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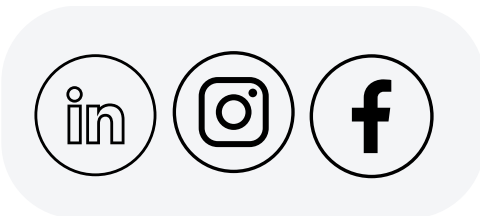
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# Applefun Puppetry



## About the Company

Since 1997, Applefun Puppetry has been performing its hilarious brand of entertainment throughout Ontario. Whether it's a birthday party or an annual company event, Applefun will be there to make sure the kids are having fun. In addition to hundreds of birthday parties, Applefun Puppetry has performed for companies like AT&T, Black Creek Pioneer Village, and Ikea.



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# Clay & Paper Theatre



## About the Company

Since 1994, Clay and Paper Theatre has been producing plays, pageants and parades, grounded in the idea that performance in public space is an act of cultural transformation. As a 'theatre without walls' they build, rehearse and perform in full public view, reuniting art with the daily life of the community, and making art accessible to all.



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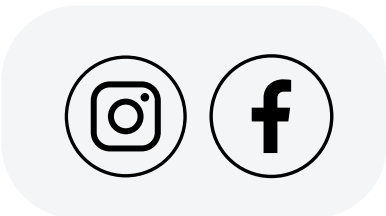
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# Cosmic Fishing



## About the Company

Cosmic Fishing Theatre is a professional experimental theatre company, based out of Waterloo Region, Ontario. We stage plays and create extraordinary events for adults, youth, and very young children (0-6) with a mission to serve a truly intercultural and intergenerational audience. We draw on multiple cultural influences and performance aesthetics, and often explore theatrical possibilities with object theatre and puppetry.



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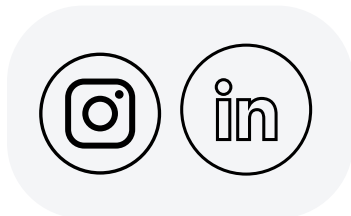
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# Great City's Puppets



## About the Company

"Great City's Puppets" CEO/Artistic Director Ally grew up in Ukraine, Graduated Art College as a Chorographer/Artistic Director and has get a great experience running her own Dance/Art Performance Studio for many years. She also worked on a Cruise Shipping company as a Show maker/Artistic Director for the crew's entertainment. But her passion and dreams for Puppets has always been deep in her mind, since she was a little girl. Life took another turn for her. After 30 years in Toronto, Canada she realized, that the time to make her dream come true has come up. Six years ago the Puppet Production was born! It took her so much time and afford to learn herself how to make her own Puppets, create stories, write scripts, act, make different voices, make and edit videos and websites. The Puppet Show "Little Red Riding Hood" is her first big finished project which "Great City's Puppets" is now excited and very pleased to present to Toronto's Community. There were a few successful live performances in Toronto already and the company is looking forward to creating more shows for children, families and adults as well. We are dreaming to grow big!



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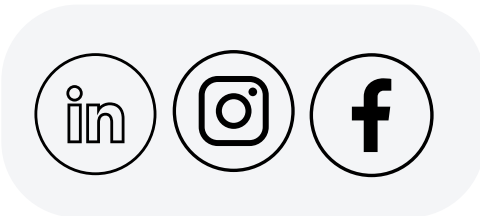
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# Pucking Fuppets Co.



## About the Company

Adam Francis Proulx is a theatre creator and puppeteer. He has worked on stage and screen across North America. Adam's solo show's have toured across North America, winning a variety of awards. His most recent show for adults, *THE FAMILY CROW: A Murder Mystery*, won best New Play at London Fringe, Best Original Script at Orlando Fringe, and Pick of the Fringe in both Orlando and Vancouver. His most recent family-friendly work, *Emilio's A Million Chameleons*, was developed in residency at Tarragon Theatre in Toronto and is currently touring. Also an accomplished puppet builder, Adam has designed and built puppets for companies like Young People's Theatre, WhyNot Theatre, Neptune Theatre Halifax, Rogers TV, CBC, and Nickelodeon. Adam spent three seasons as the Assistant Artistic Director of the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia. He holds an honours degree from the University of Waterloo in Theatre and in Arts and Business. Adam has been an Artist in Residence with Ontario Culture Days, Tarragon Theatre, and The Puppetsmithery in Australia. Currently he can be seen on *Lido TV* on CBC Gem (official selection, TIFF), *Oh Yuck!* on Netflix, and *The Fabulous Show with Fay & Fluffy* on Family Jr.



