NOV 12—14 & 18—20 On Film

See puppets like you've never seen them before! Long before computer graphics existed, fantastic creatures came to life as puppets made of foam, fabric, metal, and wood. This festival features seven brand new fascinating documentaries about puppetry as well as a roster of fantasy films, Muppet movies, shorts from the US and around the world, New York premieres, gremlins, teenage mutant ninja turtles, and one angry tire. *Puppets on Film* includes programs for both kids and adults. Curated by Cheryl Henson, Lindsey Z. Briggs, and BAMcinématek.



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The Adventures of Elmo In Grouchland (1999)

DIRECTED BY GARY HALVORSON SAT, NOV 12 AT 12NOON Special appearance by Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash

let anything happen to it. However, a tug-of-war with his friend Zoe sends his blanket to faraway Grouchland, a place filled with grouches, garbage, and fabulous villains played by Vanessa Williams and Mandy Patinkin. With help from the Sesame sharing. Ages 3+



Being Elmo: A Puppeteer's Journey (2011) **DIRECTED BY CONSTANCE MARKS** SAT, NOV 12 AT 2PM

Intro by Kevin Clash and Seasame Street cameraman

Winner of a Special Jury Prize at Sundance, this documentary chronicles the story of Kevin Clash the persona behind the furry red monster Elmo of Sesame Street. Growing up in Baltimore in the 1970s, Clash had different aspirations from his Henson. With a supportive family behind him, he made his dreams come true.

Live Action Puppets Shorts Program A

SAT, NOV 12 AT 4:30PM Intro by Moonfishing director David Michael Friend & Handmade Puppet Dreams artistic director Heather Henson

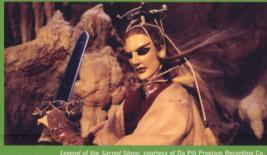
This fascinating selection of handcrafted puppet films features an arresting array of characters that will haunt your dreams and feed you brain candy. Throw in mom issues, worms, and some raspberry shortbread and you've got yourself a seriously good time. Highlights include David Michael Friend's Moonfishing, Ron Binion's Alien Cow Puppet Show, and, Genevieve Anderson's Too Loud a Solitude from Handmade Puppet Dreams. Ages 8+

Puppet (2010)

DIRECTED BY DAVID SOLL

SAT, NOV 12 AT 6:50PM Intro by David Soll and puppeteer Chris Green

Interweaving a broad look at the fraught history of American puppetry—from its marginalization as children's theater to its sudden explosion as high art—with an intimate look at downtown artist Dan Hurlin, this documentary follows him as he creates a complex puppet work about eccentric Depressionera photographer Mike Disfarmer.



Legend of the Sacred Stone (2000) **DIRECTED BY CHRIS HUANG** SAT, NOV 12 AT 9:15PM US Premiere Intro by Kuang-Yu Fong of Chinese Theatre Works

Set in China 400 years ago, this nonstop puppet action film features martial arts heroes as they battle demon warriors for a sacred stone that brings untold power. This explosive Taiwanese film, based on a popular TV series, has killer kung fu moves and stunning action sequences that are sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. In Mandarin with English subtitles.

Kid Films: Shortstack!

SUN, NOV 13 AT 12NOON Intro by Puppet Heap director Paul Andrejco & Handmade Puppet Dreams artistic director Heather Henson

Open your heart, widen your eyes, and let your imagination take hold. Enter a place of wonderment where anything can happen— and probably will! Talking sheep, flying horses, and magical sniffing things abound. Featuring classic bits from Jim Henson, Paul Andrejco's I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, John Kennedy's The Sure Sheep from Handmade Puppet Dreams, and more! Ages 3+

The Muppet Movie (1979) **DIRECTED BY JAMES FRAWLEY** SUN, NOV 13 AT 2PM

Intro by Cheryl Henson, Jim Henson Foundation

After a fateful meeting with a major talent agent, Kermit heads for Hollywood dreaming of showbiz. Fozzie Bear, the Great Gonzo, Miss Piggy, and some fabulous famous friends join him as merry Muppet hijinks ensue. See how their meteoric rise to fame a frog. Ages 4+

Dumbstruck (2010) **DIRECTED BY MARK GOFFMAN SUN, NOV 13 AT 4:30PM**

This funny, deeply human film about professional ventriloquists features a vivid and endearing ensemble of five personalities, from a former pageant queen to a shy teenager. We share in their successes and missteps, including Vegas star Terry Fator's unprecedented rise to fame, as they strive to

Rehearsal for a Sicilian Tragedy (2009) **DIRECTED BY ROMAN PASKA**

SUN, NOV 13 AT 6:50PM

Intro by writer-director Roman Paska and writer-producer John Turturro

John Turturro leads audiences on an intimate journey through his ancestral homeland, learning the great art of Sicilian puppetry from master performer Mimmo Cuttichio and celebrating the unique character of this special island.



Rubber (2010) **DIRECTED BY QUENTIN DUPIEUX** SUN, NOV 13 AT 9:15PM

A French horror-comedy, *Rubber* is the story of an old tire that has been abandoned in the desert and telepathic powers as it becomes a chaotic force to be reckoned with and a true movie villain for the ages.

Puppets from Around the World: International Shorts Program

MON, NOV 14 AT 4:30PM

Experience puppets from Russia, India, France, and the Netherlands with this group of shorts dedicated to worldwide puppetry. Highlights include an Indian couple resurrecting 150-year-old puppets in *Born Again* and *The Saga of the Giants* featuring the street theater company Royal de Luxe.

