



Puppets Museum placemat with Mr Punch, his wife Judy, their dog Toby and passersby

Try it yourself? Another exciting activity from the Dutch *Poppenspe(e)lmuseum (Puppetry Museum)*. Cut out the pictures and stick them on a piece of cardboard or in a notebook. Arrange them any way you like. Write your own story next to the pictures and create a puppet theatre booklet.

Mr Punch is the main character of British folk puppet theatre, who originated from the Italian *Pulcinella* during the seventeenth century. Punch wears a multi-coloured costume. He has a pointed cap on his head with a little bell. He also has a pointed chin, a hooked nose, a high hump and a big pot belly. Mr Punch looks like the old-Dutch *Jan Klaassen*, the German Kasperl, the Hungarian Vitéz László and the French Polichinelle. His wife is called **Judy**. Just as her Dutch cousin *Katrijn*, she wears a mob cap. **Toby** is the name of the dog in the *Punch and Judy show*. He wears a collar around his neck. Toby's role is often played by a real dog that has been trained to fight with Punch. The dog not only bites Punch's nose but sometimes also sinks his teeth into the puppet's body. In doing so, he also hurts the puppeteer.

Puppetry Information Centre

Would you like to learn more about folk and mainstream puppet theatre and related arts? Then visit the *Puppetry Museum* or consult one of our websites. Make an international journey through the wondrous world of puppet theatre on our Dutch-language website www.poppenspelmuseum.nl/onderwijs. On our multilingual websites www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2 and www.poppenspelmuseum.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, concepts, terms and characteristic figures. In the museum shop you will find a wide range of postcards, books, documentation, teacher's lesson packs, puppetry games, and puppets.

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