



SKIPTON
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Skipton International Puppetry Symposium 2025

Reconnect – Revision – Re-set

Skipton Town Hall

Friday 17th – Saturday 18th October 2025

A gathering of puppetry professionals from the UK and beyond, featuring workshops, performances, panels, and networking.

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Welcome to the **Skipton International Puppetry Symposium 2025!**

We're thrilled to welcome you to Skipton Town Hall for an inspiring Symposium of connection, creativity, and conversation.

Under the theme Reconnect – Revision – Re-set, this symposium brings together puppetry professionals from across the UK and beyond to explore where our sector stands today – and where we want to go next.

With panels, performances, workshops, and networking opportunities, this is your space to share ideas, spark collaborations, and shape the future of puppetry together.

Please tag us in your Symposium moments:

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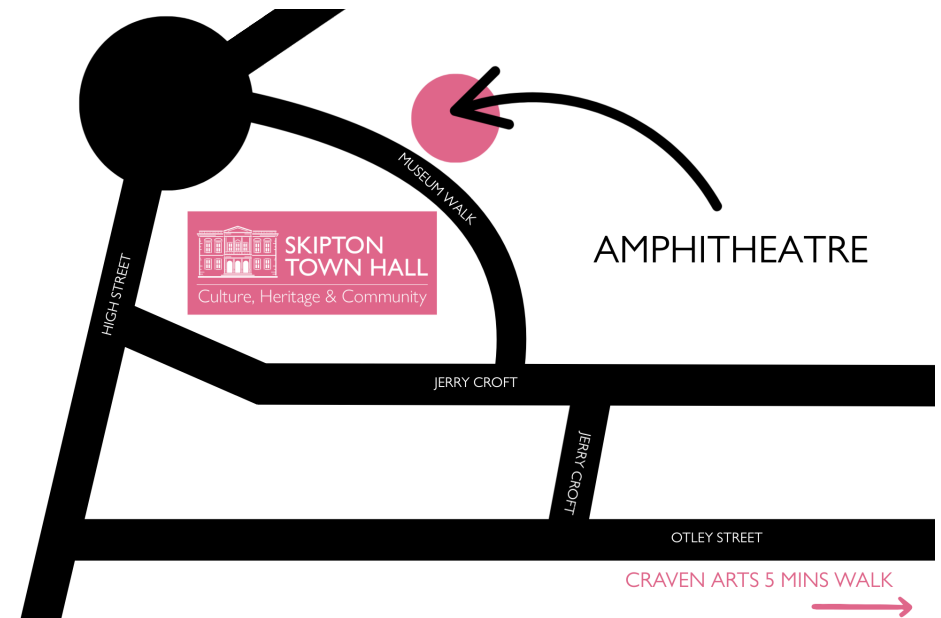
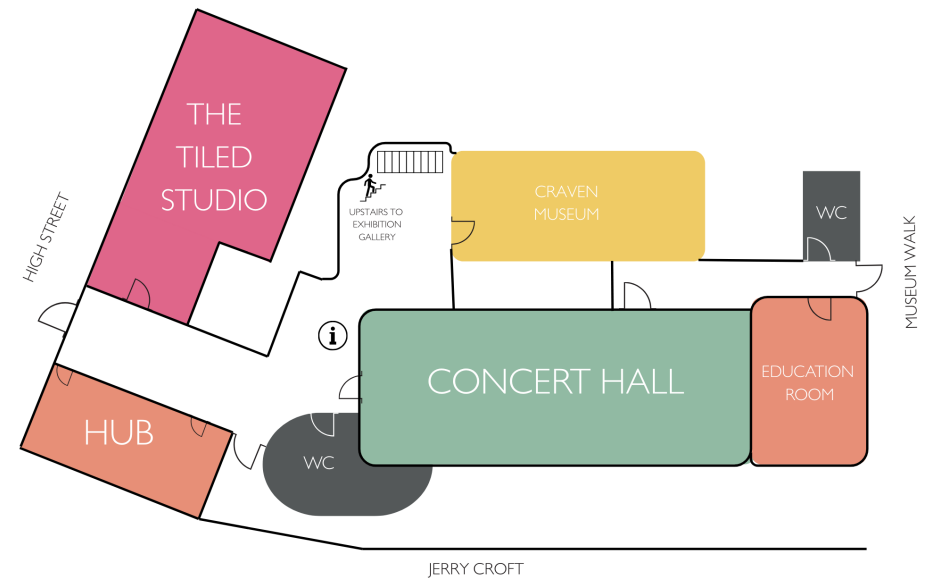


Lemba Thu 16th October 6:30pm

The UK premiere of Lemba by Spanish Puppet Theatre company Ángeles de Trapo!



