

WP PUPPET THEATRE SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT For 2019-20

Impacting Positive Social Change



KEY ACTIVITIES

- Wendy took the Indigenous Relations Training Program at University of Calgary
- Nik, Sara and Barb start work with WPTS
- Courage Journey Exhibit toured venues in SE Alberta managed again through by TREX
- Participated in a rainy but still rainbow colourful Pride Festival at Princes Isl. Park
- Wendy presented at the Canadian Arts and Learning conference in Winnipeg
- Barb was at Canadian Mental Health - Youth Summit



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- Allan presented at Canadian Art Therapy Association conference
- Puppets Popped up at Market Collective in December
- Wendy helped students make marionettes for St John's Schola School production of the Sound of Music Puppets - they bore little resemblance to the famous Bil Baird puppets.
- Wendy did Artists in Residences at Cambrian Height School and Jennie Elliot
- Allan, Jenne and Barb ran Courage Journey workshops at Haysboro School.
- Wendy did workshops and filming up in Yellowknife to support NWT Literacy's Dental Hygiene pilot puppet program.
- Puppet Power 2020 pivoted to become a 100% online conference. Erin did a stellar job on coordinating logistics and overseeing tech. (see attached report)
- Allan supervised MRU students in the Bachelor of Child Studies program.
- WPTS board continued working on with Governance Policy Manual including accounting procedures.
- We completed and Barb led teacher testing for our Online course Playing with Shadows working with Onlea, Edmonton, as developers.
- We asked Mayor Nenshi proclaim World Puppetry Day
- We worked with students from the Haskayne School of Management on case studies for Digital Delivery

YEAR	Audience #	# of events	# of distinct clients	# of hours of workshops
2019-20	5423*	126	28	136
2018-19	5119*	344	70	644
2017-18	4862	217	58	

* 4000 for Courage Journey Exhibit



**Courage Journey workshop at
Big Brother & Sisters**



**"Why the Rabbits Nose
Wiggles" at Crowfoot
Library**





Avatar for Playing with
Shadows online course



DIY Pop Up for May
2020 - Natural Animals
with Blackfoot
Translation



PROCLAMATION

World Puppetry Day is a day to spark curiosity, promote understanding about the world we live in and inspire audiences to embrace the art of puppetry as a creative platform to express significant social issues and consider solutions.

Whereas: Puppets can be a metaphor for the human experience and provide a fun and reassuring platform for exploring some of life's difficult questions;

Whereas: Puppetry is used to educate and empower children by fostering imagination and giving a voice for telling a story;

Whereas: Calgarians are encouraged to promote diversity, exercise tolerance and make meaning of our world today through the power of puppetry.

On behalf of City Council and the citizens of Calgary, I hereby proclaim March 21, 2020 as:

"WORLD PUPPETRY DAY"

Naheed K. Nenshi
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MAYOR



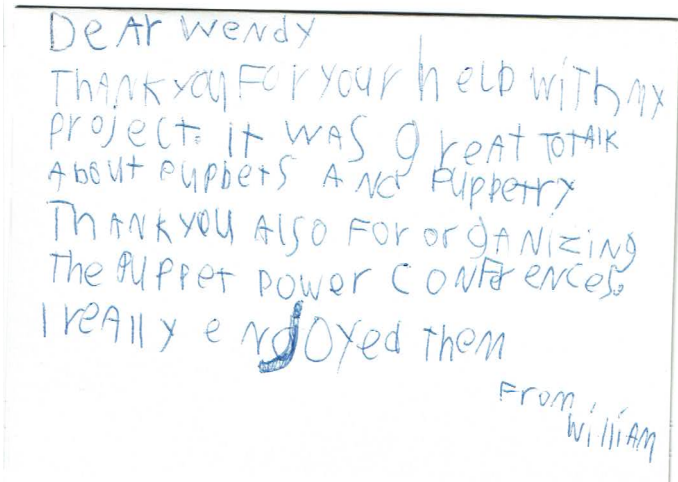
Allan at Haysboro school



Canadian Mental Health Youth
Summit - photo Tori English



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Thank you everyone, volunteers, staff, board members, teachers, students, participants, funders, peers and mentors for continued support though 2019 - 20

BOARD MEMBERS 2019- 20

President:	Chris Chabot
Treasurer:	Dave Bretz
Secretary	Salima Hasmani
Founding Director:	W. Passmore-Godfrey
Director:	Jenna Pruner
Director:	Erin Prosser
Director:	Bethany Ross

KEY CONTRACTORS & COLLABORATORS 2019-20

Amanda Au	Marketing/Communication PP20
Melissa Cole	Marketing/Communication Manager
Barb English	Workshop Facilitator and Designer
Nik Harrinirain	Bookkeeper
Alex Hatcher	Strategic consultant
Sara McNeill	Pop Up Event Assistant
Jenne Newman	VIEW facilitator
Wendy Passmore-Godfrey	Artistic and Managing Director
Erin Prosser	Puppet Power and Online Manager
Allan Rosales	VIEW Manager and Presenter

KEY VOLUNTEERS

Over the year we logged over 322 volunteer hours, with 124 wonderful folks who served on our Board, Youth Central students helping at Puppet Pop Ups, and our Puppet Power 2020 committee began planning meetings.

PUPPET POWER 2020 PLANNING COMMITTEE

This committee works for two years and many thanks to everyone who contributed in small or big ways, but specially Michelle Warketin, Sky Weir, Carolyn Pogue, Kieron Circuit



Youth Central Volunteers



FUNDERS, SPONSORS AND DONORS



SPECIFICALLY, FOR PUPPET POWER 2020:



WPTS BOARD MEMBERS, PRIVATE DONORS, FACEBOOK CAMPAIGNS

And we were honoured to be a recipient of Yoga Passage fundraising from January Karma classes, arranged by Allan.

PASSAGE STUDIOS

YOGA + HIIT + SPIN

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Looking Forward to 2020 - 21:

- Launch of our Digital Delivery programs and Online Shop
- Planning for Puppet Power 2022
- Celebration of WPTS 30th Year anniversary
- Continuing our Strategic Directions and new ways of operating including implementing our Strategic Marketing plan



We're taking it online!

Puppet Programs *for* KIDS

Puppet Pop-Up DIY

Puppet patterns and how to videos for your creative fun at home!

Learning Opportunities

Curriculum infused interactive programs for classroom teachers & homeschool learners.

Puppet Performances

Past favourites and new stories - watch in your PJ's.



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**May we all have the fortitude and imagination of
Baxter, the Mouse, and the humility and optimism of
Bird, the Bird, to forge onward into the uncertain
future of opportunities**

