

Memory Collectors

community project



TARGET AUDIENCE :
M/4 YEARS
DURATION : 00H30





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SYNOPSIS

A community project created for Ei! Marionetas 2025. This project was developed within youth communities and with associations that work closely with socially vulnerable young people. The project, led by artist Clara Ribeiro, is the result of workshops focused on artistic creation and theatrical play.

The fascinating universe of memory collectors is a realm full of treasures and stories that the eyes eagerly grasp. In every button, every mirror, every shoe or doll, there is a fragment of time that, with the collector's dedication and passion, becomes a living testimony to the past. These guardians of memory wander the streets, peering into every corner, in search of relics that tell the stories of those who want to be remembered.

They see in every corner an encounter, in every ruin a map, in every alley and street the life of

*generation after generation
transforming, evolving, but keeping
within itself the essence of every
gesture that shaped it.*

TEATRO E MARIONETAS DE MANDRÁGORA

Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora is a professional puppet theater company, founded on 2 April 2002, directed by **Clara Ribeiro** and **Filipa Mesquita** and **enVide neFelibata** as art direction.

■ In the symbiosis of a symbolic language that combines heritage and traditional legacy with the contemporary society's thinking and dynamics, in a dialogue that's not always peaceful, a fundamental element emerges: the puppet — the tool used in our quest for our own cultural identity.

■ Our goal is to discover the puppet's own aesthetic, visual, scenic, and dramatic potential, as well as in the relation between actor and puppet. In this experience, we intend to find our own identity-based dramaturgy: the one that explores culture, belief, and folklore combined with the urban area, the technological exploitation and the global village's fast pace.

■ Throughout our artistic journey, we created a wide range of proposals, both in terms of audiences (adults, youngsters schoolchildren, families) and in terms of training (basic and specialized).

■ One of our major commitments is touring our projects, through the country and abroad. We constantly concern on decentralization, community work, partnerships, social and inclusive enhancement.

■ For over two decades, the Company firmly established itself as a contemporary artistic creation structure by putting on a wide range of shows. Some creations our own, others resulted from partnerships with national and foreign cultural structures and entities.

■ Our team has always had space to freely create according to each other's

language and vision, converging to develop and enrich the puppet theater's art.

■ Our Company focuses on social vulnerabilities but also traditions and heritage through different but converging sights. Dialogue with all different audiences, blend our creations with sites and spaces, intersect with partner entities and structures is essential for creating multidisciplinary projects that prioritize communication with spectators.

■ We would like to highlight our collaboration with numerous educational service teams while implementing our education activities program in institutions such as monuments, museums, and landmark buildings.

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MEMORY COLLECTORS

target audience : M/4 years

duration : 00h30

group : community project

premiere date : 6 July 2025 (Sunday)

premiere location : Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira x
Gondomar x Porto



PRESENTATION

Um projeto comunitário criado para o Ei! Marionetas 2025. Este projeto foi desenvolvido em comunidades juvenis e com associações que trabalham em estreita colaboração com jovens socialmente vulneráveis. O projeto, liderado pela artista Clara Ribeiro, é o resultado de workshops focados na criação artística e na representação teatral.

O fascinante universo dos colecionadores de memórias é um reino repleto de tesouros e histórias que os olhos captam avidamente. Em cada botão, cada espelho, cada sapato ou boneca, há um fragmento de tempo que, com a dedicação e paixão do colecionador, se torna um testemunho vivo do passado. Estes guardiões da memória vagueiam pelas ruas, espreitando cada recanto, em busca de relíquias que contam as histórias daqueles que querem ser lembrados.

Eles veem em cada esquina um encontro, em cada ruína um mapa, em cada beco e rua a vida de geração após geração a transformar-se, a evoluir, mas mantendo dentro de si a essência de cada gesto que a moldou.



COMMUNITY PROJECT

The impact of artistic work on the community allows us to consider it an excellent tool for empowering vulnerable individuals. Several projects implemented by different artistic organizations lead us to conclude that there are integrative behavioral improvements in the community.

