

# BEVERLEY PUPPET FESTIVAL



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## WELCOME!

## BEVERLEY PUPPET FESTIVAL 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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Welcome to the 10th Beverley Puppet Festival! After going online in 2020 due to Covid-19 we are back – **bigger than ever** – for our first live in-person festival since 2018.

- Three nights and two days of fun to awaken imaginations in all ages, bringing colour and creativity to the East Yorkshire town of Beverley.
- The world's largest showcase of British puppetry in one place over one weekend! 41 puppet companies in seven indoor venues as well as through Beverley's streets, plus five shows streamed online.
- A Puppet Trail prize draw where you and your family can find puppets displayed in Beverley's shop windows from 1st - 17th July.

Many of our indoor venues have limited capacity, so **please book early** to avoid disappointment and **give generously** in the street or online. We are a not-for-profit company and depend on donations to break even.

A huge thank you to Arts Council England and all our other funders, partners, artists, volunteers, hosts, stallholders, and everyone who makes this festival possible - not least all of you who come along! Please invite your family and friends and enjoy!

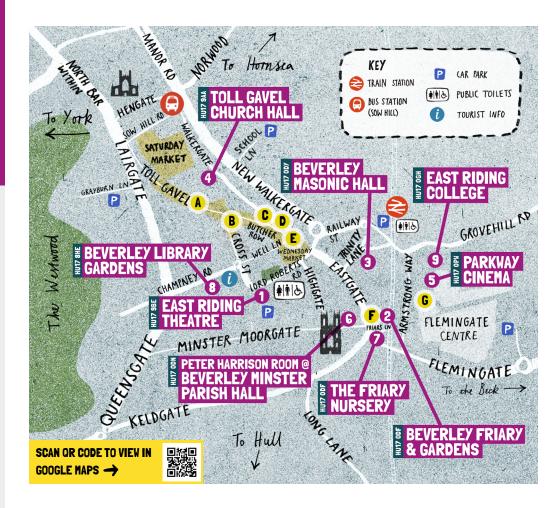


## **Daytime Festival Hub @ Beverley Friary**

Box office | Book Stall | Puppet kits | Face painting Food | Bar | Installation | Shows | Workshops

Pop over the foot bridge to the **Flemingate Centre** for a funfair + more food and performances...

...and later join us at our **Evening Hub at East Riding Theatre** in the bar/café.



#### FREE OUTDOOR ACTS START POINTS

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- Angel Square (HU17 0AA - next to The Angel pub)
- Well Lane / Butcher Row junction (HU17 0AB opposite M&S)
- F Beverley Friary & Gardens
  (Friars Lane, Eastgate, HU17 ODF)
- G Flemingate Centre Plaza (HU17 0PW)

#### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Due to the historic nature of **The Friary** please note that ticketed shows taking place inside at this venue are regrettably not accessible to wheelchair users and are reached via a steep staircase. The **Masonic Hall** has limited wheelchair user access, but there are spots available on a platform. **All other venues are fully accessible** to wheelchair users. If you have any queries please get in touch: **beverleypuppetfestival@gmail.com** 

## **SHOWS FOR ADULTS & TEENS**

ZIPPY AND ME - a talk with Ronnie Le Drew



Fri 15th July | 6pm East Riding Theatre 60 mins Adults & teens / 10+ Price: £12 / £10

Ronnie Le Drew, better known as Zippy from Rainbow, will talk about his life and celebrated career as a puppeteer, including for Labyrinth, Muppet Treasure Island and box office smash hit Beauty and the Beast.

#### **EUROVISION SOCK CONTEST** | The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre



Fri 15th July | 8pm East Riding Theatre 60 mins Adults & teens / 12+ (Some strong language) Price: £12 / £10

Fresh from their appearance on Britain's Got Talent, Earth's funniest footwear are back with a whole song contest for your voting pleasure. With entries from all over Europe...whoever will win? You decide. Expect the usual songs, sketches, and Gags Sans Frontieres.

