

# MARIONETTENTHEATER SCHLOSS SCHÖNBRUNN

Welcome... ... to the world of the marionettes, to the world of fantasy, to the world of theatre and the arts.

Small figurines made of wood are brought to life by our puppeteers who give them spirit and soul.







Kleist once said that the marionette may be made of lifeless things like wood and fabric as long as it is kept in the closet of the puppeteer.

But as soon as he takes the marionette in his hands and moves it on stage it becomes a graceful and spirited being in a way that is almost magical.







#### **Production**

With the help of famous directors as well as of costume and screen designers, the marionettes, the costumes, the decorations and stage technics are all created at the theaters' own workshops.







## The Sculptor

Every marionette bears the signature of the sculptor. He gives the marionette its facial expression, its distinctive looks. Head and legs are made of light pinewood, the hands are made of heavier, elastic basswood.

### **Building of marionettes**

Werner is responsible for the construction of the marionettes. It takes accurateness, the right feeling for the materials and an experience of many years to build a marionette that can be moved easily. The main materials that form the body of a marionette are wood, leather and foam. The outmost mobility is achieved through accurate assembly of the joints.







## **OUR MOST POPULAR CHILDREN SHOWS**

#### "THE MAGIC FLUTE FOR CHILDREN"

... the opera told by Wolgang Amadeus Mozart Duration: 1h 15 min., intermission after 30 min.

Synopsis:

The performance starts in the "Zauberflötenhäuschen". Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart himself tells the story of his "Magic Flute", which -in our production- takes place right here in Schönbrunn. The alley, the roman hulk, the zoo and the pavilion are perfect foils to our marionettes.







#### "HÄNSEL AND GRETEL"

Opera by Engelbert Humperdinck

Encouraged by the great success of our "Magic Flute" for children, we decided to include another opera for children in our repertoire:

"Hänsel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck.

Engelbert Humperdinck himself as a marionette will guide the audience through his opera. We are already working in our studios to present a wonderful new production in autumn and we are looking forward to welcome you to our theatre to see "Hänsel and Gretel"!





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