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One of the most well attended BAMcinématek series of 2011, Puppets on Film returns by popular demand for another collection of films that showcase puppets as you've never seen them before. Come explore worlds of fantasy, myth, and magic with programs for puppet fans of all ages. This year's program includes the New York premiere of a late-night *Labyrinth* sing-along hosted by Heather Henson and special workshops designed specifically for families. Curated by Cheryl Henson, Lindsey "Z." Briggs, and BAMcinématek.



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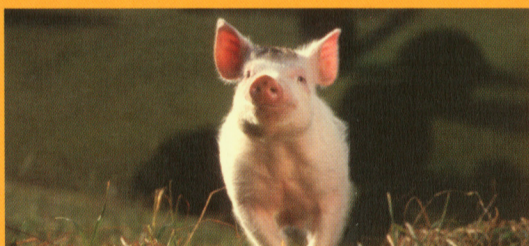
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Puppets on Film



Labyrinth, courtesy of Photofest

Labyrinth (1986) Dir. Jim Henson
Fri, Nov 9 at 4:30pm
Introduced by Cheryl Henson
 With Jennifer Connelly, David Bowie
 In a fantasy land populated by a host of vividly imagined creatures, Sarah goes on a quest to save her baby brother from the Goblin King. Inspired by the works of Brian Froud and created by Jim Henson's Creature Shop, this cult classic stars a young Jennifer Connelly and the incomparable David Bowie, who boogies along with the goblins to his single "Magic Dance." In 35mm. 6+



Babe, courtesy of Photofest

Babe (1995) Dir. Chris Noonan
Sat, Nov 10 at 2pm
Introduced by Jim Henson's Creature Shop Creative Supervisor Peter Brooke
 With James Cromwell, Magda Szubanski
 Babe is a small pig with big dreams. The runt of the litter, he must learn to find his place on the Hoggett's farm. This breakout hit features beautifully crafted animatronics from Jim Henson's Creature Shop and was nominated for multiple Oscars including Best Director and Best Picture, winning Best Visual Effects. In 35mm. 4+



The Muppets Take Manhattan, courtesy of Photofest

The Muppets Take Manhattan (1984)
 Dir. Frank Oz
Sun, Nov 11 at 11am
Introduced by Leslie Carrara-Rudolph (Abby Cadabby on Sesame Street)
 The Muppets head to the Big Apple hoping to make their Broadway dreams come true. Join Kermit, Miss Piggy, Gonzo, Fozzie, and all the usual (and not-so-usual) suspects. If they can make it here, they can make it anywhere! With appearances by Art Carney, Joan Rivers, Liza Minnelli, Brooke Shields, and more. In 35mm. 3+



The NeverEnding Story, courtesy of Photofest

The NeverEnding Story (1983)
 Dir. Wolfgang Petersen
Fri, Nov 9 at 6:50pm
Q&A with Alan Oppenheimer, voice of Falkor, Rockbiter, and G'mork
 With Noah Hathaway, Barret Oliver
 Bullied in his ordinary life, young Bastian is drawn into the mythical world of Fantasia while reading a book called *The NeverEnding Story*. Fantasia is in peril as the Nothing threatens to destroy it, and its only hope is Bastian's imagination. With awesome puppets, music by the legendary Giorgio Moroder, and special effects the likes of which cannot be seen on the big screen today. In 35mm. 8+



Strings, courtesy of Danish Film Institute

Strings (2004) Dir. Anders Rønnow
Sat, Nov 10 at 4:30pm
Introduced by puppeteers Craig Marin and Olga Felgemacher
 With James McAvoy, Catherine McCormack
 Screening in New York for the first time in a decade, this stunning film tells the story of a prince who sets out to avenge his father's death. Set in a mythological kingdom populated entirely by stringed puppets, this dramatic tale of adventure, enslavement, and liberation plays with the metaphor of the marionette as a human proxy controlled from on high. In 35mm. 10+



Where is Who I Was and Am, courtesy of Ginger Foot Films

Live Action Puppet Shorts
Sun, Nov 11 at 1pm
Q&A with filmmakers
 Beautiful, humorous, dark, and fascinating—this selection of puppet works will delight and amaze. Highlights include: Kevin McTurk's award-winning *The Narrative of Victor Karloch*, Jonathan Langager's *Josephine and the Roach*, the world premiere of Mauricio Baiocchi's *Cicada Princess*, and Joseph Mann's *Small Hands*. 10+



Labyrinth, courtesy of Photofest

Labyrinth Sing-Along
Fri, Nov 9 at 10:30pm
 For the first time in New York, join Jim Henson's daughter Heather as she leads the audience in an interactive *Rocky Horror*-esque romp through the puppet fantasy film we all know and love. Goodie bags, confetti, goblins, songs, surprises, Bowie's hair, and more! Audience members are invited to dress for the occasion. 13+
Special price: \$15
BAM Cinema Club: \$10



Her Master's Voice, courtesy of Virgil Films

Her Master's Voice (2012) Dir. Nina Conti
Sat, Nov 10 at 6:50pm
Q&A with Nina Conti
 Internationally acclaimed ventriloquist Nina Conti takes the bereaved puppets of her mentor Ken Campbell on a pilgrimage to Venhaven, the resting place for puppets of dead ventriloquists. She gets to know her latex and wooden traveling partners along the way, and with them deconstructs herself in this ventriloquial documentary requiem.



