

Puppeteers' Organizations

Puppeteers of America: national organization for puppeteers, puts on yearly festivals, publishes monthly magazine, and directory of members and regional member guilds and puppetry museums. The Puppetry Store offers puppets, supplies, books etc.

<http://www.puppeteers.org/>

UNIMA: Union Internationale de la Marionnette — International Puppetry Association (affiliated to UNESCO, member of the International Theatre Institute. It holds regular puppetry festivals, wonderful events, in various locations around the world.)

<http://www.unima.org>

Blogs and ongoing news

Cabaret Mechanical Theatre...all kinds of links to artists, exhibits, the blog; you can sign up to receive news via email.

<http://www.cabaret.co.uk>

Falk Keuten, indefatigable, inspired and inspiring, jolly, fun-loving, ever-resourceful, collects all kinds of delightful performances, moving sculpture in every medium, puppet and automaton-related material of every kind, and from everywhere, on a regular basis. Many of the links in this bibliography came from him. His (new) blog title is Spiel und Kunst mit Mechanik II.

<http://spielundkunstmitmecha.apps-1and1.net/>

Dug North: loads of past threads on contemporary and antique automata, puppetry, etc

<http://blog.dugnorth.com/>

Dug also created last year his free plans listing:

<http://www.dugnorth.com/automaton-plans.aspx>

Philsing... (Lezard Mecanique): automata, mechanical toys, puppets, mechanical theater, kinetic art

http://lezardmecanique.blogspot.fr/p/blog-page_8.html

Performances of various kinds

Chinese art of mask-changing.. 2 links

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WTrZuFnPBQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqGapweGLZw>

Quanzhou Puppet Troupe... Chinese Marionette performance with traditional music. The puppets are superb, the performance is very exciting.

www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/videos/?id=M5911&type=A

Plufolie: a German group of jugglers, clowns, humorous musicians and other wonderful stuff.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCK8Wd1S8FA>

Petrushka performed with puppets and props, by the NY Philharmonic conducted by Alan Gilbert. This Youtube video is the ENTIRE 35 minute production. The NY Phil and the conductor are costumed and choreographed. There are puppets, toys, and found objects manipulated live and projected above the orchestra. At 6:30 in the conductor's baton becomes a puppet; at 7:30 a tiny puppet theatre and puppets appear. The creator is Doug Fitch and his Giants are Small company. Mr Fitch and company collaborated with the NY Philharmonic on two previous productions, and he is the brother of Chris Fitch, one of the artists represented in this book.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69k1LBze79M#t=53>

International festival of mechanical music instruments in Les Gets/French Alps. They create a giant parade of barrel organ players every year with some other odd contraptions. For example this:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLXYzqpxg-A&list=UUSj8F88jR3YusezGzd9YF5Q&index=1>

Street performer plays Mozart on glass harp.

<http://biggeekdad.com/2014/07/mozart-glass/>

Glass harp performance of Sugar Plum Fairy (from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker

<http://biggeekdad.com/2011/12/glass-harp/>

Wonderful French "junk instrument" band ZicZazou:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96I_UrTOZF0#t=37

Bach played sweetly on 3 octave tree organ made of tree trunk, 37 recycled organ pipes, giant balloon, and bellows..instrument of Ludvik Cejp, Hannover, Germany:

http://www.cejp.de/e/index_e.html

The English Suite Nr.2 on this organ:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weAV0i8fGFE>

Music for One Apartment and Six Drummers; jazz concerts in every room, with every item. Till the owners get home.....

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SylGOskjWw

The Tree Inventors... exquisite paper animation film about genius inventors and the hostility they inspire from ordinary people....

<http://vimeo.com/41324690>

Technical information sources

Technology education site teaching mechanical movement to school children

<http://www.clohe-movingtoys.it/00-CLOHE-EN.htm>

Tutorial on relays, latch relays:

<http://www.ask.com/youtube?q=How+to+Make+Latch+Relay+Circuits&v=n7SuHDmuVUk&qsrc=472>

The Maker Movement: information on 3D printing in 30+ materials on demand
<http://shapeways.com>

Tufnol, a very durable composition material that offers a good substitute for plywood, especially for pinwheel gears. See Chapter on Paul Spooner; **Untitled**. <http://ahistoryoftufnol.org/whatistufnol/index.html>

Making interesting mechanical things, and links to How-to information

Pierre Penard, French barrel organ builder, presents a drawing and GIF to understand the mechanics and pneumatics of a barrel organ with a punch card system: http://orgue-de-barbarie.pagesperso-orange.fr/comment_ca_marche1.htm

Books on foldable moving paper automata

<http://www.amazon.ca/Karakuri-Make-Mechanical-Paper-Models/dp/0312566697/>

Paper pipe organ + balloon plays Happy Birthday

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHvZvsBvd3k>

Ben Hurdle, UKPaper organ

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ahCihi-0sg>

Walter Ruffler's description (in German) of several paper and card automata.

