

# Automatons

big workshop



TARGET AUDIENCE :  
M/12 YEARS  
DURATION : 12H00







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# TEATRO E MARIONETAS DE MANDRÁGORA

Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora is a professional puppet theater company, founded on 2 April 2002, directed by **Clara Ribeiro** and **Filipa Mesquita** and **enVide neFelibata** as art direction.

- In the symbiosis of a symbolic language that combines heritage and traditional legacy with the contemporary society's thinking and dynamics, in a dialogue that's not always peaceful, a fundamental element emerges: the puppet — the tool used in our quest for our own cultural identity.
- Our goal is to discover the puppet's own aesthetic, visual, scenic, and dramatic potential, as well as in the relation between actor and puppet. In this experience, we intend to find our own identity-based dramaturgy: the one that explores culture, belief, and folklore combined with the urban area, the technological exploitation and the global village's fast pace.
- Throughout our artistic journey, we created a wide range of proposals, both in terms of audiences (adults, youngsters schoolchildren, families) and in terms of training (basic and specialized).
- One of our major commitments is touring our projects, through the country and abroad. We constantly concern on decentralization, community work, partnerships, social and inclusive enhancement.
- For over two decades, the Company firmly established itself as a contemporary artistic creation structure by putting on a wide range of shows. Some creations our own, others resulted from partnerships with national and foreign cultural structures and entities.
- Our team has always had space to freely create according to each other's

language and vision, converging to develop and enrich the puppet theater's art.

- Our Company focuses on social vulnerabilities but also traditions and heritage through different but converging sights. Dialogue with all different audiences, blend our creations with sites and spaces, intersect with partner entities and structures is essential for creating multidisciplinary projects that prioritize communication with spectators.
- We would like to highlight our collaboration with numerous educational service teams while implementing our education activities program in institutions such as monuments, museums, and landmark buildings.
- *Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora is supported by República Portuguesa - Cultura, Juventude e Desporto / Direção-Geral das Artes, Município de Espinho / Museu Municipal de Espinho e Município de Gondomar. The structure is based at FACE - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho and headquartered in Gondomar.*

# AUTOMATONS

target audience : M/12 years

duration : 12h00

group : big workshop

premiere date : 26 November 2011 (Saturday)

premiere location : Museu da Marioneta x Lisboa x Lisboa



# BIG WORKSHOP

The members of the Company have a strong background in dramatic and plastic expression. This is reflected in the diversity of workshops that it offers to the public.

It is through these activities that the Company introduces puppet theater to the community, thus attracting wider audiences and motivating them to learn about this fascinating art.

More specific training for professionals in the field fills a gap at the national level, highlighting us as an organization that not only creates, but also teaches others to create, without reservation. All types of puppets used in these courses have been previously explored in the Company's shows, resulting from in-depth research into the techniques and materials used to make them.







# TESTIMONIALS

— Filipa Mesquita × 17 May 2024



# TOUR

DATA	LOCAL
26 NOV 2011 . SATURDAY 27 NOV 2011 . SUNDAY	Museu da Marioneta, Lisboa, Lisboa
18 MAR 2014 . TUESDAY > 27 MAR 2014 . THURSDAY	Casa de Portugal em Macau
20 APR 2017 . THURSDAY . 10h30 > 17h20	Escola Secundária de Rio Tinto, Gondomar, Porto
21 APR 2017 . FRIDAY . 10h30 > 17h20	Escola Secundária de Rio Tinto, Gondomar, Porto
23 APR 2024 . TUESDAY > 26 APR 2024 . FRIDAY	Espaço Mãozorra, Vila do Bispo, Faro
12 MAY 2025 . MONDAY > 16 MAY 2025 . FRIDAY	Escola EB 2,3 Vila do Bispo, Vila do Bispo, Faro
13 SEP 2025 . SATURDAY . 10h00 > 12h45	Casa Educativa da Marioneta, Casa Branca de Gramido, Gondomar, Porto
13 SEP 2025 . SATURDAY . 14h00 > 16h45	

