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The Arroyo Arts Collective presents:

Puppets, Puppets, Puppets!

An eclectic festival of puppet shows and related events in Northeast Los Angeles

May and June 2007

Calendar Listing: THEATER/COMMUNITY - The Arroyo Arts Collective presents *Puppets, Puppets, Puppets!*, a festival of traditional and experimental puppet shows, in multiple venues in Highland Park, Eagle Rock and Cypress Park during May and June, 2007. Fourteen puppet shows, four puppetry workshops, lecture, pageant and gallery exhibitions included. Information at www.ArroyoArtsCollective.org or 323-223-1752.

Who: The Arroyo Arts Collective

What: "*Puppets, Puppets, Puppets!*" a festival of traditional and experimental puppet shows in multiple venues

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Admission: free

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At the Los Angeles River, a marionette boy finds love and mystery puppet Alfred Hitchcock deciphers unusual footprints. The regulars at Tia Chucha's café share space in a toy theater. Living legend René sets a hippo to roller-skating. Nearby, the Puppets from Hell are firing up the audience while Frank, the foam puppet, tries video dating. *Puppets, Puppets, Puppets!*, a multicultural community puppet festival sponsored by the Arroyo Arts Collective in Northeast Los Angeles, will showcase a broad range of puppetry styles including engaging European-style marionettes, Balinese shadow puppets, toy theaters and the adult-themed performances of puppet cabaret.

The festival will consist of fourteen puppet shows hosted in galleries, parks, libraries, a converted theater and an outdoor amphitheater in Highland Park, Eagle Rock and Cypress Park. Jurors **Alan Cook** of the Conservatory of Puppetry Arts in Pasadena and **Susan Simpson** of the Cotsen Center for Puppetry and the Arts at the California Institute of the Arts selected puppeteers demonstrating a mix of styles and methods and representing both traditional puppetry arts and daring innovations. Alan Cook will also present a lecture on the underground history of puppetry in Los Angeles on June 10 at the Acorn Gallery in Highland Park.

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Puppeteers include **maRia Bodmann** of **Bali and Beyond**; the **Puppets and Players Little Theater**; **Beth Peterson**; **Poli Marichal**; **Moodoo Puppets**; **Kyle Leaser**; the **Mystery Bird Puppet Show**; **Jamie Kim**; **Al Guerrero** and **Puppets from Hell**; **April Totten**; **Marsian De Lellis**; **Miguel Olivares and Company**; **René and his Artists**; **Scott Land Marionettes**.

Children may attend three workshops to learn shadow puppetry with **Diana Big Mountain**, simple marionette making with **Jacqueline Marks**, and how to bring a book character to life with **Johanna Smith**. Adults and children led by **Beth Peterson** will create an outdoor puppet pageant kicking off Lummis Day festivities honoring Charles Lummis, local luminary and founder of the Southwest Museum, on June 3. For details and specific event information about all workshops and performances see <http://www.arroyoartscollective.org/>
Admission to all events and workshops is free.

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EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The Arroyo Arts Collective: The Arroyo Arts Collective is a grassroots, non-profit arts organization serving Northeast Los Angeles since 1989. The Collective also operates the Acorn Gallery at 135 North Avenue 50 in Highland Park. Visit <http://www.arroyoartscollective.org/> for further details.

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Photos available on request.

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