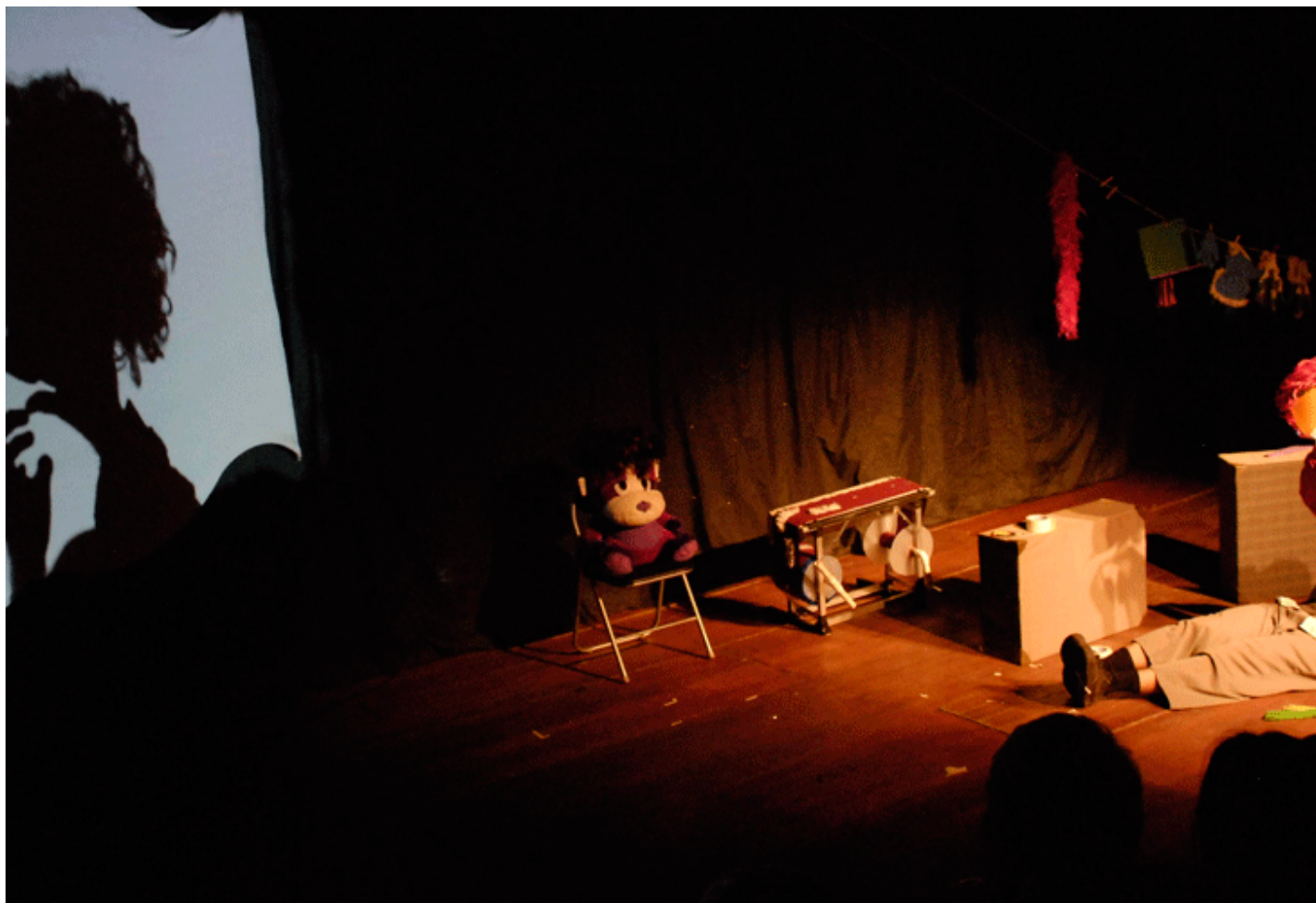


Puppets at the Palace

An award-winning show demonstrates how junk makes good theatre

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A wordless, shadow puppet comedy is bound to delight both the young and the young at heart in the UAE this weekend.

Take the kids to the award-winning *Sticks, Stones and Broken Bones*, a 45-minute show in Sharjah today and tomorrow.

Puppeteer Jeff Achtem, who performs at Sharjah's Culture Palace today and tomorrow, artistically transforms waste objects into puppets, which he then uses to weave stories. With the creative use of lighting, Achtem uses his puppets to make silhouettes and puts on a show, bringing to life characters from his imagination that speak of life's twists and turns.

After the play, Achtem will show children how they too can put their creative skills to use and craft objects of beauty. A lesson on lighting will further demonstrate how they can liven up the objects.

Sticks Stones Broken Bones was named Best Puppet Show at the 2009 and 2010 Adelaide Fringe theatre festivals in Australia.

The play will begin at 5pm today and tomorrow and is open to all. Interested participants are requested to register ahead of tomorrow's workshop – but due to limited space, early registrations are requested.