater that accompany the presentation of our creations in the context of a show.





TOUR

DATA	LOCAL
19 JAN 2024 . FRIDAY > 19 APR 2024 . FRIDAY	F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho, Espinho, Aveiro
19 APR 2024 . FRIDAY > 19 JUL 2024 . FRIDAY	F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho, Espinho, Aveiro
19 JUL 2024 . FRIDAY > 31 DEC 2024 . TUESDAY	F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho, Espinho, Aveiro
5 MAY 2025 . MONDAY > 27 JUN 2025 . FRIDAY	F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho, Espinho, Aveiro
10 JUL 2025 . THURSDAY > 10 OCT 2025 . FRIDAY	F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho, Espinho, Aveiro
8 NOV 2025 . SATURDAY > 8 FEB 2026 . SUNDAY	F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho, Espinho, Aveiro
2 MAR 2026 . MONDAY > 25 JUN 2026 . THURSDAY	F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho, Espinho, Aveiro

TOTAL : 7

NATIONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

LOCAL	FESTIVAL	YEAR
F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho	MAR~MARIONETAS - Festival Internacional de Marionetas de Espinho	2024
F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho	MAR~MARIONETAS - Festival Internacional de Marionetas de Espinho	2025
F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho	MAR~MARIONETAS - Festival Internacional de Marionetas de Espinho	2026

TOTAL : 3

HISTORY

"Puppets in Portugal", premiered at "F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho × Espinho × Aveiro" on 19 January 2024 (Friday). To date, it has performed in 1 venue, 1 city, 1 district, 1 country (Portugal) and participated in 3 festivals and 3 meetings and 0 internationals.

Its history includes 7 shows for an audience of 6.100 spectators.

"Puppets in Portugal" has been touring for 2 anos, 3 meses e 16 dias 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

MARIONETASEMPORTUGAL - DOSSIER - EN **1.5 MB**

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

Imagery Archive

IMAGERY ARCHIVE PROMO **21.7 MB**

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

VIDEO

Marionetas Jorge Cerqueira 2018 [**PROMOTIONAL**]
<https://youtu.be/FjrAVR5T5Ws>

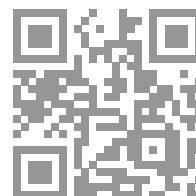


IMAGE AND COMMUNICATION

- 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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