

Theresa O'Connor Performance CV & BIO

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THERESA O'CONNOR is a Performer, Puppeteer and Theatre Maker with a bachelor degree in theatre and has also trained in physical theatre and puppetry across Australia and Europe.

As a puppeteer, Theresa has performed in the national tour of *Charlie and Lola's Best Bestest Play*, and *Charlie and Lola's Extremely New Play*, which also took her to Singapore and Hong Kong. She performed in Terrapin Puppet Theatre's schools tour of *You and Me and the Space Between*, and has also performed as roving characters such as Baby Minmi Dinosaur for the Melbourne Museum and as Chicken in Snuff Puppets performance of *Wedhus Gembel*. Most recently she performed with Spare Parts Puppet Theatre's *String Symphony* as part of World on a String Festival and is currently touring across Queensland with Born in a Taxi's *The Whale's Tale*.

Her independent company Salt & Poppet Theatre creates puppet theatre works that are daring and different for both children and adults alike. Theresa has been a designer, maker and performer in numerous works including: *Lady Cara Bonita*, a hand carved marionette burlesque dancer; *The Sleeper and the Spindle*, a shadow puppet and stop motion work presented at MONA FOMA with Neil Gaiman; and *Passion.Little.And.Young*, a physical theatre piece which was the winner of the Flip Top Heart Festival. Her latest work *Inside the Walls*, A Giant Popup Book Ghost Story for kids has been performed at Lemony S Theatre's Melbourne Puppetry Festival, The National Theatre in St Kilda, The Melbourne Fringe Festival and the Adelaide Fringe Festival winning the BankSA Best Children's event for 2019.

Another component of Theresa's work is puppet making and performance workshops. Her most recent projects include: Spooky Shadow Puppet Workshops with Carclew for Kids Central, Adelaide City Library and Pembroke Primary School in Adelaide; and is a regular teaching artist with Dan Goronszy Arts and a puppet leader for Trash Puppets.

PUPPETRY

Year	Production	Director	Company/s
2019	The Whale's Tale	Penny Baron	Born in a Taxi
2015-19	Inside the Walls	Theresa O'Connor	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2018	String Symphony	Leon Hendroff	Spare Parts Puppet Theatre
2013-18	Baby Minmi Dinosaur	Theresa O'Connor	Melbourne Museum
2017	Lady Cara Bonita	Theresa O'Connor	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2016	You and Me and the Space Between	Sam Routledge	Terrapin Puppet Theatre
2012-15	<i>Charlie and Lola's Extremely New Play</i>	Roman Stefanski	Live Nation MEI Live Sydney Opera House
2011-14	<i>Charlie and Lola's Best Bestest Play</i>	Roman Stefanski	Andrew Kaye & Associates MEI Live
2014	<i>I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato</i>	Theresa O'Connor, Brendan Bacon, Sarah Hamilton	Entertainment Store
2013	<i>Monti's Quest</i> (TV Pilot)	Kurt Breitenmoser	BrightMonstor Productions

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2012	<i>What's in My Suitcase?</i>		Conor Fox	Gary Friedman Productions
2012	<i>Australia</i> by Neil Gaiman		Theresa O'Connor	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2011	<i>The Magical Oak Tree</i>		Gavin Macleod	The Puppet Box
2010	<i>Pinocchio</i>		Dora Bouzkova	Prague TeatroToc Festival
2008	<i>Remnants</i>		Theresa O'Connor & Kate Hill	Salt & Poppet Theatre

PHYSICAL THEATRE

2015	Where the Wild Things Sing	Jellyfish	Nancy Black	Black Hole Theatre
2013	<i>Wedhus Gembel</i>	Chicken	Andy Freer	Snuff Puppets
2012	<i>Patient Zero</i>	Zombie	Brendan Bacon	IRL Shooter
2010	<i>Macbeth</i>	Ensemble	Scott Witt	JUTE Theatre
2009	Roving Performance	Toclette	Theresa O'Connor	Brisbane Valley Fiesta
2008	<i>Remnants</i>	Hip	Theresa O'Connor & Kate Hill	Terrapin Puppet Theatre
2008	<i>Silver Strings</i>	Leonie	Theresa O'Connor	Mudlark Theatre Inc
2007	<i>Dracula</i>	Chorus	Steven Mitchell Wright	Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre
2006	<i>Illuminations3</i>	Ensemble	Trisha Dunn & Cat Freeman	Tasdance
2004	<i>The Golden Age</i>	Betsheb	Stan Gottschalk	Three River Theatre

ACTING

2008	<i>The Bridesmaid Must Die!</i>	Julia	Leigh Oswin	CentrStage
2007	<i>Come and Go</i>	Vi	Stephen Atkins	Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre
2007	<i>Quad</i>	4	Stephen Atkins	Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre
2006	<i>Anxious but not alarmed</i>	Jenny	Stuart Loone	One Day Productions
2004	<i>Seth Wants A Toy</i>	Angela	Angela Driver	One Day Productions
2004	<i>The Golden Age</i>	Betsheb	Stan Gottschalk	Three River Theatre
2004	<i>Whisperings of Intuition</i>	Peaches	Angela Driver	One Day Productions
2002	<i>He Died with a Falafel in His Hand</i>	Serina	David Sheehan	FifthWall Productions
2000-03	Corporate Theatre Actor	Various	Caroline Greig	Chimera & Frontline

