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Clown on wheels: Kasperl on skates

Try it yourself? Another exciting activity from the Dutch *Poppenspe(e)lmuseum* (Puppetry Museum). The main character of German-language puppet theatre is called *Kasperl*. Like the traditional Dutch *Jan Klaassen* he wears a *pointed cap* that leans forward. His costume resembles a *fool's dress*. His *potbellied* French cousin is often depicted wearing a colourful *tricorn hat*. What is this *hunchback's* name? Do you know the answer? Give us the right answer and win a small gift.

Would you like to discover more about folk and mainstream puppet theatre? Make an international journey through the wondrous world of puppet theatre on our Dutch-language website www.poppenspelmuseum.nl/onderwijs. On our four-language website www.poppenspelmuseum.nl and our bilingual websites www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2 and www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl you will find information about the museum, exhibitions, library and collection. The Dutch-language *poppentheater-abc* (ABC of Puppetry) gives explanations for a wide range of puppetry and theatre techniques, figures and characters. Illustration: Matthias Griebler ©, Vienna/Stockerau (1994).

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Doepak presents some unusual theatre forms, far beyond the confines of our own fantasy! Doepak is a cheerful, educational and colourful Dutch-language newsletter packed with background information about folk and mainstream puppet theatre. In this newsletter and scriblings you can also read about all kinds of activities in the Puppetry Museum such as which exhibitions are on show, whether new books were issued, and how the website is developing. The Dutch verbs of 'doen' (do) and 'pakken' (take) are hidden in the name of the Doepak newsletter. This name was composed for good reason, because you are supposed to 'do' and 'take' things yourself. The name 'Doepak' is also the phonetic transcription in Dutch of the Czech word *dupák*. A *dupák* is a rod marionette and trick puppet. Where the *dupák* swings his arms wide as he twirls around, Doepak embraces the international world of puppetry and related arts with its hints and tips, questions and answers, illustrations and DIY activities. In Slovakian and Hungarian puppet theatre the *dupák* is called *Paprika Jancsi*.