#### **CREATION** | About Face Theatre Company



Sat 16th July | Sun 17th July Adu 11.30am, 2.30pm, 4pm Prio Parkway Cinema | 45 mins

Adults & teens / 8+ Price: £6 / £5

In the beginning the world was in chaos, so the gods gathered to make something of their mess... Ancient stories of greed, fear and redemption are woven into our world today by learning disabled theatre company *About Face*. With music, narrative and magical micro-puppetry.

#### ISLAND HOME | Katanari



**Sat 16th July** 2.15pm, 3.45pm, 5.30pm **Sun 17th July** 12.45pm, 2.30pm, 3.45pm

Toll Gavel Church Hall 35 mins Adults & teens / 8+

Price: £6 / £5

All the way from Slovakia, Island Home combines miniature storytelling, object theatre, puppets and pop-up to tell tiny visual and symbolic stories of different journeys in life.

#### **JACK PRATCHARD | Goody & Storey**



Sat 16th July | 3pm, 6pm Beverley Masonic Hall 45 mins

asonic Hall Price: £10 / £8

Adults & teens / 10+

A dark and comic fairy tale of one man's journey to the other side of life and his quest to do the right thing for the good of mankind. An epic tour de force in painted cardboard.

#### BIG BOYS DON'T CRY | Opposable Thumb Theatre & Nordland Visual Theatre



#### Sat 16th July | 8pm

#### LIVE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE STREAM

East Riding Theatre | 65 mins
Adults & teens / 12+(Parental guidance)
Price: £12 / £10

"A bold, brilliant and hysterical production which pulls no punches."

Bristol 24/7

"A fabulous and totally mad adventure" \*\*\*\*\*

Playstosee (on Opposable Thumb's Coulrophobia)

Dik and Adam have made a new show. They had the brilliant idea of making a show about themselves, about being men. After gleefully digging beneath the surface, they soon realised that things can get very messy. In a riot of colour, dance, clowns and puppets, Dik and Adam take you on a hysterical journey that is full of heart, but close to the bone.

Big Boys Don't Cry, the latest production from the makers of Coulrophobia, an "endlessly watchable, sublimely entertaining double act" (Total Theatre), is an emotionally ridiculous story about manhood.

#### **CATMOTHER** I Invisible Thread Theatre of Animation



Sun 17th July | 11.30am, 1pm Adults & teens / 8+ Beverley Friary (Great Hall) Price: £10 / £8 50 mins

An experimental, toy-theatre style re-telling of a scary Victorian children's tale, set to a live-played double bass score... both bewitching and chilling with an unusual performance feature.

#### LES HOMMES VIDES | Invisible Thread Theatre of Animation



Sun 17th July | 3.30pm, 5pm **Beverley Friary (Great Hall)** 25 mins

Adults & teens / 8+ Price: £6 / £5

A charming, eerie and comic performance of slapstick puppetry and object theatre, containing scenes of plank action, poetry and prizes.

#### LOVE VS TRAUMA | Puppet (R) Evolution



Adults & teens / 16+ Sun 17th July | 6pm **Beverley Masonic Hall** Price: £10 / £8 45 min followed by 30 min talk

A poetic and powerful tale of survival, combining colourful shadow theatre with beautiful music, magical light effects and puppetry - a heroine's journey from hardship to a better life.

#### **MEET FRED | Hijinx Theatre Company**



Sun 17th July | 8pm

LIVE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE STREAM

**East Riding Theatre** 80 mins Adults & teens / 14+ (Strong language)

'Sharp, funny and vastly entertaining' Lyn Gardner, The Guardian

The humour here is brilliantly black with mordant social and political relevance' The Herald

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.



#### PUPPETEERS UK NETWORKING MEETING Sat 16th July I 6.00pm

Toll Gavel Church Hall | Up to 90 mins - All welcome!

Connect with other puppeteers from around the country and further afield! New members welcome and refreshments provided.

