

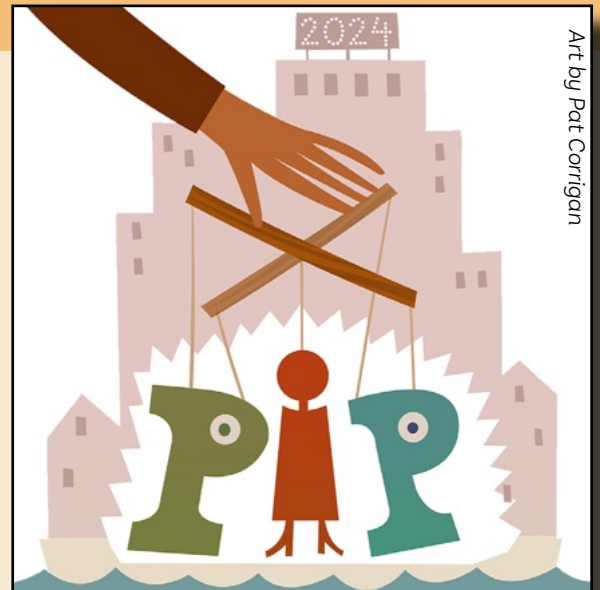
PUPPETS IN PORTLAND

SEPTEMBER 13-22, 2024

WHAT is Puppets in Portland (PiP)?

Biannual city-wide festival of international puppetry in Portland, Maine presented by Mayo Street Arts

- » **7+ puppetry ensembles**, plus technicians & sound engineers from around the world, representing places such as Belgium, Canada & Puerto Rico
- » **Performances & hands-on workshops** that appeal to a diverse audience, with opportunities for children, seniors & everyone in between
- » **Networking & artistic development** for puppetry professionals, hobbyists & the puppet-curious



WHO is involved in PiP?

Presented by Mayo Street Arts

De facto puppetry hub of Maine for nearly 15 years

In Partnership with:

- » **Sandglass Theater's Puppets in the Green Mountains**
Longest continuously running puppetry festival in the United States
- » **Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine**
Indispensable community resource devoted to children's development & learning

Funding supporters include:

- » **New England Foundation for the Arts**
- » **The Francis Hotel & Spa**



WHERE is PiP?

City-wide in Portland, ME! 2024 venues TBA.

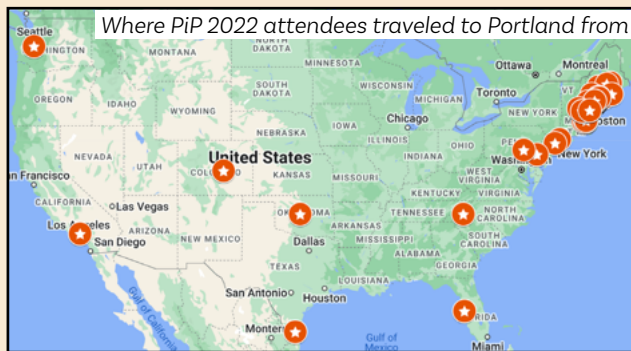
Venues in 2022 included:

- » Mayo Street Arts
- » Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine
- » First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church



WHY is PiP important to bring to Portland?

- » Encourages in-state & interstate travel to Portland during shoulder season



"I originally saw an Instagram ad for PiP & saved it as something that I wanted to do. I brought it up to [my partner] & we started talking about it as something that would be truly out of the box. Not to mention would make a great weekend trip in the early fall!"

— Zach Gabberty, Boston Resident,
PiP 2022 Attendee

- » Establishes Portland on the radar for touring national & international artists usually only hosted by major US cities such as New York, Chicago & Atlanta

"It was amazing experience to feel welcomed by local artists & community members. I felt home meeting inspiring puppeteers & artists."

— Husam Abed, Dafa Puppet Theatre,
PiP 2022 Artist



PiP 2022 artists & staff enjoy a trip to Portland Head Light

- » Empowers Portland & Maine-based creatives to explore & engage in new realms of creativity, technology & professional opportunities



Tanglewood Marionettes teach manipulation techniques

"It was a pleasure to experience work from around the world—without leaving the city... the hands-on workshop I attended (creating puppets out of foam blocks) was fun & should prove useful to me as a drama teacher. Thank you Mayo Street Arts!"

— Carol Tanzman, Los Angeles Resident,
PiP 2022 Attendee

HOW can you support PiP?

Become a Sponsor to play an intrinsic role in bringing 7+ world-class artists to Portland to delight 1,000+ attendees with performances & workshops at 3+ city-wide venues!

PLATINUM SPONSOR – \$5,000+

Gold Level Sponsorship benefits plus:

- » **Direct acknowledgement** from the stage at every PiP event
- » **Four tickets** valid for any performance at MSA through June 2025

GOLD SPONSOR – \$3,500+

- » **Your business' logo w/ active link** in the PiP digital program, website & ticket pages
- » **Your business' logo featured** in the venue lobbies at PiP events (1,000+ attendees), newsletter (5,000+ subs) & print materials
- » **Inclusion in social media campaigns**, (9,500+ followers) & other paid ads
- » **Eight tickets** valid for 2024 PiP events



PiP PiP Parade! fills the streets of Kennedy Park with smiles



Matěj from Dafa Puppet Theatre eats his first Maine lobster

"We are so happy to support PiP. With unique performances in venues all over town featuring puppeteers from all over the world, there will be stories brought to life for everyone to enjoy & maybe gain a new perspective...It's yet another reason why we love Mayo Street Arts!"

**— Lori Dorr, Owner of Sock Shack,
PiP 2022 & 2024 Sponsor**

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