Making War Horse (2009)

DIRECTED BY DAVID BICKERSTAFF & PHIL GRABSKY MON, NOV 14 AT 6:50PM

Intro by Lincoln Center's resident puppetry director Matt Acheson

Theatre's epic production of *War Horse* shows how South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company created the groundbreaking techniques that brought lifelike horses to the stage. Includes backstage footage of the original cast, interviews with the creative team, and excerpts from the award-winning show.

Gremlins 2: The New Batch (1990) **DIRECTED BY JOE DANTE** MON, NOV 14 AT 9:15PM

A satirical inversion of the typical horror film, this cult classic features legions of everyone's favorite mischievous creatures. This time, the gremlins wreak human heroes try to thwart the destruction. Featuring George, Lenny, Mohawk, and, of course, Gizmo.



The Dark Crystal (1982) **DIRECTED BY JIM HENSON & FRANK OZ** FRI, NOV 18 AT 4:30PM* SUN, NOV 20 AT 6:50PM**
*Intro by Cheryl Henson and Yamasong's
director Sam Hale

**Special guests Brian & Wendy Froud, conceptual designers of The Dark Crystal

In another time, a source of Balance and Truth in the Universe was shattered, dividing the world into the wicked Skeksis and the peaceful Mystics. It's up to Jen—the last of his race—to fulfill the prophecy that a Gelfling will return the missing shard to the Crystal and destroy the Skeksis' evil empire. Designed by fantasy artist Brian Froud, Jim Henson's groundbreaking masterpiece redefined live-action puppet filmmaking.

Puppet Rampage (2008) **DIRECTED BY LINDSEY "Z." BRIGGS**

FRI, NOV 18 AT 6:50PM

Intro by Puppeteers of America President Anna Vargas, and directors Chad Williams and Lindsey "Z." Briggs

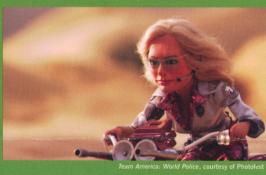
500 puppeteers. 100 performances. Go behind the scenes of Puppet Rampage, the legendary Puppeteers of America National Festival held in St. Paul, MN. Get a glimpse of puppetry performances and workshops by some of the country's best puppeteers in this captivating documentary.



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (1990) **DIRECTED BY STEVE BARRON**

FRI, NOV 18 AT 9:15PM Intro by "Leonardo" puppeteer Martin P. Robinson

After radiation exposure, four average teenage turtles—Michelangelo, Raphael, Leonardo, and Donatello—have mutated into ninjas and live in city sewers. With master Splinter and reporter April O'Neil, the quartet embarks on a mission to run crime out of the city and battle the warlord Shredder. This live-action film adaptation of the cult comic book and TV show features early innovations in puppetry techniques from Jim Henson's Creature Shop.



Team America: World Police (2004) DIRECTED BY TREY PARKER FRI, NOV 18 AT 11:30PM

From the folks who brought us South Park comes this infamous, over-the-top puppet action musical comedy about a team of political paramilitary policemen who attempt to save the world from a violent terrorist plot led by North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il.

Being John Malkovich (1999) DIRECTED BY SPIKE JONZE **SAT, NOV 19 AT 6:50PM**

In this imaginative cosmic fantasy, a puppeteer discovers a small portal on floor $7\frac{1}{2}$ of a New York City skyscraper that leads into the mind of actor John Malkovich for 15-minute stretches before being spit out somewhere along the New Jersey Turnpike.



Arias with a Twist: A Docufantasy (2010) **DIRECTED BY BOBBY SHEEHAN**

SAT, NOV 19 AT 9:15PM

*Intro by stars Basil Twist and Joey Arias and director

This love letter to the creative spirit features iconic downtown performance artist Joey Arias and visionary puppeteer Basil Twist as they develop the "divine, devilishly naughty" (Les Echos) fantasy theater revue, Arias with a Twist. This celebration of the creative imagination includes a virtual who's who of the avant-garde New York art scene.



Muppet Treasure Island (1996) DIRECTED BY BRIAN HENSON SUN, NOV 20 AT 12PM

*Intro by Muppet stunt supervisor Fred Buchholz

grandest adventure yet, encountering pirates, buried treasure, and an angry warthog called "Spa-am," in this rollicking version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale. Starring Tim Curry as Long John Silver, this music-filled, high-seas swashbuckler is one the entire family will enjoy. **Ages 5**+

Kooky (2010) US Premiere **DIRECTED BY JAN SVĚRÁK** SUN, NOV 20 AT 2PM

Intro by Heather Henson film tells the story of a boy whose mother throws away his favorite stuffed animal, Kooky. In the boy's fantasy, Kooky comes to life in a landfill and begins his journey among the rough-and-ready creatures of a mysterious forest. A thrilling family adventure and celebration of childhood imagination by the director of *Kolya* (Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film in 1997). **Ages 7**+



Live Action Puppets Shorts Program B SUN, NOV 20 AT 4:30PM

Yes, those really are puppets. Bizarre and beautiful, these live-action shorts prove that some puppets don't always live happily ever after. Highlights include Lyon Hill's Junk Palace, Sam Hale's Yamasong from Handmade Puppets Dreams, and Higglety Pigglety Pop! Or There Must be More to Life by Chris Lavis and Made Notes Tutli Putli Ages 10+

Where the Wild Things Are (2009) **DIRECTED BY SPIKE JONZE**

SUN, NOV 20 AT 9:15PM
Intro by creative supervisor of Jim Henson's Creature
Shop, Peter Brooke

children's book, nine-year-old Max runs away from home and sails across the sea to become the king of the Wild Things. this astonishing film features a breathtaking blend of live action and animation, with animatronic creature suits constructed by Jim Henson's Creature Shop.

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