Jurassic Park, courtesy of Photofest

Jurassic Park (1993) Dir. Steven Spielberg
Sun, Nov 11 at 3pm
Introduced by puppeteer Matt Winston, founder of the Stan Winston School
 With Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum
 John Hammond is on the brink of opening a zoo with live dinosaurs. When he offers a group of scientists a preview tour, a major power outage puts everyone's lives in danger. Deadly velociraptors, a giant T. rex, and more await in Spielberg's record-breaking hit. With amazing animatronics from Stan Winston Studios and visual effects by George Lucas' ILM. In 35mm.



Mother Hubbard Among Others, courtesy of Puppet Heap

Shortstack! Family Films
Sat, Nov 10 at 10am, 12noon
Q&A with filmmakers
 Whimsical, unique, funny, and charming, this collection of short films will delight and entrance both young and old. Talking hot dogs, robots, and a boy with a thing for cupcakes are just some of the zany characters you'll meet. Featuring Paul Andrejco's *Mother Hubbard Among Others*, Philip Hodges' *Dig*, new works from *Sesame Street*, Henson Alternative, and more! 3+



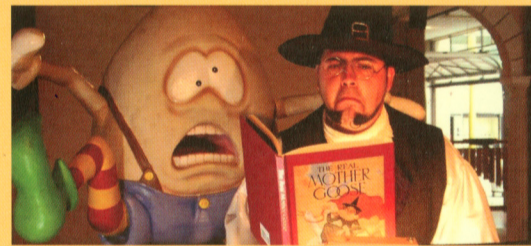
The Beaver, courtesy of Photofest

The Beaver (2011) Dir. Jodie Foster
Sat, Nov 10 at 9:30pm
 With Foster, Mel Gibson
 Once a successful toy executive and family man, Walter Black (Gibson) finds himself deep in depression until a beaver hand puppet enters his life and helps him rediscover himself. Foster directs and co-stars in this touching drama. In 35mm.



Beauty is Embarrassing, courtesy of Photofest

Beauty is Embarrassing (2012)
 Dir. Neil Berkeley
Sun, Nov 11 at 6:50pm
Q&A with Wayne White
 This funny, irreverent, and inspiring documentary paints a portrait of the artist Wayne White, creator of the beloved children's television show *Pee-wee's Playhouse*, whose design style and quirky sensibility have led him on a fascinating career path from puppets to props to the world of fine art.



Father Goose's Tales, courtesy of Nappy's Puppet Performance

SPECIAL FAMILY WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCES
Father Goose's Tales
Sat, Nov 10 at 10:30am and 2:30pm
 Nappy's Puppets Performance
 Peter Jay Sharp Building (Hillman Attic Studio)
 60min
 Ages 2 and up
 \$12 per attendee

Mother Goose has taken the day off and Father Goose must do all her chores, including storytelling! Try as he might, Father Goose just can't get the stories right. This funny, modern retelling of nursery rhymes, stories, and children's songs using the ancient art of shadow puppetry. Jim "Nappy" Napolitano is an internationally recognized puppeteer who has performed for the PBS show *Between the Lions*, Disney's *The Book of Pooh*, and Nickelodeon's *A Show of Hands*.

Shadow Puppet Family Workshop
Sat, Nov 10 at 12:15 and 4:15pm
 Nappy's Puppets
 Peter Jay Sharp Building (Hillman Attic Studio)
 45min
 Ages 5 and up. Adults may assist children.
 \$5 (admits one child and one adult)

Make your own shadow puppet with master puppeteer Jim "Nappy" Napolitano after the performances of *Father Goose's Tales*. **Separate admission is required. Please note: tickets are extremely limited for this program.**



Dante's Inferno, courtesy of Dante Film LLC

Dante's Inferno (2007) Dir. Sean Meredith
Sun, Nov 11 at 9:30pm
 Follow Dante on a travelogue through the underworld in this dark comedy adapted from the 2004 graphic novel of the same name. A full-length work created entirely in the style of toy theater, *Dante's Inferno* combines paper puppets and beautiful illustrations. Featuring Paul Zalom as lead puppeteer, and a voice cast that includes actors from *Upright Citizens Brigade*, *30 Rock*, *Arrested Development*, and *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*.

ALSO IN NOVEMBER:



Rabbit Seasoning, courtesy of Photofest

Chuck Amuck
Nov 23—26

For Thanksgiving weekend, BAMcinématek celebrates pioneering animator Chuck Jones' centennial with a generous selection of his rapidly paced, visually ingenious Looney Tunes shorts, as well as a handful of films that highlight his influence on live-action directors. Featuring Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny, Wile E. Coyote, Pepé Le Pew, Porky Pig, and others, along with *Gremlins 2: The New Batch*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, and much more.

Full lineup at BAM.org/ChuckAmuck

The Sweatshirt Sheep Puppetmaking Workshop
Sun, Nov 11 at 11am and 2:30pm
 Peter Jay Sharp Building (Hillman Attic Studio)
 120min
 Ages 8—10
 \$12 (admits one child and one adult)

Get inspired to make your own puppets by watching puppeteer and filmmaker John Kennedy's short puppet film *The Sure Sheep*, about a little sheep named Tad who overcomes his fear of playing his banjo. Following the screening, participants will make their own puppets and perform with their creations in front of the camera.

In a career spanning 17 years, John Kennedy has worked on *Sesame Street*, *Dinosaurs*, *Telling Stories with Tomie DePaola*, *Muppets Tonight*, *The Country Bears*, and the drum-savvy pooch Mel the Dog for Noggin's *Jack's Big Music Show*.

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Father Goose's Tales and The Sweatshirt

Sheep Puppetmaking Workshop: \$12

Shadow Puppet Family Workshop: \$5

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