

Puppet Palace 2010

in The Garden of Unearthly Delights

Puppetry continues to build in numbers and profile in the Adelaide Fringe with over fifteen shows taking to the stage in 2010.

The majority of these will be performing in 'The Garden' with most featured as part of the program in the Puppet Palace venue.

Director Lachlan Haig states:- "In creating Puppet Palace as part of Adelaide Fringe we are so pleased to have been the catalyst in injecting a puppetry presence into the festival. Puppets add to the diversity and accessibility of the festival and support audience development for the arts. Puppets are for everyone and are surprisingly popular."

"2010 will be our fourth year and we are thrilled at the way audiences have embraced puppetry shows. Audiences have doubled since we began... to the point where we expect 10,000 people through our doors during our season of twelve shows". There is now a Fringe Puppetry Award and many shows are sold out.

Our 2010 program has some exciting new shows, Several of these are from overseas and we have a great balance of shows, from kids favourites, right through to some over the top and raunchy productions. Several of our shows embrace theatre as well as puppetry and many have toured nationally and overseas.

Kids and Families are an important part of our audience so our weekend program is packed full of family friendly shows. One feature of Puppet Palace is that we present 'a new show on-the-hour, every-hour from 1pm-10pm....!! no its not fast food, its puppets a la presto! Almost one hundred and fifty performances for the public presented in the one venue.... Puppets are a perfect fit for the Garden of Unearthly Delights.... Among the bars, cafes, stalls and eclectic venues there's something magical about a venue for just puppetry theatre ...where marionettes, hand-puppets, actors, shadows and showmen each take their hour upon the stage.... and then vanish again.

Puppet Palace is the brainchild of Adelaide puppeteers Lachlan Haig and Keith Preston (Australia's two foremost Professors of Punch) and is presented with the support of the Garden of Unearthly Delights.

'Its puppetry in a big tent just like the colonial days of puppet theatre with a blend of entertainments that will delight, stimulate and even titillate" says Professor Haig.

"Our aim is to build puppetry's profile in The Fringe to where we can present even larger puppetry productions in major venues as well as our Garden venue....we are creating homegrown South Australian shows now and we are also looking at the prospects of staging a major puppetry festival here in Adelaide in 2011. Puppet Palace is Australia's largest puppetry performance project and we can see Adelaide becoming a centre of Australian puppetry performance."Enjoy!



Puppet Palace – Why should kids have all the fun!!!

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There are twelve Puppet Palace shows in 2010



Daytime & Family Shows

Amazing Drumming Monkeys (SA) Eco-activist monkeys with drums with a green message are one of Puppet Palace's festival favourites. Get down and rumble in the jungle with Bongo and Congo!

The King's New Clothes (SA & Germany) German/Oz production of Hans Christian Anderson's classic story from acclaimed puppetry creator David Erskine, Produced in Berlin.

Broom Broom (WA) Commedia, mask, clowning and shadow puppet show. A Mr Bean style show from two of Perth's top children's performers

Pigs in Wigs (SA) Pooka Puppet's fractured fairy tales version of the three little pigs from the point of view of Mr Wolf!

Seaside Punch and Judy (SA) Traditional family Punch and Judy from Professor's Haig & Preston. You can almost taste the sand in your icecream!

Early Evening General Public & Family Shows

Snap's Kakadu Club (SA) Australia's leading female ventriloquist Lindy-Jane and her friendly Crocodile show.

The Fish That wanted To Fly (Vic & NSW) New show by nationally touring Company Gongoma with live African music and puppetry.

Sarkadi's Budapest Marionettes (Hungary) World travelled Marionette Variety Show. Features an array of weird and wonderful marionettes.

The Magic Waterhole (SA) Delightful African traditional story in Aesops Fable style with music, dance, puppetry, masks and theatre. An explosion of colour, comedy and sound.

(The Magic Waterhole show will be taking part in The Desert Fringe events in Port Augusta)

Evening/Older audiences

Beat Munky (SA) Adult Puppet DJ and raunchy dancing Go Go puppet girls take over the Puppet Palace Dance Hall. Morals slip and panic sets in.

Gothic Punch and Judy (SA) The late night scary version of Punch. Will Mr Punch escape the Gangman's noose?...and then The Devil? We think he will.

Tyrannosaurus Sex (Vic & SA) Presented by PuppetVision and Pooka Puppets. Raunchy Rock Opera hit previously produced for Melbourne Fringe Festival. A Penis with attitude....problems.