## **WORKSHOPS**

#### WINGED CREATURES - 6 DAY ADULT PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP **Judith Hope Puppet Maker**



Sun 10th - Fri 15th July East Riding College 10am - 5pm daily Price: £300 (for all 6 days)

Join this six-day pre-festival workshop to design and make your own winged creature puppet, with flapping wings and a moving head. By the end of the course you should have a finished puppet to take away.

#### WOODLAND CREATURES SHADOW PUPPET MAKING | Black Cat Theatre



Sat 16th July **Beverley Friary** 10.30am, 1.30pm 60 mins **Sun 17th July** Kids / 7+ 10am, 2pm Price: £6 / £5

Make your own shadow puppet and play with it in a set of a woodland glade. Learn to share the screen and create stories with other woodland and fairy characters. Under 12s must be accompanied - parents/carers do not need a ticket to support.

#### SEEKING THE TURTLE DOVE | Vivify



Sat 16th & Sun 17th July 75 mins 10.30am, 1pm, 3.30pm 5-7 year olds (& their families)

**Beverley Library Gardens** Price: £6 / £5

Guided by a singer on an interactive trail of magical wildlife discovery and accompanied by puppetry and harp music; participants feed the chicks, make kites in a workshop and learn to fly and sing with the celebratory flock of joyful - yet endangered - turtle doves. Adults require tickets too.

#### AMISTAD (Show / Workshop) | Invisible Needs



**Sun 17th July** 2pm, 3.30pm Peter Harrison Room @Beverley Minster Parish Hall

A story of slavery, friendship and freedom. The famous Mende slave rebellion in 1840 onboard La Amistad is shared as a performance workshop through shadow puppets, cardboard

45 mins

Price: £6 / £5

Kids and families / 7+

rod puppets and call-and-response songs.

## SHOWS FOR KIDS & THEIR FAMILIES

#### THE WHALE - PLASTIC OCEAN | Circo Rum Ba Ba



**Sat 16th July | Sun 17th July** 11am, 11.30am, 1pm, 1.30pm, 3pm, 3.30pm

Flemingate Centre | 30 mins Kids under 10 & families Price: £6 / £5

Step inside the belly of an enormous inflatable sperm whale and join Circo Rum Ba Ba to explore the tale of sea creatures and their battle to survive in an ocean full of rubbish. With the use of exquisite puppets, comedy and music, explorers will encounter an aquabatic diver who leads them swimmingly through the age-old journey of the life of an ancient leatherback turtle.

#### A WATER JOURNEY | String Theatre



Sat 16th July | 11am Kids & families / 4 + Beverley Masonic Hall Price: £6 / £5 40 mins

An old man and a community of animals live freely in harmony with nature until one day a big flood arrives... Using long string wood-carved marionettes, animation & mime, this original new production explores displacement and the importance of friendship.

#### WOODLAND TALES WITH GRANDDAD | Pickled Image



Sat 16th July | 12.30pm 60 mins
East Riding Theatre Kids & families / 3+
LIVE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE STREAM Price: £6 / £5

Something is happening in the woods... all the creatures are worried. Velda the Vixen knows that only one person can help them - Granddad. But is there enough time? Can they save the wood? And will the mystery stranger help?

#### **DU IZ TAK?** | Tiny Pickles



Sat 16th July3012pm, 1pm, 3pm, 4pmKieBeverley Friary (Great Hall)Pr

30 mins
Kids & families / 2+
Price: £5 / £4

Told though the language of insects, Du Iz Tak? is a story about the cycle of life. Discover a miniature world of tiny creatures as a delightful group of friends explore their ever-changing home.

#### **SEEDHEART | Indigo Moon Theatre**



Sat 16th July | 1.30pm, 3pm 40 mins Toll Gavel Church Hall Kids & fa

Kids & families / 4+

Price: £6 / £5

Meet Grey, who can't remember how they became trapped ... The story unfolds (literally) with magical popups, puppetry, shadows and interactive laboratory chaos! What happened to Earth when humans came along... and how can we restore our once green planet?

