

2ND

INTERNATIONAL

SKIPTON PUPPET FESTIVAL

20TH – 23RD SEPTEMBER 2007



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Welcome to the 2nd Skipton International Puppet Festival. Thanks to Skipton Building Society, our main sponsor, the Arts Council and all the many and various other sponsors and funders, we are able to bring you 24 ticketed performances, 5 international companies, 14 school shows, workshops and various free and street events.

This year we have 4 venues, 2 in the Town Hall , Skipton Little Theatre and The Stanelli Tent at the canal side promenade which features a mixture of ticketed and free mini shows.

Whether you have children or grandchildren to bring, or if you are interested in the magic and inventiveness of puppet theatre, come along, bring your imagination and enjoy!

Liz Lempen, Festival Director

Ticket Prices:

Family shows: £ 5 (£ 2.50 at Stanelli Tent)

Adult shows: £ 8

Concessions:

Family Ticket: £ 15 / £ 7.50 at Stanelli Tent
(Family Ticket is 2+2 or 3+1)

10% off for members of a professional puppetry organisation

Tickets / Box Office:

(Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri 10am - 5pm / Sat 10am - 1pm)

Phone: 01423 251175 or 07904 707842

Fax: 01282 816002

email: puppetix@aol.com

Post: Festival Box Office, 75 Gisburn Rd, Barnoldswick, BB18 5HL

Tickets for the last festival sold out in advance. Book your tickets early by phoning the Festival Box Office. A booking form can be downloaded from the festival website, and posted / faxed or mailed to the Box Office.

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www.skiptonpuppetfestival.co.uk / info@skiptonpuppetfestival.co.uk



PELELE MARIONNETTES

France

DON CRISTOBAL



This story of the avaricious Don Cristobal and his equally unscrupulous accomplice is inspired by the Italian 'Comedia dell Arte' tradition.

Pelele perform this anarchic play about the universal theme of survival with virtuoso skill and hilarious cartoon like picture and rhythm.



Sponsored by:

7.30pm (50 min)	Thursday 20th Skipton Town Hall	£ 8.00	Suitability: 10+ / Adults
8.30pm (50 min)	Friday 21st Skipton Town Hall	£ 8.00	Suitability: 10+ / Adults



LEJO The Netherlands



HANDIWORK

So simple, so funny, so clever. A pair of hands, eyes made of wood and music are the ingredients of this brilliant variety show for all the family. A crazy pianist, a lazy panpipe player, a cool DJ and a children's choir and conductor, are a few of the surprise characters you will meet.

Leo Petersen has been delighting audiences all over the world with his amazing hands.

www.lejo.nl

7.00pm (50 min)	Friday 21st Settle Victoria Hall	£ 5.00	Suitability: 5+ / Family
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THEATRE OF WIDDERSHINS Bedfordshire

THE ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER

Shoooooes...! New shoes... Delightful on the feet. Soft, dancing shoes; swarthy pirate shoes; silver buckle and silken soles. No one makes shoes like an elf.

This well loved tale has been re-heeled by Theatre of Widdershins in their own inimitable style. Beautifully crafted set and puppets, sublime music, a kaleidoscope of miniature shoes and a comic mouse all make this show a must-see.



www.widdershins.co.uk

6.30pm (50 min)	Friday, 21st Skipton Town Hall	£ 5.00	Suitability: 4+ / Family
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LEMPEN PUPPET THEATRE Skipton



THE am-A-zing THING

Storyteller, Peter Grimm finds a box on the beach and opens it. He finds a 'Thing' that takes him on an unusual journey, weaving it's way through a medley of Brother's Grimm tales, to finally unlock his imagination and free his stories.

Skipton based Lempen Puppet Theatre tour all over the UK and Europe. Here is your chance to see them 'at home'.

Fun, inspiration and delight for all the family!

www.lempen.co.uk

10.30am (55 min)	Saturday, 22nd Skipton Town Hall	£ 5.00	Suitability: 5+ / Family
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25 min
Show

THEATER LAKU PAKA
Germany

THE FISHERMAN & HIS WIFE

This well known story is told to you on the handle bars of a penny farthing and the whole story comes out of a tin of sardines!...

