

# PUPPET FESTIVAL 2016

28-30 May



The Puppet Festival is back with a jammed programme of puppet performance, workshops and general puppetry shenanigans. Taking place at venues across the Borough this is a unique and fun filled treat for children of all ages...  
**Power to the Puppets!**



@ Ards Arts Centre //

## Saturday 28th May PUPPET OPEN DAY

Ards Arts Centre will be full of madcap puppet madness between 11.30pm and 3.30pm on Saturday 28th May. Throughout the day come and meet the puppet-licious Polly Pocket and her perfect puppets and marvel at the incredible astounding Flea Circus. Be aghast at the hilarious Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppets (1pm) and learn a thing about History and Mystery with Squash Box Puppet theatre's stories of Stones and Bones (3pm). With a variety of scheduled performances (details below), free puppet workshops, street theatre and an exhibition of Puppets on Parade. There's so much to do, the only problem is fitting it all in! Please note, booking for performances is highly recommended.



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### The Sea Show By Squash Box Theatre

The Sea Show is a quirky and hilarious mix of puppet show, natural history and comedy cabaret.

Come and celebrate the sea with tall tales, silly slapstick, fantastic facts, live music and songs - unmissable fun for children and adults of all ages!

**Saturday 28th May at 11.30 am**  
**Ards Arts Centre**  
**Ages 4+**  
**Duration 50 mins**  
**Admission £4**



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### Gruff By Banyan Theatre Company

Trip Trap Trip Trap Trip Trap...

Three hungry Billy Goats  
Two eyes as Big as saucers  
One rickety- rackerly Bridge

This much loved fairy-tale is brought to life with a pinch of Banyan magic, combining puppetry, storytelling and original music.

**Saturday 28th May at 2pm,**  
**Ards Arts Centre**  
**Ages 4+**  
**Duration 45 mins**  
**Admission £4**



@ The Web Theatre //

**The Curious Adventures of Pinocchio**  
By Lyngo Theatre

The curious adventures of Pinocchio is the title of Lyngo's new show. An adaptation of this epic tale into a unique retelling where the story leaps off the page and onto the stage. Crickets, cats, foxes and, of course, the world-famous puppet, will spring out of our collection of dusty, old, magic books, while Patrick Lynch from CBeebies pulls all the strings and turns all the pages to bring you the true story of Pinocchio, no lie. Who nose? He might even find his father and become a real boy.

**Saturday 28th May at 6pm**  
**Web Theatre, Newtownards**  
**Ages 4+**  
**Admission £4**

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@ North Down Museum //

**Stones and Bones**  
By Squashbox Theatre

Stones And Bones is a marvellous mix of history and mystery!

Find out all about archaeology and fossils, say hello to one of your stone-age ancestors, hear stories of giants and wizards, see a volcano erupting before your very eyes, and maybe even glimpse a dinosaur or two...

**Sunday 29th May 1pm and 3pm**  
**North Down Museum**  
**Ages 5+**  
**Duration 30 minutes**  
**Free**

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@ Donaghadee //

**Flea Circus**  
By Pignut Productions

Have you got fleas?  
It's amazing ! It's spectacular ! It's astounding ! It's tiny ! The show involves feats of astonishing bravery and breathtaking beauty – acrobatics, trapeze, high wire and more – all performed by highly trained, teeny tiny fleas.

**Sunday 29th May 12pm - 3pm**  
**Donaghadee Paddling Pool**  
**(Or Donaghadee Community Centre if inclement weather)**  
**Duration 20 mins**  
**Free**



@ **Castle Espie**

**Aloisious Ginderbalm the Troll**

**By Paul Currie**

Only the bravest Travellers dare to seek out the enchanted ramblings and gobbledegook from an ancient 700 year old Swedish Troll called Aloisious Ginderbalm. He tells the tallest tales for being the shortest troll.

**The Trouble with Fairy**

**By Pignut Productions**

You never know where you might find fairies or what kind of mischief they get up to. Join Jay Ryan on a daring adventure for 3-5 year olds and their families.

**Monday 30th May 1pm - 3pm**

**Castle Espie Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre**

**Entrance Admission to Castle Espie applies**



@ **Fealty's**

# Pints and Puppets!

**ADULTS ONLY PUPPETRY !**

**This year, for the first time ever, we are featuring a puppet show for an adult only audience in the back bar in Fealty's!**

**Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre**

Earth's funniest footwear comes to town with a show of songs, sketches, socks & violence. From satire to Shakespeare, and all points in between.

Manipulated by comedian and comic book creator Kev F Sutherland, the two grey, ping-pong-eyed sock characters may appear all sweet and innocent, but the Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre is definitely not aimed at children.

After nailing BBC3's Comedy Shuffle, MTV, GMTV, four whole seconds on The Culture Show and now BBC1's The One Show, the stockinged pair bring a brand new show of songs, sketches, socks and violence.

**Saturday 28th May at 7pm**

**Fealty's back bar, Bangor**

**Duration 60 mins**

**Ages 18+**

**Admission £5**



**"Had every single audience member... laughing until they cried!" ★★★★★  
Edinburgh Evening News**

**Please note - booking is highly recommended to avoid disappointment**

**For further information on any of the festival events or to book tickets please contact Ards Arts Centre on 028 9181 0803 or [www.ardsarts.com](http://www.ardsarts.com)**