#### **OLDILOCKS AND THE 3 BEARS | Garlic Theatre**



Sat 16th July | 4.30pm 50 mins
Toll Gavel Church Hall Kids & families / 3+
Price: £6 / £5

A wonderfully funny and warm-hearted celebration of the classic story starring a naughty old lady.... and 3 bears who love their breakfast. Garlic Theatre hold their young audience spellbound with lovingly crafted puppets, music and some steaming bowls of porridge.

#### **DRAGON** | Life and Limb Puppets



Sun 17th July 60 mins 10.30am, 12.30pm Kids & families / 8+ Beverley Masonic Hall Price: £6 / £5

Blending fantasy, puppetry and digital animation... In an idyllic valley a young child reluctantly learns their hunting duties and the price of living in paradise. An epic tale of coming to grips with authority, responsibility and the nature of their world.

#### **THE HUG | Long Nose Puppets**



Sun 17th July | 11am East Riding Theatre

LIVE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE STREAM

45 mins

Kids & families / 2+

Price: £6 / £5

A journey full of fun, laughter and love...starring a hedgehog and a tortoise both in search of a restorative hug. A tale of hope, empathy and acceptance, based on the heart-warming book by Eoin McLaughlin and Polly Dunbar.

#### THE BAG THAT WENT BOO | Garlic Theatre



**Sun 17th July** | 1.30pm

Toll Gavel Church Hall Kids & families / 3+

Price: £6 / £5

50 mins

A fantastical journey of paper bag proportions...the delightfully comic story of a little red bag that jumps out of a brown paper bag – what in the world is it and where is it going? A sprinkle of pure magic with mime, clowning and puppetry.

#### PINOCCHIO | Norwich Puppet Theatre



Sun 17th July | 3pm East Riding Theatre

LIVE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE STREAM

50 mins

Kids & families / 4+

Price: £6 / £5

Join Pinocchio on a fast-paced adventure of selfdiscovery, as they try, fail, and try again to find their heart and become real - exploring what it means to love - with hints of danger, slapstick humour and a very big fish!

#### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM | Lempen Puppet Theatre



Sun 17th July | 4.30pm Toll Gavel Church Hall 50 mins

Kids & families / 4+

Price: £6 / £5

Flotsam is soft and flexible while Jetsam is stiff and nervy – but both are cast adrift and finally washed up on the same island beach. A hopeful adventure story about two very different creatures who learn to work together.

## **SCRATCH SPACE PERFORMANCES – Free!**

In partnership with Moving Parts Arts at **The Friary Nursery** 

#### NOUGHTYMATION | Noisy Oyster | All ages



#### Sat 16th July | 11am & Sun 17th July | 4.30pm (20 mins)

Noughtymation experiments with using XBee radios under Arduino control, to programme light effects to 3D printed marionettes. Noisy Oyster also have an automata installation, which can be viewed in the Friary Gardens during the festival.

#### THE SEVEN RAVENS | Tragic Carpet | Ages 4+



#### Sat 16th July | 12.30pm & Sun 17th July | 3pm (20 mins)

Ada resolves to set off on a quest to find out what happened to her seven brothers who disappeared when she was small. Tragic Carpet will share tabletop and shadow puppetry and some experiments with code and image capture.

#### 7 SONGS OF LOVE | Rough Magic Theatre | Ages 3+



#### **Sat 16th July** | 2pm & **Sun 17th July** | 1.30pm (25 mins)

When Jack receives a letter from his love-sick son, far away at sea, he turns to the wisdom of folk tales and song to craft his reply. Betrayals, triumphs and aching devotion guide his hand as he writes, knowing what his letter could mean on the eve of battle.

