

Six puppet theatre alphabet colouring letters: WELCOME

Water marionettes: floating puppets (Vietnam). Eucalypta: witch and lady friend of 'Paulus de Boskabouter'. Character by Jean Dulieu, Dutch puppeteer, drawing artist, author, radio play producer and filmmaker. Lafleur: comical main character of the traditional rod marionette theatre of Amiens. Chinese shadow puppet: 'ombres chinoises'. Object puppets: Black Lola (washing-up brush) and moustached gentleman (hand brush). Miško: little white circus horse. Marionette by **Anton Anderle** (Slovakia), a descendant of a dynasty of folk puppeteers.

Every visitor who is celebrating his or her birthday will be given a small present* by the **Puppetry Museum**: the first **letter** of his or her name in the shape of a visualised puppet theatre letter taken from an illustrated puppet theatre alphabet. Each puppet theatre letter includes a brief Dutch picture description as well as a link to background information in the Dutch-language **Poppentheater-abc** (ABC of Puppetry) and to other documents on **www.poppenspelmuseum-bibliotheek.nl**. Also refer to English Puppetry Museum Pamphlets nos. 117d **Small ABC of Puppetry**, 117d **Appendix II**, 117d **Appendix IV**, 117d **Appendix IV**, 117d **Appendix VI** (acknowledgments).

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