<http://www.walterruffler.de/Mecha3.html>

Coin-op system for Regina type music box——patent drawing, scanned by Jere Ryder + description

<http://www.mmdigest.com/Pictures/ryderRegina.html>

Collections of automata

Michael F. Croft collection: Mr. Croft is a professor at the university of Arizona. He has a gorgeous collection of modern automata, and his website features his beautiful photos of them, plus many captivating videos.

<http://www.contemporaryautomata.com/>

The Morris Museum's Guinness Collection

Buffet Magique or the Magic Cupboard, by Vichy/Triboulet. Built by Auguste Triboulet for Maison Vichy

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnRI3Gk7ri4>

Automaton clown---Vichy balancing automaton of the late 19th century.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnRIO8p_1tY

Jaquet Droz corporate movie—writing automaton

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WofWNcMHcl0>

Pierre Jaquet-Droz Film segment on the famous Writer automaton. It is absolutely incredible to watch him in action, and he is on permanent view, along with his two “sibling” automata, one little boy “android” who draws pictures, and a lovely young girl who plays the organ, at the Museum of Art & History in Neuchatel, Switzerland....

www.chonday.com/Videos/the-writer-automaton

Museum of Automata: This lovely museum, in York, England, was forced to close due to financial problems. Its collection was sold off, (it is reported) to a wealthy Japanese, and it is no longer available to the public. But the video shows many interesting and beautiful pieces.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzOgsaXO7BE>

Links to websites and information about artists doing kinetic art worldwide, listed by country

<http://themadmuseum.co.uk/kinetic-art-links/>

Links to websites and videos for artists:

The 30 year-old Cabaret Mechanical Theatre, represents a group of mainly contemporary English automatists, for which they have promoted, sold & tour several exhibits of contemporary automata (mainly of wood construction) at museums & other venues around the world:

<http://www.cabaret.co.uk/education/cabaret-mechanical-movement>

<http://www.mechanical-toys.com/mainpage.html>

David Archer: <http://www.archersarcadia.com>

Joseph Cashore: <http://cashoremarionettes.com>

The DVD of Cashore's work, Life in Motion, can be purchased through Cashore website.

Corbian Arts: <http://www.lightwiretheater.com>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAaPVuCdBoU>

Videos of performances and downloadable photos. <http://www.iancarney.com>

Dominique Corbin <http://www.machines-animees.fr/Videos/videtautomates/selection-MOV.php>

Michael Curry: <http://www.michaelcurrydesign.com>

Walter Einsel: Book on his and his wife Naiad's work, Art from the Heart, mostly valentines, <http://bookstore.xlibris.com>

Chris Fitch: <http://chrisfitchdesign.com/>

Tantalus Mackerel mechanism explained: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWBPjGe7mbo>

Ron Fuller: <http://www.craftco.co.uk/ron.html>

Tom Haney: <http://www.tomhaney.com/#!video/c1szn>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9vz4SVbYwc> interview

Neil Hardy: <http://www.fabulousanimals.com>

http://www.lowfarm.net/Studio_One/Neil_Hardy.html#8

Phillip Huber: <http://www.hubermarionettes.com>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHy6uHFM-EQ>

Francois Junod: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=6Kjkgfy18Vs Video of