#### DISPLACED | Prickly Pear Productions | Ages 10+



#### Sat 16th July | 3.30pm & Sun 17th July | 12pm (20 mins)

Displaced is an original piece of storytelling that explores the histories and experiences of refugees. This work-in-progress will be wholly based on real stories – researched, collated and performed through shadow puppetry and narration.

#### THE GIANT WHO SLEPT FOR A THOUSAND YEARS | Bori Mező | Ages 3+



#### Sat 16th July | 4.30pm & Sun 17th July | 11am (30 mins)

Giantologists recorded that exactly 10,170 years ago, Bjorna the giant walked the land. If you can travel back in time and find the right place – you might just be able to spot him at dawn! But what happens when humans move into the forests nearby? Adapted from a Swedish folk tale, *The Giant* is a storytelling suitcase show for children aged 2+ and their families.

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- **G** Flemingate Centre Plaza (HU17 OPW)

#### THE BRILLIANT BAG SHOW | Ronnie Le Drew | Ages 3+ | 25 min



Sat 16th July | Location F

11am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm

Ronnie, (best known as Zippy from Rainbow), will show puppets from his amazing collection. A Puppy, a Muppet, a Marionette and many more to delight and entertain an audience from 3 years to 100! Lots of surprises in store for you to laugh and clap too!

#### THE SQUID & THE SEA | Tatwood Puppets | All ages | 30 min roaming



Sat 16th July | Location (C) 11am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm

Sun 17th July | Location G 2.30pm, 3.30pm

Dive into the depths and meet the heart of the ocean - a mischievous giant cephalopod being taken for a walk. Featuring 7 performers and a 16-foot puppet made by Judith Hope, this tentacle-filled clown and movement piece will make a splash.

#### ARACHNOBOT | Tim Davies | All ages | 30 min roaming



Sat 16th July | Location E 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Sun 17th July | Location (C) 12pm, 1pm, 3.30pm

Arachnobot 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...

#### THE FISHER AND HIS WIFE | Lempen Puppet Theatre | All ages | 20 min



Sat 16th July | Location B

11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

A long time ago there lived a fisherman and his wife in a small cottage made of dirty old metal. They had everything they ever needed and were guite content.... then one day a talking fish starts granting them wishes...

#### PUPPET ZOO | Puppetuity | Ages 3+ | 40 min



Sat 16th July | Location D 11am, 1pm, 2.30pm

Sun 17th July | Location | 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

Based around a traditional style Punch & Judy booth, the Puppetuity Zoo Show follows the adventures of a hapless zookeeper with his magical miniaturising machine, as he struggles with his mischievous animal charges.

#### THE FOUR FRIENDS | Luminous Tales | Ages 3+ | 35 min



Sat 16th July | Location F 11.30am, 2pm

Sun 17th July | Location F 12.30pm, 3pm

Donkey wants to become the world's first Singing Donkey, so he sets off for the big city.... the story is told with a brightly coloured, giant pop up book and characterful, articulated puppets leaping through the pages.

#### JABBERWOCKY! | Rag & Bone | All ages | 45 min roaming



Sat 16th July | Location (E) 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

Sun 17th July | Location G 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Beware the Jabberwock Beverley! Don't worry though: this friendly & inquisitive beast, fluttering its eyelashes & burbling & whiffling its way through the town might only try for a bite of your sandwich...

#### FLYING WITH STRINGS | Sarah Vigars | All ages | 15 min roaming



Sat 16th July | Location A 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3pm

**Sun 17th July** | Location **F** 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

Inspired by the avian world of Britain, Europe and Africa, this interactive walkabout show features intricate string puppetry and live music. Come along to see the puppets in action and learn about the world of birds.

#### MARVELLOUS MOUSE CIRCUS | Cath Connolly | All ages | 30 min



Sat 16th July | Location F

12pm, 2pm

Roll up, roll up! For the Marvellous Mouse Circus, including highwire hijinks, juggling, stilt walking and the strongest mouse in the world! Watch out for Pickles the circus cat... Luckily, the bravest mouse in the world can save the day...

