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Robbie is an experienced workshop facilitator and is available to run workshops in puppet making and performance. They have experience working with children and adults as well as those with SEND. Workshops can be tailored to suit the needs of the group or to tie in with a production or area of study.

Workshops can include:

- Basic principles of puppetry (breath, weight, focus etc.).
- Different forms of puppetry, such as shadow puppetry, table top puppets and marionettes.
- Making puppets from recycled materials.
- Making puppets from household objects.
- Puppet design and prototyping.
- Writing for puppetry.
- Devising and improvising with puppets.
- Bringing puppets into a show alongside a human cast.

Past Experience

- **2019 Real Ideas Workshops.** Puppet making and puppetry performance workshops for SEN teenagers and young adults. The workshops consisted of performance techniques, puppet making, devising with puppets and adding music to a performance.

- **2019 The Shearing Gang.** Working in collaboration with Dogwood Productions' show. Puppetry building and performance workshop with KS2 children in schools and community spaces. The workshops involved a building and puppetry workshop leading to short performance.

- **2021 Pinocchio.** A Norwich Puppet Theatre production touring to children's theatres, community spaces and schools.

- **2022 When Seagulls Saved the World.** Outdoor theatre production with workshops alongside. The set up varied from puppet making workshops in community space to making and performance workshops for Cornwall Neighbourhood For Change.

- **2022 Another Winter's Tale.** Workshops in storytelling for KS2 alongside a touring theatre production. Exploring different techniques including shadow puppetry, kamishibai and music to create short performances.

- **2024 Facing the Waves.** Reminiscence recordings and workshops with community groups and individuals across North Yorkshire and Teesside.

- **2025/26 Open Doors: Artist in Residence** at The National Civil War Centre, working with Newark and Sherwood District Council. Residency includes workshops and community projects in the county.