HERE's DREAM MUSIC PUPPETRY PROGRAM PRESENTS

PUPPETOPIA

TWO WEEKS OF NEW PUPPET THEATRE

DIGITAL PROGRAM  SCROLL TO CONTINUE
HERE pays respect to the Munsee Lenape ancestors past, present, and future. We acknowledge that the work of HERE is situated on the Lenape island of Manhattan (Mannahatta) and more broadly in Lenapehoking, the Lenape homeland.

Inspired by the words of Adrienne Wong: HERE acknowledges the legacy of colonization embedded within the technology, structures, and ways of thinking we use every day. This production is using equipment and high-speed internet, not available in many Indigenous communities. Even the technologies that are central to much of the art we make leave significant carbon footprints, contributing to changing climates that disproportionately affect Indigenous people worldwide. We invite you to join us in acknowledging all this, as well as our shared responsibility to make good of this time and for each of us to consider our roles in reconciliation, decolonization, and ally-ship.
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ANIMIST

Created & Directed by Andy Gaukel

Projection Design by Andy Gaukel
Lighting Design by Alexander White
Sound Design by Avi Amon
Dramaturgy by Dylan Shelton

Puppeteered by Dylan Shelton
Co-Devised by Sean Meehan

Stage Management by Aoife Hough
Puppet Construction by Annette Julien
Rep Plot Design by Ayumu “Poe” Saegusa
Master Electrician Jonathan Cottle
Projection Configuration by Daniel Brodie

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Animist is the recipient of a Production Grant of The Jim Henson Foundation, and a Puppetry at the Carriage House (PATCH) Residency.
CREATIVE TEAM

ANDY GAUKEL (Creator, Director, Projection Designer) is a Hudson Valley based puppetry artist and educator. His puppetry credits include the world premier of Paula Vogel’s *The Long Christmas Ride Home* and Basil Twist’s *Symphonie Fantastique* (2004, 2012 and 2018). His original works, *Schweinehund* (2015) and *Calm Blue Sky* (2019), premiered at the Festival Mondial des Théâtres de Marionnettes in Charleville-Mézières, France, and have since been presented throughout the world including Le Mouffetard, part of the 2017 Biennale internationale des arts de la marionnette (Paris, France); Casteliers (Montreal); and the Chicago International Puppet Theatre Festival, among others. In 2020, Andy helped create the puppetry for Oregon Shakespeare Festival’s word premiere of Karen Zacarias’ play, *The Copper Children*. And in 2022, Andy created the shadow puppetry for Dipikah Guha’s play *Passing* presented by the McCarter Theatre and produced by Paula Vogel’s Bard at the Gate. andygaukelpuppetry.com

DYLAN SHELTON (Puppeteer & Dramaturg) is the Artistic Director of Madcap Puppets in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dylan produces original puppet performances that premier at the Madcap Education Center and tour across the United States. Dylan began his career at Madcap Puppets in 2002 and has written and directed more than 30 shows with the company. Recently, Dylan created a puppet production of *Pulcinella* and directed a puppet version of the opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, both in collaboration with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. Dylan graduated from Wilmington College of Ohio with a BA in Theatre and received an MFA in Acting from Ohio University. Dylan teaches corporate improvisation workshops and has taught Acting, Improvisation, and Puppetry at Xavier University, Northern Kentucky University, and Ohio University.

AVI AMON (Sound Designer) is an award-winning, Turkish-American composer, sound artist, and educator. Avi’s multi-genre work has been developed or presented by: HBO Films, Spotify, Tribeca Film Festival, New York Theater Workshop, Page73, SoHo Rep, The Civilians, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Danspace, Actors Theater Of Louisville, St. Louis REP, Target Margin, The O’Neill, Edinburgh Fringe, and Spoleto Festival USA, among others. Avi is the resident composer at the 52nd Street Project, an inaugural fellow with THE WORKSHOP at the Hendel Center for Justice & Ethics, and teaches at NYU Tisch. aviamon.com

AYUMU “POE” SAEGUSA (Rep Plot Designer) started his career in 2000 in Tokyo. He moved into NYC in 2005 and became the Resident Lighting Designer of HERE. He also works as a Freelance lighting designer for various types of shows from NY Fringe festival to Lincoln Center. Additionally, he works as production manager in the USA and internationally. His clients include Tokyo Metropolitan theater, Japan Society, NHK (Japan Broadcast corporation), FCI, Shochiku, Yoshimoto, HERE and many others. He founded Creative Machine Stage Lighting in 2017. creativemachine.lighting
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WALKING IRIS (Excerpts)

