

SNUFF PUPPETS



WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF SNUFF PUPPETS

Snuff Puppets is a big, brute and anarchic puppet troupe for everybody from Melbourne, Australia.

Truly dedicated to the art forms of theatre and puppetry, our work is a collision of visual art, sculpture, design, engineering, sound, movement, performance and physical theatre.

We offer three streams of programming: theatre, workshops and roaming acts.



THEATRE

Unashamedly hand-made and experimental in a world fixated on perfection and mass-production, we make visceral performance that breaks down the distance between audience and performer.

Snuff Puppets' previous touring theatre productions have appeared at:

- Melbourne Festival
- Sydney Olympics
- Theatre of Nations Festival, China
- National Theatre of Korea
- Jogja International Performing Arts Festival, Indonesia
- World Theatre for the Streets, Germany
- Festival De Artes Escenicas De Lima - Peru
- Darwin Festival
- World Theatre Festival, Brisbane

And many more...



EVERYBODY

Everybody is a giant 27 metre reclining human puppet with detachable and interactive body parts and organs. An immersive experience, audiences can walk around, sit on, lie against, get inside, and cuddle up to *Everybody* and all its beautiful body parts.

The life story of *Everybody* is a 90-minute show in 4 Acts: *Everybody's Born*, *Everybody Cries*, *Everybody Shits*, *Everybody Dies*.

History:

- Summersalt Festival, Melbourne Recital Centre
- Virada Cultural for Australia Now, Sao Paulo, Brazil

**"Hysterical yet
debauched celebration
of the human body."**

- Arts Hub

THEATRE



THE GARDEN OF SORROWS

Tender and brutal: a call to engage with life fully with all its contradictions and beauty, *The Garden of Sorrows* is Snuff Puppets' newest work currently in creative development premiering in 2019.

Working with writer, John Hughes, and artist, Marco Luccio from their critically acclaimed book, *The Garden of Sorrows*, the show features a series of fables in which iconic Australian animals take on human qualities, and tells stories of transformation – animal, skeleton, puppet, human – and of consciousness awakening: a kingdom of animal warriors, poets, healers and thieves.





WORKSHOPS

Snuff Puppets offer two workshop models:

- **People's Puppet Project:** an intensive 2 week creation workshop and,
- **Snuff Skool:** a one or two day performance-making workshop

Our workshops are suitable for all participants over 14 years and from any background or experience level: artists, students or members of the general public. Workshop participants are placed at the heart of the creative process, using their own perspectives and local stories to drive the development of the finished work.

PEOPLE'S PUPPET PROJECT

Snuff Puppets' community engagement program, the People's Puppet Project (PPP) is a unique model in which diverse community groups work intensively with Snuff Puppets and local artists to design, build and perform their own outdoor giant puppet spectacles.

The workshop process engages with local artists and community, inspiring them to celebrate their creativity, while contributing to and participating in their own culture.

The PPP has taken place in Demark, Brazil, Netherlands, Taiwan, Japan, India, Singapore, Korea and Democratic Republic of Congo, and more...

"To produce a local story with local people and stories really touched my heart."

- PPP Participant



**"I want to abandon my life
as a human and live as a
Snuff Puppet."**

- Workshop feedback



SNUFF SKOOL

Snuff Skool, is a one-off physical theatre and puppetry workshop in which participants learn the Snuff approach to performance: improvisational, group-devised, spontaneous and always with the freedom to play.

Participants will learn a unique performance style merging puppetry and formal contemporary movement theories to create character-driven giant puppet performances on stage, in the street and among crowds.

Snuff Skool performance workshops are suitable at a masterclass level for artists and students or open to the general public.

ROAMING ACTS

Larger than life and dwarfing audiences, Snuff Puppets' roaming puppets are an interactive, versatile outdoor attraction – from surreal street theatre and public interventions through to large-scale outdoor festivals. Our giant puppets transform the familiar dramatically changing audience's reality.

Snuff Puppets roaming acts have appeared at:

- Tollwood Summer Festival, Germany
- Aarhus Festival, Denmark
- Malmö Festival, Sweden
- Greenwich+Docklands International Festival, UK
- Sziget Festival, Hungary
- Santiago A Mil Festival, Chile
- Shanghai World Expo 2010, China
- Singapore Arts Festival
- Arts Centre Melbourne and many more...



"Snuff Puppets open my mind, letting my inner child play in chaos."

• Audience feedback





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