TOTAL : 9

# NATIONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

LOCAL	FESTIVAL	YEAR
Escola Secundária de Rio Tinto	Ei! MARIONETAS - Encontro Internacional de Marionetas - Gondomar	2017

TOTAL : 1

# INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

LOCAL	FESTIVAL	COUNTRY	YEAR
Casa de Portugal em Macau	Encontro de Marionetistas em Macau	Macao	2014

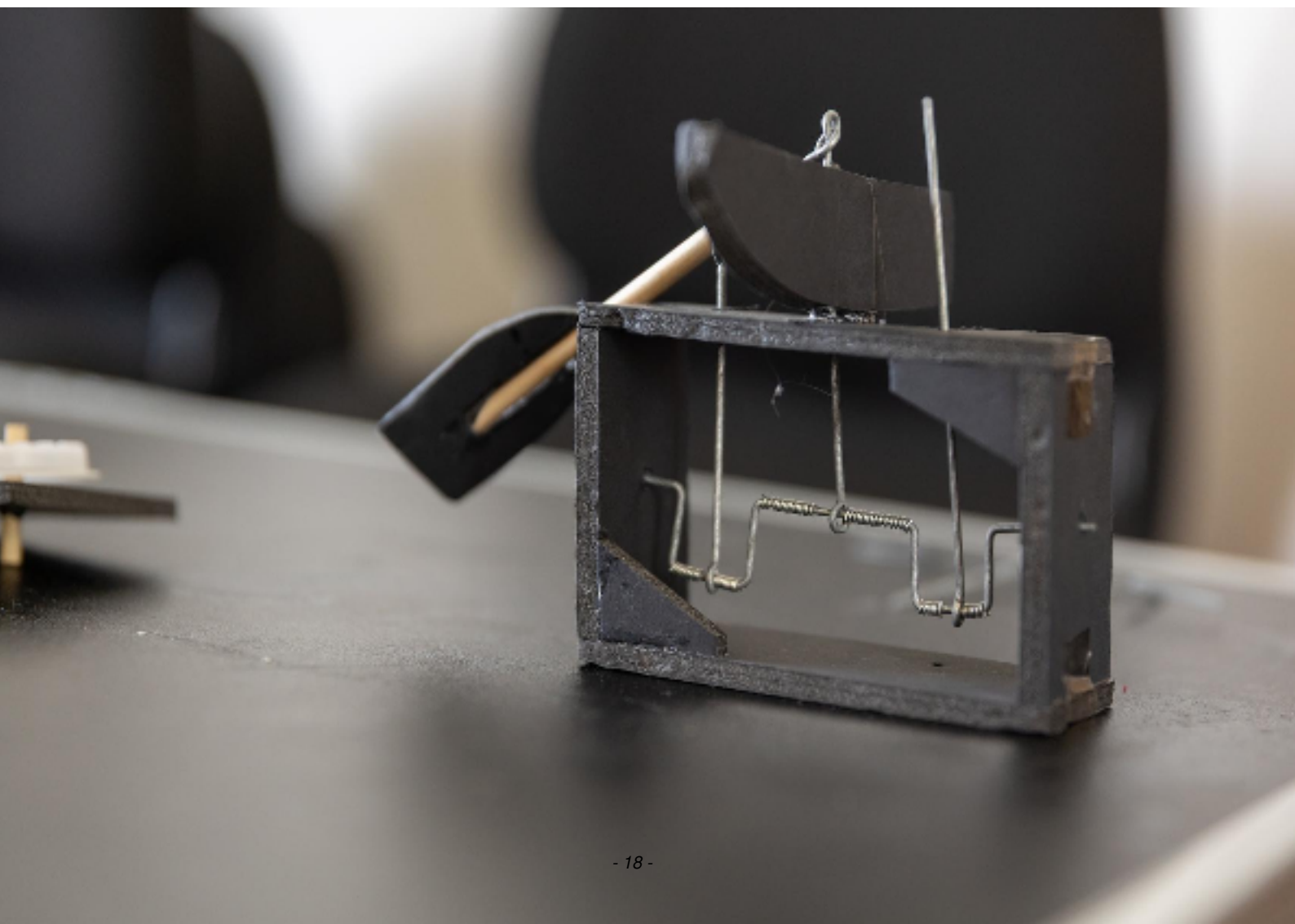
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# HISTORY

"Automatons", premiered at "Museu da Marioneta × Lisboa × Lisboa" on 26 November 2011 (Saturday). To date, it has performed in 6 venues, 3 cities, 3 districts, 2 countries (Macao, Portugal) and participated in 1 festival and 1 meeting and 1 international.

