

PRESENTLY PUPPETS

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MARIONETTES

Welcome back Readers!

This week we're diving in (strings attached) to the world of marionettes! Marionettes are puppets controlled from above by a series of strings or wires. They come in all sorts of shapes and sizes:



Marionettes have been popular through the ages. In Sicily the *Opera de Pupi* has been a performing tradition since the 13th century, depicting traditional Italian folk tales. In the 18th century operas were specifically composed for companies of marionettes. Famous composers like Mozart, Gluck and Haydn all composed puppet operas. Marionettes continue to fascinate us today:



Marionettes can be built in a variety of different ways, from simple to extremely complex depending on the range of movement needed. Each puppet maker has a particular style of craftsmanship that leads to a unique look for their puppets:



You can make your very own marionette at home with just a few simple materials. Here's a short tutorial on how to do it! Make the dog puppet here, or turn it into any other kind of animal:



Now take your marionette for a walk! See what your dog has to say about that.

See you next week!