

The 9th “One Van” International Festival of Puppetry

On Saturday 26th April, Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre will be hosting a one-day mini festival for 2008, with an exciting program of children’s shows, workshops and the infamous “Puppet Cabaret” on Saturday evening. This scaled-down version of the award-winning puppetry event will continue the tradition of “One Van”, providing performances and participation for all age groups, with low ticket prices and an insight into the weird and wonderful world of puppetry.

In the past the festival has provided many children with their first experience of live theatre, and just as many adults with their first exposure to puppetry as an adult art form.

Back by popular demand, the evergreen Richard Bradshaw returns with his enchanting, whimsical shadows to delight audiences of all ages. Richard will also be conducting a workshop on shadow puppets. And new to the festival will be a traditional ‘Punch and Judy’ show from Adelaide, as well as a workshop/demonstration about the history of these archetypal characters.

Pelican Puppets from Bathurst will be offering a workshop on the construction and operation of “Pop-Up Puppets” which will enable children 5yrs and older to create their very own puppet theatre. In addition, Anita Sinclair from Melbourne, always original and a crowd favourite at the Cabaret will present a workshop on creating roll-card marionettes for adults, with an emphasis on those working with the disabled or in therapy.

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