Its history includes 7 shows for an audience of 66 spectators.

"Automatons" has been touring for 14 anos, 5 meses e 28 dias at the time of creating this document.





# TECHNICAL RIDER

For more information about technical requirements and other production-related needs, please refer to the **GENERAL CONDITIONS** section of this document.

At the moment, detailed information about the technical rider associated with this production is not available. If you need to clarify specific technical requirements or obtain additional data regarding the implementation of scenography, lighting, sound, or other technical areas, you may request them directly via email contact with the company, which will be happy to provide the necessary documentation.

# PROMOTIONAL DOCUMENTS AND OTHERS

## Current Document

AUTOMATOS - DOSSIER - EN **2.2 MB**

[https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/\\_dwn/dossier/automatos - dossier - en.pdf](https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/_dwn/dossier/automatos - dossier - en.pdf)

## Imagery Archive

IMAGERY ARCHIVE PROMO **87.4 MB**

[https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/\\_dwn/zip/prj\\_automatos.zip](https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/_dwn/zip/prj_automatos.zip)

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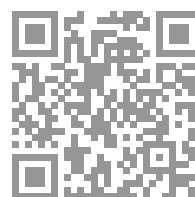
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# HYPERLINKS

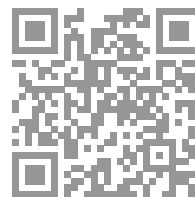
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## VIDEO

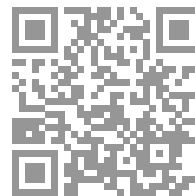
Casa Educativa da Marioneta 2025 [ **PROMOTIONAL** ]  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZaDvSutCL4>



Museu da Marioneta 2011 [ **PROMOTIONAL** ]  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBzFTTzwTF4>



Vídeo de Demonstração 2011 [ **PROMOTIONAL** ]  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zOuFCG7O-s>



# IMAGE AND COMMUNICATION

- Mandatory mentions in all promotional material:
- Production: Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora
- Support: Portuguese Republic – Culture, Youth, and Sports / Directorate-General for the Arts (with logos), Municipality of Espinho / City Council of Espinho, Municipality of Gondomar

# GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Access and parking must be available for the company's vehicle (Class II or Class I).
- The promoter must provide a technician to assist during assembly, rehearsal, and performance.
- Before setup begins, the space must be clean and free of any equipment.
- Any proposed changes to the Technical Rider must be communicated in a timely manner so that, together with the technical team and the event production, the best solutions can be found to make the activity possible.
- Individual dressing rooms suitable for the performers must be provided, equipped with running water, a mirror, a chair, and a table.
- The promoter must provide bottles of water for all team.

# BUDGET

- Consult budget and, if necessary, request specific conditions for two or more presentations on the same day, in the same location, and/or on consecutive days.
- The amounts are VAT exempt, under the terms of nº8 of Article 9º of the portuguese VAT Code.
- Travel expenses will be added, calculated from Espinho (price per km).
- Where applicable, the promoter shall provide accommodation and meals for the team. We will communicate the type of rooms (preferably singles) and dietary restrictions in advance.

# CONTACTS

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www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2-ig0Oamxo

## **RESIDÊNCIA DA COMPANHIA**

Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora  
FACE - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho  
R. 41 / Av. João de Deus  
4500-198 Espinho, Portugal

## **RESIDÊNCIA DA COMPANHIA**

Estaleiro Marionetas Mandrágora  
Rua do Golfe  
4500-605 Espinho, Portugal

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Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora  
Casa Branca de Gramido  
Tv. Convenção de Gramido 41  
4420-416 Valbom, Gondomar, Portugal

## **PARA EFEITOS DE FATURAÇÃO**

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