

ART OF PUPPETRY WORKSHOP

Grant Harding

Available for schools and day camps in Ottawa, Ontario.

Over forty workshops have been presented for eighteen clients.

The workshop is best suited to children between the ages of four and twelve.

It is suitable for groups of up to thirty children; larger groups can be split.

Topics covered include:

- what is a puppet?
- history and styles of puppetry: marionettes, shadow puppets, hand puppets
- design and operation of Grant Harding's own puppet characters
- craft: simple rod puppets

Emphasis is placed on the limitlessness of the art form: a puppet can be anything and can be made out of anything.

The workshop will work in any venue, requiring only space and a table, though a television with a DVD player can also be used if available.

Its pacing and contents have been successfully adapted to suit children with learning disabilities and attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder, and for adults with physical and psychiatric disabilities.

The client must provide the following supplies for puppet building:

- toilet rolls (one per child)
- popsicle sticks (one per child)
- masking tape
- any other craft materials the client has to hand (markers, googly eyes, pom poms, feathers, etc.)

Prices are as follows:

- one hour: \$50
- one and a half hours: \$65
- two hours: \$75

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