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Over 150 people of all ages *and their puppets* take part in WP Puppet Theatre's community video for Canada 150!

Calgary, AB, Canada. WP Puppet Theatre is marking Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation with a community video about Canada's new (unofficial) avian emblem – the gray jay.

WP Puppet commissioned emerging Calgary writer Ken Lee to write a 150-line story, *The Gray Jay and the Magpie*, which has been read and recorded on film by over one hundred and fifty, local, national and international participants of all ages, and their puppets, one line at a time.

Wendy Passmore-Godfrey, Artistic Director of WP Puppet Theatre has facilitated puppet making workshops at *James Short Memorial School, Prospect Human Services, École de la Source, A.E. Cross School*, and the *Malaysian Singaporean Bruneian Community Association*. All the participants made their own puppets who read one line of the story for the video.

Passmore-Godfrey says that "WP Puppet Theatre seeks to connect people of all cultures, celebrate the land and remember our Canadian values of generosity and courage through this project."

The project will culminate in a world premiere screening of the video on November 26, 1-3pm, at the John Dutton Theatre at the Central Calgary Public Library. The event is free and open to the public and will also include puppet making and other creative activities. Artistic Director Wendy Passmore-Godfrey, author Ken Lee, and many of the video participants will be in attendance. For more information visit <https://wppuppet.com/canada-150-video/>

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

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