Power to the Puppet!

Unique and fun filled treat for children of all ages...

Taking place at venues across the Borough this is a
Jammed programme of puppet performance.

The Puppet Festival is back with a

Sat 27 - Mon 29 May

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Puppets on Tour!

The Three Little Pigs
By Little Gem Puppets

An interactive version of the much loved children’s fairytale the three little pigs. Little Gem Puppets have put their own slant on the story involving things like pizza, keep fit tips and time to reflect on your favorite foods. Whatever you do don’t tell the wolf where the pigs are hiding! Performed from a Punch and Judy style booth this show is easily accessible for a young audience.

Exploris Aquarium / Sunday 28 May at 12 pm and 2 pm
Duration 30 mins / FREE Performance. Exploris admission charges apply / www.explorisi.com

Spaced
By Strangeface Theatre Company

One bored boy, one mad scientist, one accidental trip into outer space! A puppet version of silent disco, Spaced is a 15 minute show for everyone. Replete with such animation classics as Mr Benn and The Clangers and Oliver Jeffers’ The Way Back Home, it receives praise from adults and children alike - “Totally original!” “Utterly delightful!”

Castle Espie Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre
Sunday 28 May between 11am and 4pm at various times / Duration 20 mins / FREE Performance
Castle Espie admission charges apply
www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/castle-espie

Maggie
By Little Gem Puppets

Loosely based on Hansel and Gretel this show is packed full of excitement and adventure. Maggie is the star of the show but she has a very unusual companion - can you guess who that might be? If you like to talk to puppets this is the place to be. Performed in a Punch and Judy style booth.

Monday 29 May at 12pm and 2pm
Donaghadee Paddling Pool
(Or Donaghadee Community Centre if inclement weather)
Duration 30 mins / FREE

Beached
By Strangeface Theatre Company

Beached is a tiny tale all about Arnold whose walk becomes an adventure... The miniature “set” is a box with the Strangeface trademark puppets. A soundtrack is played on headophones for each audience member, creating a world to share round the table.

Audiences said “Spellbinding and magical!” “Go and see it!!!” “Excellent. Long live the power of the imagination” “I’m speechless. I want to see it again now!”

The beauty of this little piece is you can watch it again! From the outside too – there’s fun to be had working out what the people next to you are hearing... One table, one puppet, one big adventure!

North Down Museum / Saturday 27 May between 11am and 3pm / Duration 15 minutes / FREE

Elves and the Shoemaker
By Banyan Theatre Company

Adapted from the Brothers Grimm classic.

There was once a poor shoemaker, who worked very hard, but still he could not earn enough to live upon. All he had in the world was gone, he only had just enough leather to make one last pair of shoes...

Just when he thinks all is lost, help comes in a very unexpected way!

An adaptation of the much loved ‘Brothers Grimm’ classic fairy tale, using puppetry, object theatre and original music. The story is set in a shoemakers shop and is told in a playful way with gentle audience participation.

North Down Museum / Saturday 27 May at 2.30pm
Duration 45 mins / FREE – PRE-BOOKING ADVISED

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Puppet open Day

Saturday 27 May

The puppets are taking over North Down Museum on Saturday 27 May between 11.30pm and 3.30pm. Come and meet the puppet-licious Polly Pocket and her pop-tastic puppets. Get up close and personal with Strangeface Puppet Theatre and catch the elves helping the shoemaker with the retelling of this magical story by Banyan Puppet Company.

With a variety of FREE scheduled performances [details below], FREE puppet workshops and plenty of quirky characters to meet, there’s something for everyone...

Twinkle Twinkle
Banyan Puppet Theatre Company

There once lived a little crooked man in a little crooked house. Who’s only friends were the moon and the stars...

A gentle and absorbing show that brings to life the classic nursery rhymes using puppetry, objects and live music. This brand new production has been especially created for young children and is a great introduction to Theatre.

North Down Museum
Saturday 27 May at 11.30am / Ages 3+ / Duration 40 mins
FREE – PRE-BOOKING ADVISED

For further information on the festival or to book tickets please contact Ards Arts Centre on 028 9181 0803 or www.ardsarts.com