Co-created by Patti Bradshaw & Christopher Williams

Puppets by Wendy Froud & Christopher Williams
Costume pieces by Patti Bradshaw
Lighting Design by Alexander White

Performed by Patti Bradshaw, Lake Simons, Valerie Striar, & Christopher Williams

Stage Management by Aoife Hough
Music by Gregorio Paniagua: Atrui Musicae de Madrid from “Musique de la Grèce Antique”
Projection: detail of “Iris Screen” Kakitsubata (flowering irises) by Ogata Korin, circa 1705
Rep Plot Design by Ayumu “Poe” Saegusa
Master Electrician Jonathan Cottle

The creation of excerpts from Walking Iris was supported by a 2020 mini residency initiative at HERE Arts Center supported by the Jim Henson Foundation as well as a 2022 Henson Foundation workshop grant and generous individual donations from Allison Granucci. We extend a very special thanks to Cheryl Henson and the Jim Henson Foundation, Kristin Marting, Barbara Busackino, Basil Twist, Ayumu “Poe” Saegusa, Cole Bonenberger, Ben Elling, Alex White, and the whole team at HERE Arts Center, Aoife Hough, Daniel Brodie, Allison Granucci, Wendy & Brian Froud, Lake Simons, Valerie Striar, Sikhanyisiwe Sifiso Mabena, Rosalie Woodside, Jean Wardle & Ray Mortenson, and Pauline Schanbacher Bradshaw.

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Walking Iris (excerpts) is the recipient of a Production/Workshop Grant of The Jim Henson Foundation.
CREATIVE TEAM

PATTI BRADSHAW (Co-creator & Performer) is a theater deviser, director, puppet artist and performer. Inspired by folk art, she works at the intersection of object theater, puppetry, multi-media design, choreography and physical theater. She has been a member of St. Ann’s Warehouse Puppet Lab and her work has been presented at Dixon Place, Brooklyn Studios for Dance, Five Myles Gallery, New Dance Alliance’s Performance Mix, The 92nd St. Y, Roulette Intermedium, HERE Arts Center, Triskelion Arts, Dance Theater Workshop, La Mama, ETC., Danspace Project, Jackie 60s, Judson Church, El Museo del Barrio, Hostos College, the Public Theater, and T.W.E.E.D. She has been an artist in residence at Sarah Lawrence College (Barbara Bray Ketchum Award) and at Brooklyn Studios for Dance. Her work has been seen in Portugal, Greece and Japan. She co-founded Pepatian with choreographer Merian Soto and visual artist Pepon Osorio and was co-founder of the satirical Butoh Rockets with Celeste Hastings and Chris Maresca. As a puppeteer she has worked with Chris Maresca and Charles Allcroft and has taught puppetry workshops at the Lyceé Français in New York. She is an adjunct faculty member in the Dance Program at Sarah Lawrence College and teaches classes in the Dance Program and the Theater Program. pattibradshaw.com / @pbradshaw8

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS (Co-creator & Performer) Named a 2021 choreography fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Christopher Williams is a “Bessie” award-winning choreographer, dancer, and puppet artist working in New York City and abroad since 1999. His works have been presented internationally in France, England, Italy, Colombia, Holland, Spain, Russia, and Malawi as well as in many New York City venues including Lincoln Center, City Center, New York Live Arts, Dance Theater Workshop, Danspace Project, PS 122, and La Mama. His puppet works have been presented by the Jim Henson International Festival of Puppet Theater, St. Ann’s Puppet Lab and Labapalooza Festival, One Arm Red, and Dixon Place, and his first evening-length puppet work, Virgo Genitrix, was commissioned by the Dream Music Puppetry Program at HERE Arts Center. He holds degrees from Sarah Lawrence College and the École Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in Paris, and has since performed for puppet artists Basil Twist, Dan Hurlin, Hamid Rahmanian, Lake Simons, Erin K. Orr, Chris Green, and Phantom Limb, as well as choreographers Douglas Dunn, Tere O’Connor, Yoshiko Chuma, John Kelly, and Rebecca Lazier, among others. christopherwilliamsdance.org / @faycavalier
LAKE SIMONS (Performer) is a director, designer, puppeteer, physical performer, and a maker of things. She has collaborated with a wide range of artists creating theatre productions from the ground up utilizing puppetry, movement, & live music. But most importantly Lake relies on make-believe. Lake has received multiple Jim Henson Foundation grants in support of her original puppetry productions, and has created productions for various institutions including Miller Theater at Columbia University, Texas Woman’s University, and Dixon Place. Most recently Lake took the helm of her family’s 46-year-old theatre, Hip Pocket Theatre in Fort Worth, Texas, in the role of Managing Artistic Director. For over 25 years she has contributed as a director, performer, and designer with Hip Pocket. Lake is a co-director for the Puppet Lab at St. Ann’s Warehouse in Brooklyn. She teaches puppetry in the theatre department at Sarah Lawrence College.

