

POSTCARDS FROM DENMARK



*Photo: Hamlet and Yorick at Kronborg Castle in Elsinore, Denmark
(Puppets made by Kay Yasugi)*

Copenhagen

POST CARD

Greetings from Denmark!

We had such a wonderful time here at the Copenhagen Puppet Festival. It was the second time that this festival had been run, with the main emphasis on adult puppetry and creating discussions on setting up puppetry training in Denmark.

Thanks to the organisers of the festival and our wonderful supporters in Yorkshire, we were able to enjoy an exciting week of performing for adult audiences, seeing shows, attending puppetry seminars and collaborating with a puppetry school from Poland (Ludwik Solski Statsskole for Drama in Krakow, Wroclaw).



We hope you enjoy looking at some of the photos we took during our time here.

Cheers, from all of us at the London School of Puppetry

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FESTIVAL



LSP and the Polish Puppetry school. We performed for "Natscenen" (Night Scene), a series of free cabaret night performances to showcase the work from both our schools. We also worked together to perform some group pieces at the "Crash Test" night on the final day of the festival.

Back row: Miwash, Caroline, Kate, Emma, Kat;
Middle row: Kasia, Kay, Celia, Krzysztof; Front: Ola, Asia



Caroline doing a presentation about LSP.

The head teachers from puppetry schools in Poland and Berlin also spoke about how their schools work and train students in puppetry.



Ann Campion (British UNIMA) and Caroline Astell-Burt running their seminar on puppetry in education and therapy.



Collaborative Pieces with the Polish Students.

Top: "The Bagman" by Asia, Emma and Kat

Middle: "Flour Tale" by Celia and Ola

Bottom: "No Radish For My Babka" by Kasia, Kate, Kay and Miwash



LSP student goes on Danish TV

Barnaby (organiser for the Copenhagen Puppet Festival) and Kay were interviewed about the festival on the Danish breakfast show, "Brunch" (Danish TV2/Lorry). Kay's puppet "Yorick" also made an appearance eating crisps and trying to look like he understood Danish.

SIGHTSEEING IN COPENHAGEN



An afternoon off in Copenhagen.

We wandered around this beautiful city visiting historical buildings, gardens (and award-winning bakeries!).

Left to right: Celia, Emma, Kate



Kate and 'Bill' Shakespeare with Shakespeare in Elsinore. Kate and Kay took some puppets from their Shakespeare shows to Kronborg Castle, where Hamlet's father is said to have lived.



Kat and Kay at Christiania.

We all visited this free folk village in the middle of Copenhagen, with its colourful and unique architecture which is surrounded by nature (it snowed!).

LSP Student Update

A lot has happened since coming back from the festival. Here is an update on each of us:

- Kat is back in Arizona (USA) with her new puppet company, "Octopi! Puppet Theatre". She will be running puppet workshops in schools and may be returning to the UK later this year to run a mask workshop for adults in London.
- Kate and Celia will be continuing their training at LSP. They are both involved in organising the Skipton Puppet Festival in September. They have also visited some schools (in London/Strasbourg, France) performing with puppets and doing workshops.
- Emma is back in Ireland starting a new job where she will be doing puppetry with children in hospital, while also running her company "Beyond the Bark Puppet Installation Theatre".
- Kay is planning to return to Sydney (Australia) with her new puppet company, "Pupperoos" and using her teaching background to train teachers to use puppets in the classroom. She is also interested in doing research in puppetry and education.



The LSP girls. Left to right: Kat, Kate, Celia, Emma and Kay

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

More puppetry in London/Yorkshire.

There are lots of exciting mini courses coming up in London, as well as a marionette carving Summer School in Yorkshire.

LSP goes Danish. Since the success of the festival in Copenhagen, Caroline has been invited to go back to Denmark to run some puppetry training workshops!