Jim Kroupa: <http://www.nostrings.org.uk/puppet/jim-kroupa/>
<http://www.zoominfo.com/p/Jim-Kroupa/1165187718>
Pablo Lavezzari: several You Tube videos:
Facing a Fake Foe: knight battles giant dragon, who in reality, is a huge smoke-breathing mask, manipulated behind the scenes by a small demon: <http://blog.dugnorth.com/2008/03/facing-fake-foe-automaton-by-pablo.html>
Urban Face: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDaAZHnwcTk>
Utopia: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNyLhRJhsSU>
Vintage Training Robot arm: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7UDJMfvcS8>
Henri Maillardet's Automaton demonstrated by conservator Charles Penniman: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&feature=endscreen&list=PLQH9WM6LVBTOAIXYHVMKFSAPX71DIPQ9H&v=C7oSFNKIlaM>
Maillardet Automaton, and La Joueuse de Tympanon, of Roentgen/Kintzing, and Morris Museum automata: <http://edition.cnn.com/videos/world/2014/03/06/spc-art-of-movement-automata-clockwork-a.cnn>
Peter Markey: paper toy kits <http://www.opticaltoys.com/markey.htm>
<http://www.cabaret.co.uk/artists/peter-markey/>
http://www.falmouthartgallery.com/Collection/Artist/Markey%2C_Peter_%28born_1930%29
Bill Nelson: <http://www.billnelsonstudios.com>
Dan Lavender: <http://www.dlavender.com>
http://www.ventriloquistcentral.com/dan_lavender/001_cecil_wiggle-nose/index.htm
Keith Newstead: <http://www.keithnewsteadautomata.com>
Flying Pig <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wcpxi-SbTk4>
Dragon, curved interior spine creates undulating movement, pulleys connected to crank wave his wings, move his clawed feet up and down: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=j8COvStFtpI>
A Transport of Delight: Flying machine waves giant wings, all kinds of parts whirling and whizzing: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8jJThx8LaQ>
Mermaid: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RbsDJsdxMk>
Catcopter, flying cat, waving wings, multiple whirling and whizzing parts: http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=IQJViE6tv_Q&feature=fvwp
Attack of the Killer Tomato: Enormous tomato tries to bite head off gardener, misses, gardener waters this man-eating plant; root rises from the ground holding a thank-you sign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vX6hJT0AYo>
Steven Parker: <http://www.acmeclockworks.com>

Anthony Lent: <http://www.anthonylent.com>
Ellen Rixford and Mayhew Lu: <http://www.ellenrixford.com>
<http://shewalkssoftly.com/2014/07/23/ellen-rixford/>
David Roentgen and Peter Kintzing's La Joueuse de Tympanon (Hammer Dulcimer Player) Queen Marie Antoinette performs eight classical pieces. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OMoo3y5WlQ>
There are several youtube video's of La Joueuse de Tympanon, but if made full screen, this has a fine view of the music/program barrel & upper cam riders in action. Notice the pivoting point for the arm rotation riders – set back, underneath the main cross-horizontal beam.
<http://golem13.fr/la-joueuse-de-tympanon-landroide-de-marie-antoinette/>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75CxFwgsIY> (closeup of head and eyes)
Wanda Sowry: <http://www.wandasowry.com>
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/wandasowry/with/6453099235>
<http://www.lumberjocks.com/wanda>
Paul Spooner: No website, but many You Tube videos
Science of Conversation: http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=e72BMcS8_TY
Manet's Olympia: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZCG12IiOkw&NR=1>
Borgia's Cat: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPtx9D4i9EI&feature=relmfu>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=BKo2yGwbS_g
Zuppa Turca <http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=9WJnzsoBSZw>
Nicolas Theroude's Flutist: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?>
Alice Wallace: <http://www.hobgoblinhillpuppets.com/main.html>
Eric Williamson: <http://www.timberkits.com>, <http://www.mechanicalkits.com>
Jan Zalud: <http://www.janzalud.co.u>
Rowland Emmett automata at the Ontario Science Centre <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7ciQ8bPy2M>
PelleKnota's movies. His real name is Per Aspenberg, a professor of orthopaedics at the University Linköping, Sweden. <http://www.youtube.com/user/pelleknota/videos>
Pat Keck, beautifully crafted computer controlled automata: <http://patkeck.com>
Puppets, Ghosts and Zombies, spectacular exhibition of otherworldly sculpture: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sNWSUdEslQ>
House of Automata-many videos available <http://automatomania.co.uk/videos/>
they are at Field of Dreams, Findhorn, Scotland <http://automatomania.co.uk/about/>

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Miscellany

Windup toy xylophone player: Well known, high production, vintage tin toy made by “Wolverine” it plays simple tunes on a little xylophone, with replaceable disks– see multiple video’s via:

http://www.google.com/search?q=Wolverine+zilotone+player&tbm=isch&source=lnms&sa=X&ei=_MSzUpe0FJOssQTx8ICACA&ved=0CAcQ_AUoAQ&biw=1264&bih=863

Sand powered automaton

<http://automatomania.co.uk/acrobat-sand-powered>

Singing animal roadkill corpses, reanimated, protest their unnecessary deaths in a bizarre but hilarious commercial for Bosch windshield wiper blades.

<http://www.autoblog.com/2015/12/09/singing-roadkill-bosch-wiper-blades-ad/>