THEATRE MAKING

2015	<i>Inside the Walls</i>		<i>Deviser, Maker, Performer</i>	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2014	<i>The Sleeper and the Spindle</i> by Neil Gaiman		Puppet Maker, Performer	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2013	<i>Lady Cara Bonita</i>		Deviser, Maker, Performer	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2013	Kalgoorlie Boulder Puppet Theatre		Teaching Artist, Director	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2011	<i>Australia</i> by Neil Gaiman		Puppet Maker	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2010	<i>Little Fish Big Fish</i>		Deviser, Director	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2010	<i>Pinocchio</i>		Collaborator	Puppets in Prague
2008	<i>Silver Strings</i>		Deviser, Director, Performer	Mudlark Theatre Inc
2008	<i>Remnants</i>		Deviser, Performer	Salt & Poppet Theatre
2007	<i>Dracula</i>		Collaborator	Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre
2006	<i>Get A Grip</i> (5 – 17yr olds)		Deviser, Director	Slipstream Circus
2006	<i>Illuminations3</i>		Collaborator	Tasdance
2005	<i>Passion.Little.And.Young</i>		Deviser, Performer	is Theatre
2001	<i>Wombat Stew</i> (7-9yr olds)		Director	Tasdance School of Performing Arts

TEACHING

2019	Various Schools	Teaching Artist	Dan Goronszy Arts
2018-19	Various Festivals and Schools	Puppet Making	Trash Puppets
2017	Puppetry and Devised Theatre Mentor	The Package	Red Hot Arts

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2017	Pembroke Primary School	Shadow Puppets	Salt and Poppet Theatre
2017	Kid Central	Shadow Puppets	Carclew
2017	Adelaide City Library	Shadow Puppets	Salt and Poppet Theatre
2014	Moomba Festival	Bubble Wrap Puppets	Barking Spider Visual Theatre
2012	Heart of Gold Festival Puppet Making	Hand Puppets	ArtGold
2012	Creative Challenge Residency	Hand Puppets, Sculptures	Awesome Arts
2007	Tasmania Stomp	Suzuki Method, Viewpoints	Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre
2006	Mt Cameron Youth Performing Arts Camp	Drama Teacher	Second Storey Youth Theatre
2000-01	Weekly Classes (7-10yr, 11-15yr olds)	Drama Teacher	Tasdance School of Performing Arts

TRAINING

2018 Flamenco Dance, Kanela Flamenco Performing Arts Studio, Melbourne
2017 Sue Buckmaster, *The Puppet Whisperer*, Theatre Rites LONDON
2014 Duda Paiva Masterclass, Institute de la Marionette, Charleville-Mezieres FRANCE
2013 Simon T Rann Masterclass Puppetry & Object Theatre, EARTH Visual & Physical Theatre, SYDNEY
2011 Puppetry for Television & Web Course, Gary Friedman Productions MELBOURNE, VIC
2010 Object Theatre: *The Actor and The Object* by Agnes Limbos at Tarumba LISBON, PORTUGAL
2010 Modern Art of Mime: Bartlomiej Ostapczuk, Gregg Goldston, Ewelina Ciszewska, WARSAW, POLAND
2010 Marionette Manipulation Technique: Renata Kubisova, Dora Bouzkova, Puppets in PRAGUE
2010 Marionette Wood Carving: Mirek Trejtnar Puppets in PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC
2010 Cycas Circus – Aerial Training, CAIRNS, QLD
2009 Clowning Intensive Workshop Clare Bartholomew, MELBOURNE, VIC
2009 Tasdance Summer School – Contemporary Dance & Choreographic Techniques
Malcolm McMillan, Emma Porteus LAUNCESTON, TAS
2008 Gesture & Character Workshops, Nicole Jobson Masters of Contemporary Arts UTAS
2008 Contemporary Dance Classes at Tasdance (Launceston) and at Expressions (Brisbane)
2007 Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Company Internship
Suzuki, Viewpoints, Butoh, Meisner Techniques, Brisbane QLD
2007 Circa, and Vulcana Womens Circus – Trapeze and Tissu, Brisbane QLD
2006 Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre; Masterclass Creative Development, Brisbane QLD
1997 - 1999 Bachelor of Performing Arts (Theatre), University of Tasmania

AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

2019 BankSA Best Children's Event, *Inside the Walls* Adelaide Fringe 2019
2018 Adelaide Fringe Artist Grant, *Inside the Walls* Presentation for 2019
2015 Creative Victoria ArtsVic Grant, *Inside the Walls* Development
2014 Children's Literature Fellowship, State Library of Victoria
2011 Kalgoorlie Boulder Council & Country Arts Western Australia, Kalgoorlie Boulder Puppet Project
2007 Terrapin Puppet Theatre Articulate Creative Development Program for 2008, *Remnants* Development
2007 Arts Tasmania, Tasmanian Regional Arts, Tasmania Community Fund, Launceston City Council,
Silver Strings Creative Development
2006 Tasmanian Regional Arts, Skills Development for *Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Internship*
2005 Winner *is Theatre's* Flip Top Heart Performance Competition for *Passion.Little.And.Young*

SPECIAL SKILLS

Puppeteer (Rod, Bunraku, Marionette, Shadow, Hand, Object, Projection)
Costume and Puppet Design & Construction
Theatre Deviser, Director, Mentor, Workshop Leader

REFEREES (contact details given upon request)

Carolyn Hanna	Co-Artistic Director, Born in a Taxi
Leon Hendroff	Designer & Puppet Maker
Roman Stefanski	Children's Theatre Director