Theater Laku Paka returns to Skipton with yet another fantastic, inventive show. Don't miss it!



www.theater-laku-paka.de

11.00am & 2.00pm	Saturday, 22nd Stanelli Tent	£ 2.50	Suitability: 4+ / Family
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HAND TO MOUTH THEATRE
Southampton

A SPOONFUL OF STORIES



The Story Chef gets into a pickle when he tries to follow the recipe for the perfect story. Three old tales are mixed together with a pinch of salt and baked to make a satisfying new one. Funny, fruity, musical, magical, tasty, and wholesome !!

Acting, projected imagery and puppetry are blended together in this wonderful family show.

www.handtomouth.co.uk

11.30am (50 min)	Saturday, 22nd Skipton Town Hall	£ 5.00	Suitability: 4+ / Family
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25 min
Show

THEATRE OF WIDDERSHINS
Bedfordshire

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

After winning the National Trottery, Belinda Pig sends her three sons (Iggy, Wiggly and Ziggy) out into the big, wide world.

But as we all know, the big, wide world has a big, bad wolf! Just how do you keep the wolf from the door?

A delightful show for the very young!



www.widdershins.co.uk

12.00noon & 3.00pm	Saturday, 22nd Stanelli Tent	£ 2.50	Suitability: 3+ / Family
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BLACK CAT THEATRE

Cowling

KATHPUTLI

Kathputli puppets are hand carved and sewn with colourful cloths.

Be transported to the palaces of Rajasthan, as the exotic and beautiful Kathputli puppets imitate entertainment once given in the royal courts of the maharajas.

Here is a taste of the rich culture of India!

www.blackcat-theatre.co.uk

1.00pm
(55 min)

Saturday, 22nd
Skipton Little Theatre

£ 5.00

Suitability:
5+ / Family

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www.lejo.nu

2.30pm
(50 min)

Saturday, 22nd
Skipton Town Hall

£ 5.00

Suitability:
5+ / Family

THEATER SEPTEMBER

Germany

WILFRID & the lost memory



Wilfrid lives next door to an old people's home. He is friends with all of the residents, and his favourite is Miss Nancy. Then, one day she can't remember him anymore. The story follows his quest to find out what a memory really is....

A funny, yet meaningful story, masterfully performed with table-top and shadow puppets, acting and live music. Enjoy this company's exquisite skill in puppetry on their first UK visit!

www.theater-september.de



4.00pm
(50 min)

Saturday, 22nd
Skipton Town Hall

£ 5.00

Suitability:
5+ / Family

CLYDEBUILT PUPPET THEATRE

Scotland

BEOWULF

THE DRAGON SLAYER

The poem of the tale of a most remarkable hero who's story has survived for over a 1000 years.

Set in Denmark and Sweden during the 6th century, this story tells of Beowulf's battles against supernatural creatures, as well as his own struggles with his strength and weaknesses.



Firmly established, as one of Scotland's leading puppet theatre companies, Clydebuilt have been touring for 20 years throughout the UK and Europe.

www.clydebuiltpuppet.co.uk

5.00pm
(55 min)

Saturday, 22nd
Skipton Little Theatre

£ 5.00

Suitability:
7+ / Family

THE SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAMME

with Festival Bar

TOF THEATRE

Belgium



Meet the surgeon and his mystery patient. There is an important operation to be done. Don't think this is your usual operation. There are a few surprises lying round the bend.

Tof Theatre Company was spotted at the 2006 world puppetry festival in Charleville-Mezieres in France. This is the first time you can see 'Bistouri' on British soil. Don't miss it!

www.toftheatre.be

8.30pm
(50 min)

Saturday, 22nd
Skipton Town Hall

£ 8.00

Suitability:
14+ / Adults

SUITCASE CIRCUS

& OTHER ARTISTS

PUPPET CABARET



Hilarious compère Pete White, of Suitcase Circus, is back to introduce a night of exciting and quirky pieces of Puppet Theatre.