THE HARE AND THE MOON | Eye of Newt | All ages | 30 min roaming followed by show



Sat 16th July | Location D 11.45am, 1.45am, 3.15pm

Sun 16th July | Location F 12.45pm, 2.30pm, 4.15pm

Inspired by the mythology of the moon gazing hare.... Moon encourages us to find the adventurous Hare, who is prone to getting lost. Can the Moon show them the way home? At the end of their walkabout, their short story is performed in miniature within a vintage suitcase.

THE NOUGHTY ONE INSTALLATION | Noisy Oyster | All ages | During hours below



Sat 16th July | Location | 12pm-2pm, 3pm-5pm (Drop-in)

Sun 17th July | Location F 11am-1pm, 2pm-4pm (Drop-in)

Come and see Noisy Oyster's installation, combining 3D printed puppets with automata techniques and controlled by a microprocessor.... Enter the fascinating and miniature mesmerising world of the Noughty One.

DANCING FLAMINGOS | Alison Denholm | All ages | 45 min



**Sat 16th July** | Location **A** 12pm, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

Sun 17th July | Location A 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3pm

Six fabulous flamingos have escaped into Beverley, but puppets with a twist. Designed specifically for shop mobility scooters, our puppeteers are local people who have kindly agreed to transform their own scooter into a puppet float each day.

KIT AND CABOODLE | Thingumajig Theatre | All ages | 40 min



Sat 16th July | Location G 12pm, 2pm, 4pm

Sun 17th July | Location G 12pm, 2pm, 4pm

A pack mule with its beautiful burden of tales is joined by two welltravelled companions. Bags and cases reveal stories and songs of remarkable journeys from the staggering sojourn of a butterfly to people past and present who set out in search of a better life.

THE PONY CLUB AT THE END OF THE WORLD | Edie Edmundson | Ages 7+ | 20min



Sat 16th July | Location F 1pm, 3pm, 4pm

Sun 17th July | Location F 11.30am, 2pm, 4pm

A suitcase puppet show about the apocalypse featuring terror in the trifle tent, vengeful vicars and a Portaloo-related emergency. Storytelling, puppetry and clowning aimed at anyone with a silly side. After all, it is the end of the world.

THE KEEPER'S NESTS | Judith Hope Puppet Maker | All ages | 60min roaming



Sat 16th July | Location (C) 1pm, 3pm

Sun 17th July | Location G 12pm, 2pm

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, and maybe post a secret or two...

THEATRE DE STRANGE | Cath Connolly | Older children / adults | 15min



Sun 17th July | Location F 1pm, 3.30pm

A spooky shadow and silhouette suitcase theatre show. Based upon one of Hoffman's cautionary tales for naughty children, this

show is not for the fainthearted...

ZARAFA THE GIRAFFA | Seb Mayer | All ages



Sun 17th July | Location | Drop-in workshop 11am-1pm

Walkabout (Town Centre Streets) 2pm | 60min

Zarafa is a life size giraffe puppet, built to recreate the journey of a famous giraffe who walked 500 miles across France. Join us for a drop in workshop to paint a colourful patch on her hide, before she sets off on a practise walk through Beverley Town Centre and beyond.



### PUPPET TRAIL BEVERLEY

Get inspired and find our puppets on display in shop windows throughout Beverley, including some by esteemed puppeteer Jane Eve ... You'll never need to throw away a plastic milk bottle ever again!

Download one of our Puppet Trail Quiz sheets from our website, or collect from participating shops, ERT café or Beverley Tourist Information Centre.

Bring your completed sheets (one per person) to ERT café before the end of the festival to win a special Puppets in Beverley badge and a chance to win one of our prizes kindly donated from Tesco, Parkway Cinema and Poma. 1st-17th July.

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#### **Disclaimer**

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.

All children must be supervised by parents / guardians. It is not advisable to bring children under the suggested age range of shows. All children aged 2+ require a ticket.