VALERIE STRIAR (Performer)’s interdisciplinary solo and group works have been presented at venues throughout New York. Her work Cosimo, inspired by Italo Calvino’s The Baron in the Trees, was produced as an evening length work at HERE and La Mama Etc. Other works combining film and dance include; Marguerite and Robert, The Bird Queen, and No Fly Zone My Beating Heart. Valerie and Patti Bradshaw have collaborated on many artistic projects - most recently in Bradshaw’s Fools in plain air: fermented rain, Garden of Florine: Impending Storm, Flowers in Space and K and the Way. Valerie is a New York Foundation for the Arts Choreography Fellow. She is a Master Practitioner with Narrative 4 and facilitates story exchanges to support the cultivation of empathy and understanding. If you have a story that needs telling please connect with her. valerie@narrative4.com

WENDY FROUD (Puppet Fabricator) is a sculptor, writer, and one of the most revered doll artists in the world today. The daughter of two artists, she was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, where she studied art and design at the Center for Creative Studies. She began her career as a sculptor on the set of The Muppet Show in New York, and went on to work on such feature films as The Dark Crystal, Labyrinth, and The Empire Strikes Back (for which she sculpted and fabricated Yoda). Wendy’s doll art and mythic sculptures have been extensively exhibited, published in three children’s books (A Midsummer Night’s Faery Tale, The Winter Child, The Faeries of Spring Cottage), and featured in an art book, The Art of Wendy Froud. As a writer, her work has been published in The Heart of the Faerie Oracle, Troll’s Eye View, Sirens and Other Demon Lovers, the Cottington series, and other magical volumes -- including her latest books, Trolls, and Faeries Tales, created in collaboration with her husband, “faery painter” Brian Froud. Wendy and Brian live in a 12th century thatched farmhouse in the Devon countryside. Wendy, Brian and their son Toby worked together on the Emmy winning Netflix series Dark Crystal - The Age of Resistance, and are currently working on a few new projects in development.
**ONE NIGHT IN WINTER**

*as the first chapter of Shinnai Meets Puppetry*

Based on the original Shinnai-bushi song-story by Okamoto Bunya

Concept and Direction by Sachiyo Takahashi

Co-created by Sachiyo Takahashi and Rowan Magee

Puppet design, puppet building and puppetry direction by Rowan Magee

Shinnai-bushi storytelling by Okamoto Miya (a.k.a. Sachiyo Takahashi)

Puppetry by Emma Wiseman and Rowan Magee

Stage Management by Aoife Hough

English translation by Sachiyo Takahashi and Rowan Magee

with the excerpt of Rancho translated by Alison Tokita

Lighting design by Alexander White

Subtitles operation by Amanda Kettell

Supervision by Okamoto Miyanosuke III

Dramaturgical support by Nick Lehane and Andy Manjuck

Rep Plot Design by Ayumu “Poe” Saegusa

Master Electrician Jonathan Cottle

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CREATIVE TEAM

SACHIYO TAKAHASHI (Co-creator & Shinnai-bushi storyteller) is a composer, musician, and artist whose work centers around storytelling. Compositing sensory elements in a minimalist manner, she explores the border between narrative and abstraction to generate fables for the subconscious. Sachiyō founded Nekaa Lab in 2006 together with other “lab members” (stuffed toys and tiny figurines). She has been producing performances, installations and writings, while observing human nature from alternative perspectives. Sachiyō’s Microscopic Live Cinema-Theatre – unique performances projected from a miniature stage – has been appraised as a quirky yet imaginative merging between theatrical and cinematic experiences. She has presented her works at international venues and festivals including Prague Quadrennial, St. Ann’s Warehouse, La MaMa, The Tank, Japan Society and HERE. Her recent works Everything Starts from a Dot and Shinnai Meets Puppetry: One Night in Winter have been supported by The Jim Henson Foundation. Sachiyō is also an accredited master of Okamoto school Shinnai-bushi, a traditional song-storytelling from Japan and performs as Okamoto Miya. As a way to integrate her electroacoustic audio-visual works with traditional Asian sound, she has collaborated with gamin, a Korean avant-garde instrumentalist, to conceptualize a new music theatre, The Emotions, with which she joined the HERE Artist Residency Program in 2020. nekaa.org