Skipton Town Hall Map



Programme Friday 17th October

Time	Location	Event
9:00am	Hub	Registration
10:00am	Concert Hall	Welcome and Panel Discussion
10:00am – 4:00pm	The Tiled Studio	Exhibition & stalls from industry professionals
12:00	Hub	Lunch
1:00pm	Concert Hall	Networking Session
1:45pm	Concert Hall	Presentation from Sarah Wright & Curious School of Puppetry
3.30pm	Concert Hall	Panel Q&A
4:15pm	Concert Hall	Sum up and close at 4:30pm
8pm	Concert Hall	Puppet Cabaret

Programme Saturday 18th October

Time	Location	Event
8:30am	Hub	Networking breakfast
9:30am	Concert Hall	Devoted and Disgruntled Satellite: An Open Space facilitated by Improbable Theatre
9:30am – 1:30pm	The Tiled Studio	Meet author Alison Henesey at book signing and sales counter
10:00am – 4:00pm	The Tiled Studio	Exhibition & stalls from industry professionals
From 10:30am	Education Room	Toy theatre exhibition
11am	Education Room	Alice & Wonderland – Pauline Venables
1:30pm	Hub	Lunch
2:30pm	Concert Hall	Panel on International Touring
2:30pm	Education Room	The Golden Goose – Sarah Peasgood
3:30pm	Concert Hall	Sum up and close at 3:45pm
7:30pm	Concert Hall	Life & Limb Puppets – At Sea

In the Tiled Studio Open 10am to 4pm – Fri to Sun

2025 is the centenary year of The British Puppet and Model Theatre Guild.

To mark this occasion, please join us for a small but mighty exhibition featuring interesting items from the Guild's history.

See also stalls from the following industry professionals.

- **Filabods** – 3D printed puppets and mechanisms by Nik Palmer
- **Puppets, Plays and Story Days** – puppet shop

- **White Elephant Stall**
– giveaway table for surplus or unwanted puppets and equipment
- **Prague Marionettes**
– puppet carving demonstration
- **Meet author Alison Henesey** at book signing and sales counter. Saturday 9:30am – 1:30pm
- **Punch and Judy** – Clive Chandler. Sunday TBC.

In the Education Room Open 10am to 4pm – Sat & Sun

Toy theatre exhibition – contemporary and traditional on display.

Free Paper puppet theatre shows followed by workshop and demos:

'Alice in Wonderland'
Retelling of the familiar tale by Pauline Venables | Saturday 11am and Sunday 2.30pm

'The Golden Goose': Created and performed by Sarah Peasgood | Saturday 2.30pm and Sunday 11am

In the Hub Open 10am to 1pm – Sun

Shadow Puppet Workshop with Rough Magic, free – drop in!

Additional Sunday Activity

Time	Location	Event
10am – 1pm	The Hub	Shadow Puppet Workshop – Rough Magic
10am – 4pm	Amphitheatre off Museum walk	Thingumajig – A La Puppet Carte Tatwood Puppets – Delilah the Elephant AyUp Puppets – Search for Teddy Island Jabberwocky & Edward Lear's Nonsense – Rough Magic Theatre
10am – 4pm	The Tiled Studio	Exhibition, stalls & performance from industry professionals
10:30am	Concert Hall	Hickory Dickory Dock – Garlic Theatre
10:30am – 12:30pm	Craven Arts	Puppeteers UK AGM *Members Only*
From 10.30am	Education Room	Toy Theatre Exhibition
11am	Education Room	The Golden Goose – Sarah Peasgood
12.30pm	Concert Hall	The Squabble – Lempen Puppet Theatre
2pm	Concert Hall	Hickory Dickory Dock – Garlic Theatre
2:30pm	Education Room	Alice & Wonderland – Pauline Venables
4pm	Concert Hall	The Squabble – Lempen Puppet Theatre

Symposium Speakers/Participants:

British Puppet Guild • Puppeteers UK • British Unima • The Punch and Judy Fellowship • The Curious School of Puppetry • Theatre Rites • The Puppet Centre • David Micklam • Jane Rice-Bowen

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