Companies include:

Theater Laku Paka, Germany
Lejo, The Netherlands
Thingumajig Theatre, UK
September Theater, Germany
Hand to Mouth Theatre, UK

10.00pm
(60 min)

Saturday, 22nd
Skipton Town Hall

£ 8.00

Suitability:
Adults

GARLIC THEATRE

Norwich

THE MAGNIFICENT FLYING MACHINE



Have you ever dreamed of having wings? Follow the wacky adventures of Prof. Bix Horn as he flies by the seat of his pants and tries to build a flying machine out of unlikely things. Soaring above is a Harpy bird who steals his most precious possession - but how will he get it back?

Puppetry and clowning together form this delightful show.

www.garlictheatre.org.uk

10.30am (45 min)	Sunday, 23rd Skipton Town Hall	£ 5.00	Suitability: 4+ / Family
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25 min
Show

HORSE + BAMBOO THEATRE

Lancashire



STORM in a Teacup

Squalls, squawking seabirds, sou'westers, a skittish lighthouse keeper and a heroic rescue out at sea are the tea time ingredients that make Storm in a Teacup an enchanting and engaging show of magical puppet and mask theatre.

A classic mini-visual theatre piece from one of Europe's leading visual theatre companies.

www.horseandbamboo.org

11am / 12noon & 3pm	Sunday, 23rd Stanelli Tent	£ 2.50	Suitability: 3+ / Family
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FREEHAND THEATRE

Bradford

LITTLE RED - you know who!



Taking a well-known traditional story (you know which!), this spell-binding play for young children follows a magical path through the woods. Listen to the song of the red box, watch a forest grow before your very eyes and find out how an endearing bear gets in on the action!

Freehand Theatre was formed in 1981 since when it has been enchanting children and adults with its original and inventive productions.

www.freehandtheatre.co.uk

12.00noon (50 min)	Sunday, 23rd Skipton Town Hall	£ 5.00	Suitability: 3+ / Family
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PROFESSOR POPUP

Nottingham

"...and then one night,
when the stars were bright
a stranger came down
to old Hamelin town".

PIED PIPER

This is one of the best loved
children's stories of all time!

Charmingly performed with mechanical
toys, clockwork boxes, glove and finger
puppets, gentle music and lighting this
show is a delightful and colourful
introduction to story telling and
puppet theatre for the
very young.

www.professor-popup-puppets.co.uk

1.00pm (50 min)	Sunday, 23rd Skipton Little Theatre	£ 5.00	Suitability: 3+ / Family
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THEATER LAKU PAKA

Germany

PETER & THE WOLF



This exciting company tells Prokofiev's musical
tale with shadow puppets, live music and a new
perspective. The story is told by the wolf.

*"It was early morning when I was out hunting for
a nice, tasty breakfast..."*

Theater Laku Paka returns to Skipton with this
international award winning, performance.

www.theater-laku-paka.de



2.30pm (55 min)	Sunday, 23rd Skipton Town Hall	£ 5.00	Suitability: 5+ / Family
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INDIGO MOON

Beverley

THE WORM

THAT SQUIRMED

Indonesian rod puppets tell the tale of a squirmy
worm who causes chaos wherever he goes.

Using little spoken language, this visual, fast
paced, action story crosses cultural borders in
crazy pursuit of the worm.

Where is he now? Watch out everybody!



www.indigomoontheatre.com

4.00pm (55 min)	Sunday, 23rd Skipton Town Hall	£ 5.00	Suitability: 5+ / Family
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FREE EVENTS in the "STANELLI TENT" and "CRAVEN MUSEUM"

UPFRONT PUPPET THEATRE

Cumbria

STANELLI'S SUPER CIRCUS

Come and see the late Stan Parker's world famous circus marionettes, come to life in these short performances. These days it is hard to see animals in a circus - but here you can enjoy the ferocious lion, a highly skilled elephant or stunning acrobatics by cheeky monkeys.

