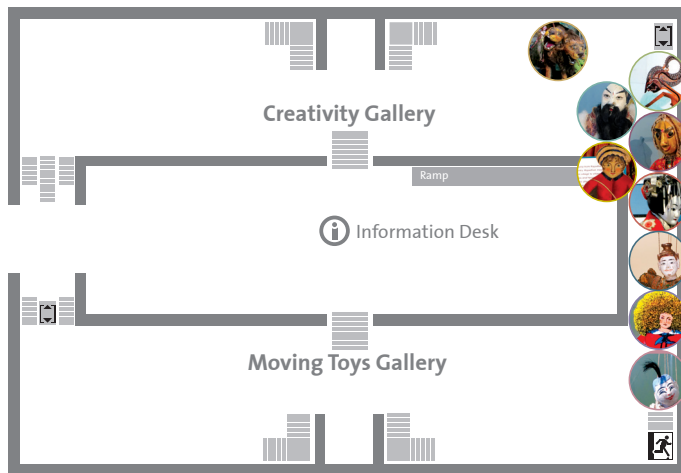


Puppets have been used to help tell stories for hundreds of years.

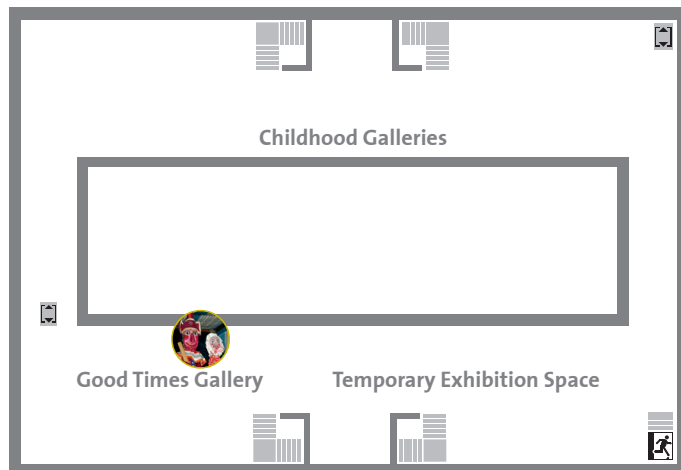
Explore the Museum and find these puppets from different countries and cultures. Imagine what stories they might tell.



## M Mezzanine



## 1 First Floor



Puppetry started thousands of years ago in the Far East and over time it has spread all across the world. It is believed to be the oldest type of theatre in the world. There are very old pictures of children playing with string puppets.



Different types of puppets are found in different countries. Some puppeteers use strings to move marionettes. Shadow puppets use rods and perform behind a screen. Other puppeteers put their hands inside glove puppets to make them move.





This Scottish finger puppet is made out of card with soft leather boots.

Can you find more finger puppets in this case?



Punch is over 350 years old. You can still watch Punch and Judy at the seaside in England today.

Name another character from the story?



Shock-Headed Peter is from a German book about naughty children.

How do you make Peter move? Are there other Jumping Jacks in this case?



This theatre has two stages. All the characters are from a French fairytale.

Which character do you like best, and why?



This theatre was made in Italy. It showed plays that told stories of life about town.

How many characters are there on the stage?



These Chinese puppets are glove puppets of demons, spirits and people.

Which puppets do you think are the demons? Why?



The puppets from Rajasthan can be used to tell many traditional stories.

What materials are the puppets made from?



These small marionettes are called 'pebble puppets' because they have a pebble in the middle of their bodies.

Which animal puppets from Burma can you find in this case?



These Bunraku puppets are wearing traditional Japanese clothes.

3 people are needed to move this puppet. Where do you think they hold the puppet?



Indonesian shadow puppets are made from leather and decorated with bright colours.

What do you think you need for a shadow puppet show?