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# Puppet Mongers



## About the Company

Since siblings Ann Powell and David Powell founded Puppetmongers in 1974, we have created and toured eight productions for children and family audiences, and four productions for adult audiences. These include *The Brick Bros. Circus* (performed by building bricks) and a major production of Charles Dickens' *Hard Times*. We have toured our productions across Canada and the USA, in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and twice to puppetry festivals in Iran. We have performed at theatre festivals, music festivals, puppetry festivals, and in art galleries, aquariums, science centres, universities, schools and libraries. Since 1990 we have self presented annually in Toronto Theatres. We have received The Presidents Award and The Award for Artistic Excellence from the Puppeteers of America, and five Citations for Excellence in the Art of Puppetry from UNIMA USA. Our works have been nominated twice for Chalmers Canadian Play Awards, and short listed for ten Dora Mavor Moore Awards, and were the subject of a CBC documentary entitled *The Whimsical World of Puppetmongers*. Other projects include R. Murray Schafer's opera *Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix*, and co-producing the *Pirate Widow Cheng* with the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta. We have also worked on movies, including *Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium*.



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# Puppets & Shadows



## About the Company

We're the kids who hid in the library and read books during recess. We're the ones who looked for the secret passages in our houses and who knew that the best stories happened in the shadowy places, the forgotten places, the basements and the attics where dust gathered. We found those places on rainy days when we wanted to escape into our imaginations. We still gather in those places to tell stories only now we find them in museums, libraries, and theatres. Puppets & Shadows Theatres presents puppets shows for young audiences and adults who still like to escape into their imagination. Lately we've been streaming our puppets shows and workshops to you in your living room, but we hope we can invite you to see our shows live again soon.



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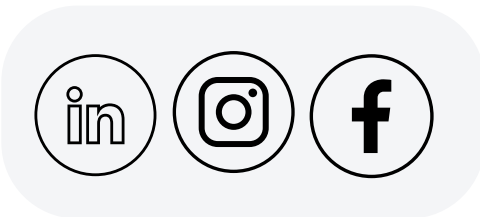
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# Roro Arts



## About the Company

Robin Polfuss is an enthusiastic storyteller who has been creating worlds for as long as she's existed. She builds theatrical puppets and innovative sets for stage and film; writes clever scripts; performs whimsical live shows; creates fun short movies; and has performed, live and virtually, at festivals and events, on television, and in music videos. Currently, she is working on an environmentally themed show with her Toronto based, 3 women puppet company, Honeyball Puppetry, and is a featured online performer with Chalking Stories, based in London, England. She makes silly videos about her little sock friend Puppet What What, to be shown in puppet slams and festivals and put on Youtube, and creates Virtual Puppet Parades using video clips sent to her from puppeteers all around the world! But wait, there's more! She has a toy making biz, RoRo Art, where she sews, illustrates, and makes fabulous things to sell at arts & music festivals, including finger and hand puppets, postcard puppets and paper puppet colouring kits! She also teaches many different art forms, from illustration to sculpture, at art schools, galleries, events and festivals. She finds everything inspiring!



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# Twisted Dog Theatre



## About the Company

Twisted Dog Theatre was founded in 2022, it's a family-run theatre in Toronto that aims to provide families with children the best performances selected with great care for the little audience. With a focus on professional directors, actors, composers, puppet artists, and costume designers, Twisted Dog Theatre is dedicated to delivering captivating and cherished stories transformed into memorable performances.



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