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# Connecting with the Arts



## THE ART OF PUPPETRY

Puppets are a form of theatre/performance and are believed to have originated 3000 years BC. All puppets tell a story, performing as animated objects about animals, the human experience – and even objects like robots. One of the most famous schools of puppetry is the commedia dell'arte (comedy of artists), which began in streets and marketplaces during the early Italian Renaissance. It is a colorful, theatrical art form based on masked characters which improvise scenes and comic stories to arrive at a very funny ending.

### There are many different types of puppets:

- Hand puppets, could be sock puppets
- Ventriloquist's dummy
- Marionettes, which move by strings held from above
- Shadow puppets - the figures can be seen through a translucent screen.
- Rod puppets
- Finger puppets



One of the premiere puppet ensembles is the Salzburg Marionette Theater, founded in 1913 in Salzburg, Austria.

However, the most famous puppets in the world are undoubtedly the Muppets, a type of soft, foam-rubber and cloth puppet created by Jim Henson in 1955. They made their debut on the children's TV show Sesame Street in 1969. Puppets have also been used in the Star Wars films, notably with the character of Yoda.

The stage production of **Nufonia Must Fall** is a high-tech puppet show using rod puppets (that are Robots) on 12 miniature stages, filmed and edited in real time, projected as a movie on a giant screen, and accompanied by strings and turntables.

### CREATE YOUR OWN PUPPET:

Using materials that are available to you (a sock, paper bag, construction paper, markers, buttons, etc.) create your own puppet. Once your puppet is created give it a name. Where does your puppet go to school or work? How old is your puppet? Create a 1 - 2 minute script from your puppet's perspective and use it to introduce your puppet to your class.

### EXPERIENCE THE PERFORMING ARTS:

Attend a live performance. OCCC presents **Nufonia Must Fall** on Friday, April 8, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater located at 7777 S. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK.



Tickets to the performance may be purchased at [tickets.occc.edu](http://tickets.occc.edu).

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