



## □ **Puppetry collections in the Netherlands**

### **Directories of theatre and puppetry collections and museums**

#### **Poppenspe(e)lmuseum (Otto van der Mieden's collection)**

*Poppenspe(e)lmuseum/Poppenspe(e)lmuseum/Musée de Marionnettes et de Guignol/  
Puppentheatermuseum/Puppetry Museum.*

Address: Kerkweg 38, 8193 KL Vorchten, The Netherlands.

The collection has been open to the public since 1984. Vorchten is a little village in the northeast of the Dutch province of Gelderland, near the river IJssel. Besides its own ever-changing temporary exhibitions, the museum also organises themed travelling exhibitions in the Netherlands and abroad.

See: [www.poppenspelmuseum.nl](http://www.poppenspelmuseum.nl) and <http://www.poppenspelmuseum-bibliotheek.nl/index.html>.

Collections (Europe, Asia, Africa): shadow puppets, paper theatres, wayang figures, hand puppets, rod marionettes, rod puppets, masks, literature, jumping jacks, graphics, and contemporary pieces of puppetry art. The museum's book collection contains more than seven thousand editions in many different languages, covering a wide range of subjects relating to puppets, puppetry, shadow and object theatre.

The [www.poppenspelmuseum.nl](http://www.poppenspelmuseum.nl) website in four languages and the bilingual [www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl](http://www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl) website provide information about the museum, puppetry and the museum library.

The Dutch-language and abundantly illustrated *ABC of Puppetry* gives explanations for expressions, words, puppetry techniques, characteristic theatre and puppet theatre figures, and persons.

The bilingual [www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2](http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2) provides a wealth of information about the varied puppet theatre collection.

On [www.poppenspelmuseum.nl/onderwijs](http://www.poppenspelmuseum.nl/onderwijs), a playful journey can be made through the wondrous world of puppet theatre.

In the museum shop you will find a wide range of postcards, puppetry games, documentation, educational texts, books, puppets and other puppetry requisites.

The distinctively styled and illustrated *Puppetry Museum Pamphlets*, which are published at irregular intervals by the Puppetry Museum, highlight puppetry related subjects of lasting or temporary importance. By means of these pamphlets, the *Puppetry Museum Newsletter* (in English and Dutch) and *Doepak* (Puppetry museum's educational and richly illustrated junior newsletter) on the internet, the museum publishes information about activities, exhibitions, publications, special events and other topics of interest in and around the museum. A 'Pamphlet' and 'Doepak' may also be used to provide informative material about exhibitions. Some pamphlets and Doepak-newsletters are also available in French, German and English.

#### **Theater Instituut Nederland (TIN)**

The vast theatre collection held by the *Theater Instituut Nederland*, which closed its doors at the end of 2012, has been transferred to the University of Amsterdam (UvA). This means that a collection\* of immense cultural and historical value for the Netherlands has been saved and will be preserved for the future. The online *theaterencyclopedie* will remain accessible for educational and research purposes.

\* Shadow puppets, paper theatres, wayang figures, hand puppets, rod marionettes, rod puppets: Guido and Felicia van Deth's collection.

See: <http://www.theaterinstituut.nl/#tin-na-bijna-80jaar?cache>.

### **Tropenmuseum/Tropical museum (KIT)**

The *Tropical museum* belongs to the Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen/Royal Tropical Institute. Address: Linnaeusstraat 2, 1092 CK Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Postal address: PO Box 95001, 1090 HA Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Collection: hand puppets, marionettes (Asia and Africa), water marionettes (Vietnam), shadow puppets (Asia and Africa). See: [www.tropenmuseum.nl](http://www.tropenmuseum.nl).

### **Stichting Volkenkundige Musea Nederland (SVCN)**

*Stichting Volkenkundige Musea Nederland* is a cooperative venture between several ethnological museums in the Netherlands. See: [www.svcn.nl](http://www.svcn.nl).



### **Stichting Contact Theatercollecties (SCTC)**

The *Stichting Contact Theatercollecties* was founded in 1973 with the aim of improving the exchange of knowledge and experience between cultural heritage institutions and educational institutions with theatre collections in the Netherlands.

Participants: theatre schools, the universities of Amsterdam, Utrecht and Leiden, and library organisations specialised in the field of theatre, puppetry, mime and dance. This cooperative venture has resulted in a Dutch theatre thesaurus, among other things.

See: <http://www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl/pdf/Theaterthesaurus.pdf> and [www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl/index.html](http://www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl/index.html) (Puppetry Museum).

### **Stichting Poppenspelcollecties (SPC)**

*Stichting Poppenspelcollecties* (Puppet Collection Foundation of the Puppet Center).

Postal address: Steegoversloot 37, 3311 PM Dordrecht, The Netherlands.

Collection: shadow puppets, paper theatres, wayang figures, hand puppets, rod marionettes, rod puppets, literature and graphics.

### **Nederlandse Vereniging voor het Poppenspel (NVP-UNIMA)**

*Nederlandse Vereniging voor het Poppenspel* (The Dutch association of puppet players – UNIMA Centre in the Netherlands).

Collection: literature, videos, posters, photographs, brochures, leaflets, and documentation on Dutch puppetry companies, international festivals etc.

See: <http://www.poppenspelers.nl/index.php?org1=vereniging&org2=bibliotheek> and <http://www.poppenspelers.nl/index.php?org1=home&org2=Engels>.

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