Upfront Puppet Theatre skilfully manipulate these memorable characters - Take your seats!

www.up-front.com/puppet_theatre.html



10am / 1pm / 4pm (20 min)	Saturday 22nd Stanelli Tent	Free	Suitability: All ages
10am / 1pm / 4pm (20 min)	Sunday 23rd Stanelli Tent	Free	Suitability: All ages

HANDHELD THEATRE

Lancaster

Little Sloe and the gangly Gabbler try to make friends. But how?

This is a story about them finding their own sweet way!



PRALINE MOMENT

5pm (15 min)	Saturday 22nd Stanelli Tent	Free	Suitability: All ages
2pm / 5pm (15 min)	Sunday 23rd Stanelli Tent	Free	Suitability: All ages

CRAVEN MUSEUM

DROP-IN WORKSHOP

Saturday and Sunday (10am - 4pm)

Come and make a dancing puppet, the Pied Piper's hat or maybe an animal mask in this free 10 minute DROP-IN WORKSHOP.

PUPPET EXHIBITION

In the Museum Gallery for 10 weeks prior to the Festival.

Don't miss this superb exhibition of beautifully crafted, traditional circus and other trick marionettes by the late Stan Parker from Carlisle.

With a Heritage Lottery Grant, Upfront Puppet Theatre have acquired this unique collection earlier this year, and thanks to them we will be able to see these puppets, that have travelled the world over, here in Skipton.



STREET EVENTS on SATURDAY and SUNDAY

This year we have a very lively, free Street Programme. Catch these little vignettes, walkabouts or other short performances around town. **See Festival Diary opposite for times and venues**

Punch & Judy

by Prof. Clive Chandler
Saturday

No puppet festival is complete without them!
A great British tradition!
Duration 20 min

Theatre for One

by various artists
Saturday & Sunday

Special 3-minute performances
for one audience member only!
Plus curious onlookers...
Performing 2 x 90min

Latin Horses

by Salsa Theatre Productions
Saturday

Keep an imaginary sugar lump in your pocket
for these cheeky and endearing Latin Horses!
Street walkabout, various times. Keep your eyes peeled!

Side Show Buzz

by The Wright Stuff
Saturday

Meet Buzz, the interactive
game show host on
wheels. A sparkling
street corner vignette,
suitable for all.
Performing 2 x 60min

Piggery Jokery

by Hand to Mouth Theatre
Sunday

An ancient tale of old men
and pigs and the season's
cycle told by the green man.
Duration 20min

Zirkus

by Theater September
Sunday

A surprising mini circus on
wheels - all the way from
Germany!
Duration 20min



Note: In the event of bad weather, see "Blackboard" in the Town Hall

FESTIVAL DIARY



FESTIVAL CAFE at the Town Hall

Saturday & Sunday, run by Lothersdale School Assoc. Enjoy their drinks, tasty meals and wonderful home made cakes!

- Main Ticketed Performances

- Free Events in Street Programme and Stanelli Tent

THURSDAY 20th September 2007

11.00	Masterclass
7.30	Don Cristobal, <i>Town Hall</i>

FRIDAY 21st September 2007

6.30	Elves & Shoemaker, <i>Town Hall</i>
7.00	Handiwork, <i>Settle Victoria Hall</i>
8.30	Don Cristobal, <i>Town Hall</i>

