

Media Advisory
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Unique event set to go this weekend

Calgary, AB - This biennial gathering of practitioners from around the world will be inspiring some of our province's most important resources: front line support workers in our health and education systems.

Who: WP Puppet Theatre

What: Puppet Power 2016 :: Connecting Generations

Where: Downtown West – Kerby Centre (1133-7 Ave SW)

When: May 28 and 29, 2016

Time:

Saturday, May 28 - Panels, keynotes and workshops 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Highlights:

9:30 a.m. Opening ceremonies with the **Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell**

10:30 a.m. All the way from the Scottish Highlands, **Karrie Marshal** author of *Puppetry in Dementia Care* and founder of *Creativity in Care* will speak to the fact that regardless of ability, people have emotions, imagination, humour and can all connect through creative expression.

1:30 p.m. **How to Make a Puppet Breathe** with Eric Bass. Movement workshop

4:30 p.m. **Act your Age** performance

Sunday, May 29 - Performances, keynotes and workshops 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Highlights:

9:30 a.m. Puppet Portfolios, **10 fast-paces presentations** from as far away as Brazil and NYC, hosted by Mark Hopkins of Swallow a Bicycle Theatre

12 p.m. Special screening of **Handmade Puppet Dreams by Heather Henson**, the youngest of Jim Henson's children, who showcases a new generation of puppeteers through a series of films that focus on the craft.

Puppetry brings a voice to experiences and creates safe conversations. This leads to new ways of perceiving contemporary life and its many social and cultural challenges. That is why every two years, educators, therapists, professionals, artists and community leaders join together to discover the endless ways in which we can use puppets. This year, on the theme of Connecting Generations, we will examine the compelling strength of puppetry in advocating, educating and celebrating community connections across generations.

For more information on Puppet Power 2016 :: Connecting Generations, visit www.wppuppet.com.

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WP Puppet Theatre Company is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to creating innovative and educational performances and learning opportunities, through the art of puppetry.