ROWAN MAGEE (Co-creator & Performer) is a puppeteer, designer, and educator from Troy, NY, and a curator for the Object Movement Festival, a winter residency and spring showcase of experimental puppet artists in NYC. He has puppeteered on international tours with Phantom Limb Company, Robin Frohardt, Nick Lehane, and Dan Hurlin, and in NYC for Chris Green, Spencer Lott, and the National Theater in the 2018 Tony Award winning Broadway revival of Angels in America. Rowan has designed puppets and props for MCC Theater and Bard Summerscape, and in 2019, he operated the titular reference puppet for the film Clifford the Big Red Dog. He will be performing and directing at the New York State Puppet Festival in Perry, NY this June.

EMMA WISEMAN (Performer) makes puppet shows and other things. She has been a resident artist with Mabou Mines and the St. Ann’s Warehouse Puppet Lab, and her original and collaborative works of performance have been seen at venues in NYC, Chicago, and New York State. Emma and playwright Emily Zemba recently produced, directed, and starred in a short film adaptation of their office supply puppet piece Out Of Office, which was an official selection of the Chattanooga Film Festival in 2021. Emma served as lead puppeteer for “Animated Life”, a New York Times Op-Doc series created by Sweet Fern Productions, which was nominated for an Emmy in 2016. Emma has toured internationally as a puppeteer with Robin Frohardt’s The Pigeoning and Nick Lehane’s Chimpanzee, and premiered Frohardt’s The Plastic Bag Store in New York’s Times Square. emmawiseman.me.
FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Théâtre de l’Entrouvert
ANYWHERE
MAY 12 – 14 @ 8:30PM, 15 @ 4PM
Mainstage Theatre

Kate Brehm
THE EYE WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE
MAY 18 – 21 @ 8:30PM, 22 @ 4PM
Mainstage Theatre

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DOORS
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Mainstage Theatre

Lake Simons
SORRY ABOUT THE WEATHER
MAY 18 – 21 @ 7PM, 22 @ 2PM
DOT Theatre
COMING SOON

SPARK GALA

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 1

Honoring CHERYL HENSON and BRIAN SELZNICK in celebration of HERE’s Dream Music Puppetry Program

HERE is where ideas are fostered from early flares to passionately-realized productions, igniting artists and audiences alike. We provide the foundation, the connections, and the resources for creative processes to SPARK. On June 1, we’ll gather around the heat of collaboration and the power of live performance, honoring over two decades of puppetry at HERE. Join us for some kickin’ fare, a fiery auction, and a fiercely jubilant bash!

TICKETS START AT $150
Through the HERE Artist Residency Program (HARP), HERE commissions and develops new hybrid works over a 2-to-3 year period. As part of the HERE community of artists and audiences, our resident artists show works-in-progress, develop workshop productions, and mount full-scale productions. For 2021–22, HERE supports the following artists and projects:

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**Ximena Garnica & Shige Moriya | LEIMAY**

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**Normandy Sherwood**

**Sachiyo Takahashi & gamin**

**Imani Uzuri**

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HERE & Back encompasses projects produced by HERE and helmed by established artists with deep connections to HERE. For audiences, HERE & Back provides the chance to experience daring performances by high-profile multidisciplinary artists in our intimate spaces; for the artists, HERE remains a special home for their work and a space open to risk-taking. For 2021–22, the following artists have developed HERE & Back projects:

**Taylor Mac, Resident Playwright**

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Community-Centric Fundraising is a fundraising practice that is grounded in equity; it calls on all non-profits to bring principles of racial and economic justice into our development strategies. As one small step towards aligning HERE with this model, we have removed giving levels from our donor list. We hope to celebrate and raise up all of our supporters no matter the size of their contribution and recognize the generosity of our community as a whole. We would like to thank the team of Community-Centric Fundraising for their leadership and their call to action; more information on CCF can be found on their website.

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