SATURDAY 22nd September 2007

10.00	Stanelli's Super Circus, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
10.30	The am-A-zing Thing, <i>Town Hall</i>
11.00	Fisherman & his Wife, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
11.30	A Spoonful of Stories, <i>Town Hall</i>
11.30	Punch & Judy, <i>Promenade</i>
11.30	Theatre for One, <i>Craven Court</i>
12.00	The Three Little Pigs, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
12.30	Side Show Buzz, <i>Craven Court</i>
1.00	Kathputli, <i>Skipton Little Theatre</i>
1.00	Stanelli's Super Circus, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
1.30	Punch & Judy, <i>Promenade</i>
2.00	Fisherman & his Wife, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
2.00	Theatre for One, <i>Promenade</i>
2.30	Handiwork, <i>Town Hall</i>
2.30	Side Show Buzz, <i>Victoria Square</i>
3.00	The Three Little Pigs, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
3.30	Punch & Judy, <i>Promenade</i>
4.00	Wilfrid & the lost Memory, <i>Town Hall</i>
4.00	Stanelli's Super Circus, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
5.00	Beowulf, <i>Skipton Little Theatre</i>
5.00	Praline Moment, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
8.30	Bistouri, <i>Town Hall</i>
10.00	Puppet Cabaret, <i>Town Hall</i>

SUNDAY 23rd September 2007

10.00	Stanelli's Super Circus, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
10.30	The Mag. Flying Machine, <i>Town Hall</i>
11.00	Storm in a Tea Cup, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
11.30	Piggery Jokery, <i>Promenade</i>
11.30	Theatre for One, <i>Craven Court</i>
12.00	Little Red, <i>Town Hall</i>
12.00	Storm in a Tea Cup, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
1.00	Pied Piper, <i>Skipton Little Theatre</i>
1.00	Stanelli's Super Circus, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
1.00	Zirkus, <i>Craven Court</i>
1.30	Piggery Jokery, <i>Promenade</i>
2.00	Praline Moment, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
2.00	Theatre for One, <i>Promenade</i>
2.30	Peter & the Wolf, <i>Town Hall</i>
3.00	Storm in a Tea Cup, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
3.30	Zirkus, <i>Craven Court</i>
4.00	The Worm that Squirmed, <i>Town Hall</i>
4.00	Stanelli Super Circus, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>
5.00	Praline Moment, <i>Stanelli Tent</i>

Also part of the Festival...

- 14 performances for local Primary Schools
- Masterclass "Lighting for Mini-Theatre" for puppeteers by Creative Lighting Design

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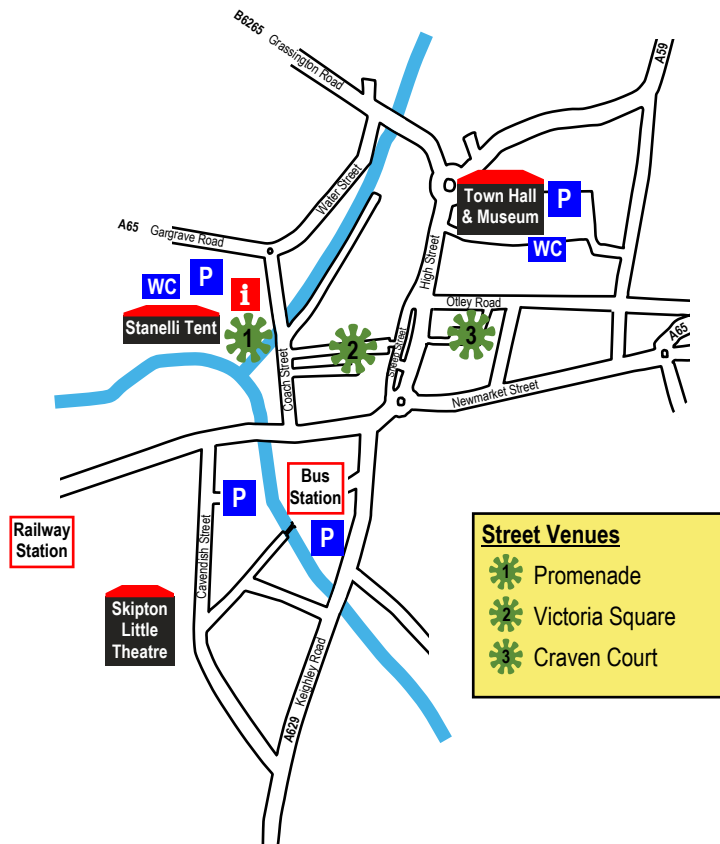
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Street Venues

- Promenade
- Victoria Square
- Craven Court