

Margins

community project



TARGET AUDIENCE :
M/3 YEARS
DURATION : 00H30





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Margins

**artistic incursions into the
public sphere**

SYNOPSIS

“Margens” is a project of community creation within the initiative “Vestir a Primavera”, developed by the company Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora in partnership with the Municipality of Gondomar since 2016. This project centers on the region’s identity and draws inspiration from the legend of the Douro River’s creation, a tale deeply bound to the natural landscape of the riverbanks. The legend serves as the thematic foundation for artistic exploration and community involvement in the creation of a puppet theatre performance.

The development of “Margens” includes a collaboration with local schools, where students engage in the creation of puppets using sustainable materials. These puppets are designed to represent fish, embodying the spirit of the river and drawing inspiration from the region’s rich cultural

heritage. This process not only fosters creativity and technical skills but also encourages an appreciation for the environment and the historical narratives that shape local identity.

The project also involves intense work with members of the “Associação Social de Silveirinhos”, who join the performance as agents of this collective creation. Through their participation, they acquire valuable experience in the fields of theatre, puppetry, and performance art, while strengthening their connection to the community and their cultural roots.

Working with various artists and the community reinforces the power of artistic expression to promote the sharing of knowledge and experience. The project employs a multidisciplinary approach, combining elements of puppet making, manipulation, and interpretation. It provides a unique platform for critical thinking, debate, and artistic expression, while deepening the understanding of traditions.

The involvement of different age groups and sectors of the community in “Margens” fosters social cohesion and intergenerational exchange.

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.*

MARGINS

target audience : M/3 years

duration : 00h30

group : community project

premiere date : 21 March 2025 (Friday)

premiere location : Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira x
Gondomar x Porto



PRESENTATION

Legend tells that the River Douro was born from the tears of a princess. Her golden tears were woven of dreams and bitterness, and every drop that fell upon the soil was a grain of life nurturing the earth. The ground opened to receive them, and with each falling tear, the earth parted further, giving rise to a small stream. Through the ages, the stream transformed into a great and majestic river—the Douro.

The River Douro awoke with the desire to be the first of rivers to reach where no other had gone. And so it ran, with the strength of the gold it carried in its bed, to reclaim the time lost in that long sleep.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

The impact of artistic work on the community allows us to consider it an excellent tool for empowering vulnerable individuals. Several projects implemented by different artistic organizations lead us to conclude that there are integrative behavioral improvements in the community.

Government support for the development of various programs in this area is an important facilitating factor for various associations and institutions that actively address this issue, creating social development projects through art.

“The concept of Education through Art has been the subject of reflection by some educators, philosophers, and even historians, fitting into the emergence of ‘new values and concepts’ in contexts of social, economic, and ideological transformation. Thus, several writings have emerged, nationally and internationally, as a product of concern and reflection.” (Meira, 2015).

In line with this thinking, the work presented demonstrates the importance of artistic practice in communities that welcome individuals with different vulnerabilities, from different age groups.

Although Morin has a very clear view of our thought process and its “hidden principles,” his view of things and the world is distorted by beliefs and, above all, by the goal of lifting the veil on a widespread belief that individuals in situations of vulnerability only enjoy artistic contact as social positivism, without this being properly analyzed. The creator of art and their creative potential are fundamental in these socially segregated communities. (Morin, 2005)

TESTIMONIALS

— Filipa Mesquita × 25 February 2025

— Filipa Mesquita × 20 March 2025

— Filipa Mesquita × 23 March 2025

TOUR

DATA	LOCAL
21 MAR 2025 . FRIDAY . 10h00	Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira, Gondomar, Porto
21 JUN 2025 . SATURDAY . 16h00	Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira, Gondomar, Porto

TOTAL : 2

NATIONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

LOCAL	FESTIVAL	YEAR
Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira	Ei! MARIONETAS - Encontro Internacional de Marionetas - Gondomar	2025

TOTAL : 1

HISTORY

"Margins", premiered at "Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira × Gondomar × Porto" on 21 March 2025 (Friday). To date, it has performed in 1 venue, 1 city, 1 district, 1 country (Portugal) and participated in 1 festival and 1 meeting and 0 internationals.

Its history includes 2 shows for an audience of 125 spectators.

"Margins" has been touring for 1 ano, 2 meses e 3 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

MARGENS - DOSSIER - EN **1.6 MB**

https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/_dwn/dossier/margens - dossier - en.pdf

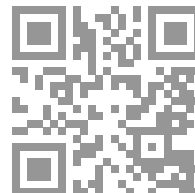
Imagery Archive

IMAGERY ARCHIVE PROMO **35.1 MB**

https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/_dwn/zip/prj_margens.zip

VIDEO

Estreia 2025 [**PROMOTIONAL**]
<https://youtu.be/S9bqtqxrRc>



Promocional Estreia 2025 [**PROMOTIONAL**]
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTycNrSlmD8>

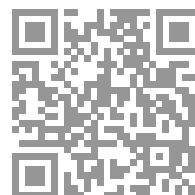


IMAGE AND COMMUNICATION

- 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.

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