

Rod marionette

Generally, a rod marionette is a very heavy marionette with its head hanging from a rod. A second rod or a string is often used to move an arm. Well-known varieties are the Sicilian, Czech, Antwerp and Liège rod marionettes. The puppets are moved from above. The fight scenes are usually very wild and rowdy, with heads literally rolling.



The paladins

The repertoire comprises the adventures of the medieval emperor Charlemagne and his knights (the paladins). Their fight against the Saracens (the Mohammedans) was fierce, with heads literally rolling. The fighters wear a suit of armour and a helmet and they carry a shield of hammered copper.