



Performance:

The Heart of the Puppet Theatre.

Norwich Puppet Theatre is a unique venue in the heart of Norwich, one of only two building-based puppet theatres in England. Every year the theatre presents its own productions, hosts a range of visiting companies and showcases the best in national and international puppetry and object-based theatre.

Plan your visit to Norwich Puppet Theatre to coincide with one of these performances, or if you are coming to see a performance, have a look below at the other exciting things that you could participate in at Norwich Puppet Theatre to provide a whole day's entertainment – including our partners in the Norwich Education Network.

During term time, Norwich Puppet Theatre has performances most weekends, usually on Saturday afternoons. During school holidays we have a full programme of performances, suitable for children of varying ages. Each individual production however is recommended for a minimum age. This information can be found in the programme or on the Norwich Puppet Theatre website.

NB. Children must be at least three years of age to go into the auditoria (unless otherwise indicated).

The current special rates for group/school bookings for performances is £4.50/ £5 (depending on the show) per person (with one free adult per 10 children).

Advance booking is essential. Call 01603 629921 or email info@puppettheatre.co.uk

NPT's own productions at the Theatre and on tour – Our current productions are – *Thumbelina* and *Red Riding Hood*.

This is a rare opportunity to have a professional theatre company perform at your school, maximising children's enjoyment without having to arrange coaches etc. This option is always extremely popular, so it is important that you act quickly as dates book up very quickly. Please contact the Theatre or look at our website for full information about the shows.

To find out about upcoming tours and shows, subscribe to our mailing list. Please take the time to complete the form below and send it back to us so that we can inform you about events as soon as possible. Alternatively give us a call and we will input your details onto the database. Prices of touring shows vary – please call the Theatre for more details.



Tour and Talk (Show & Tell)

Take a peep...

A chance to see behind the scenes of a real, working theatre, ask questions of theatre professionals and interact with the usually-untouchable performance pieces and puppets.

Norwich Puppet Theatre's '**Show & Tell**' is usually a one-hour session where, after a short tour of the puppet theatre building, the audience is introduced to the four basic types of puppet:- glove, rod, shadow, string - and the wide variety of types within these four categories.

During the talk there is opportunity for hands-on experience of the puppets from the Norwich Puppet Theatre collection to discover such things as the weight of the puppets, types of material used in construction, manipulation skills etc.

The session encourages and enables individuals to see puppets in a new light; to be aware of materials used and construction techniques as well as offering the opportunity to 'play'!

'Show & Tell' can be tailored to your requirements – e.g. focusing on construction materials, character design, or re-telling of traditional tales. When booking, please discuss your needs.

Price: for a 1 hour session: £125 (ideally for groups of 15-30 children. The maximum group size is 50 but please note that with larger groups, the number of individuals involved with the hands-on experience is necessarily reduced)

We are able to bring a '**Show & Tell**' to your venue at a cost of: £130 + travel cost + VAT.

If a show and tell session is being held 'off-site' at your venue then there is obviously no opportunity for a theatre tour.



Puppet-Making Workshops

Create ...

“Drawing on the resources of the puppet theatre, these workshops give the opportunity for participants to create a simple yet effective puppet with a character of their own imagination.”

Ian Woods, Norwich Puppet Theatre’s general manager

In addition to those events listed in our programme, we are able to organise special puppet-making workshops for groups: - schools, Brownies, Scouts, staff development days, and birthdays etc.

During the first part of the 1½ hour session the group is guided through the construction process to create the basic puppet. The second half of the session allows for free creativity giving the puppet character through costume, decoration etc.

All materials are provided by the Puppet Theatre and the group is led by a professional with support from one or two helpers. The maximum size for a single workshop is 25 participants, though up to 60 can be accommodated with simultaneous sessions. Please contact the Theatre to discuss your requirements.

Price guide: - Children’s sessions (1½ hours) - £7.80 per child - minimum fee £130 – for up to **14** children.

- Please note we are able to offer extended sessions for both children and adults – up to 3 hours if a more elaborate puppet is desired
- For birthday party bookings we can offer a package for up to 14 children at £175 which includes 30 minutes for food (not provided) plus a finger puppet each child.

Adult’s sessions (4 hours) - £25 per person - minimum fee £160 – for up to 7 people. We are able to offer day long and weekend sessions. Price on application.

External puppet-making workshops

If you are interested in having a Norwich Puppet Theatre puppet-making workshop held at your school or premises, this can be arranged subject to availability.

Once again all materials are provided and the workshop will be led by one of our experienced professionals.

The minimum price for this service is: £160 + VAT (plus travel as appropriate) for a group of up to 20 children and then £7.80 + VAT per child thereafter up to 30 children. Workshops for larger groups can be arranged. Please contact the Theatre to discuss your requirements and we will provide a quotation.



Additional Information

Venue Hire

Weddings & civil ceremonies

The Puppet Theatre provides a unique venue to celebrate your special day. We offer a range of packages which can be tailored to your individual requirements. Contact the Theatre for more details.

How about a professional setting?

Perform your school or group's plays and productions in a theatre auditorium to give a professional finish to the show.

Both the Main Theatre which has a capacity of 175, and the Octagon Studio which has a capacity of 50, are available for hire.

We can also arrange box office facilities to sell tickets for the production and technical support to help ensure that the event runs without a hitch.

The cost of hire is open to negotiation, so please contact us to pursue this exciting opportunity.

Facilities

We are keen and able to cater for all kinds of groups, including those with special needs.

All staff working and volunteering at Norwich Puppet Theatre have been CRB checked to an enhanced level, (i.e. they have satisfactorily completed the criminal records disclosure form required by the government).

Both the Main Theatre and the Octagon Studio are wheelchair accessible and there are disabled-toilet facilities. In addition there is a hearing loop system in the Main Theatre.

If you have any further special requirements then we will be happy to try and accommodate them, so please get in touch.

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Organisation/ school/ group	
Type of Organisation/ school / group	
Approx age of group: eg.3-5 yr olds	
Number of children	
Contact name	
Position of contact	
Telephone number	
Address for information to be sent to	
Email address	
Performance <input type="checkbox"/> Touring shows <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Show and tell <input type="checkbox"/>	If you are interested in hosting touring shows, does your premises have a space able to accommodate a performance area of 4m ² with curtaining (or whatever other means) to provide a total Black-out to allow for shadow puppetry?