Government support for the development of various programs in this area is an important facilitating factor for various associations and institutions that actively address this issue, creating social development projects through art.

“The concept of Education through Art has been the subject of reflection by some educators, philosophers, and even historians, fitting into the emergence of ‘new values and concepts’ in contexts of social, economic, and ideological transformation. Thus, several writings have emerged, nationally and internationally, as a product of concern and reflection.” (Meira, 2015).

In line with this thinking, the work presented demonstrates the importance of artistic practice in communities that welcome individuals with different vulnerabilities, from different age groups.

Although Morin has a very clear view of our thought process and its “hidden principles,” his view of things and the world is distorted by beliefs and, above all, by the goal of lifting the veil on a widespread belief that individuals in situations of vulnerability only enjoy artistic contact as social positivism, without this being properly analyzed. The creator of art and their creative potential are fundamental in



TOUR

DATA	LOCAL
6 JUL 2025 . SUNDAY . 16h00	Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira, Gondomar, Porto
12 JUL 2025 . SATURDAY . 10h30	Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira, Gondomar, Porto
6 AUG 2025 . WEDNESDAY	Fundação Nuno Silveira, Gondomar, Porto

TOTAL : 3

NATIONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

LOCAL	FESTIVAL	YEAR
Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira	Ei! MARIONETAS - Encontro Internacional de Marionetas - Gondomar	2025

TOTAL : 1

HISTORY

"Memory Collectors", premiered at "Biblioteca Municipal de Gondomar Camilo de Oliveira × Gondomar × Porto" on 6 July 2025 (Sunday). To date, it has performed in 2 venues, 1 city, 1 district, 1 country (Portugal) and participated in 1 festival and 1 meeting and 0 internationals.

Its history includes 3 shows for an audience of 222 spectators.

"Memory Collectors" has been touring for 10 meses e 23 dias at the time of creating this document.

TECHNICAL RIDER

For more information about technical requirements and other production-related needs, please refer to the **GENERAL CONDITIONS** section of this document.

At the moment, detailed information about the technical rider associated with this production is not available. If you need to clarify specific technical requirements or obtain additional data regarding the implementation of scenography, lighting, sound, or other technical areas, you may request them directly via email contact with the company, which will be happy to provide the necessary documentation.

PROMOTIONAL DOCUMENTS AND OTHERS

Current Document

COLECCIONADORES - DOSSIER - EN **1.6 MB**

https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/_dwn/dossier/colecionadores - dossier - en.pdf

Imagery Archive

IMAGERY ARCHIVE PROMO **377.8 KB**

https://www.marionetasmandragora.pt/_dwn/zip/prj_colecionadores.zip

IMAGE AND COMMUNICATION

- Mandatory mentions in all promotional material:
- Production: Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora
- Support: Portuguese Republic – Culture, Youth, and Sports / Directorate-General for the Arts (with logos), Municipality of Espinho / City Council of Espinho, Municipality of Gondomar

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Access and parking must be available for the company's vehicle (Class II or Class I).
- The promoter must provide a technician to assist during assembly, rehearsal, and performance.
- Before setup begins, the space must be clean and free of any equipment.
- Any proposed changes to the Technical Rider must be communicated in a timely manner so that, together with the technical team and the event production, the best solutions can be found to make the activity possible.
- Individual dressing rooms suitable for the performers must be provided, equipped with running water, a mirror, a chair, and a table.
- The promoter must provide bottles of water for all team.

BUDGET

- Consult budget and, if necessary, request specific conditions for two or more presentations on the same day, in the same location, and/or on consecutive days.
- The amounts are VAT exempt, under the terms of nº8 of Article 9º of the portuguese VAT Code.
- Travel expenses will be added, calculated from Espinho (price per km).
- Where applicable, the promoter shall provide accommodation and meals for the team. We will communicate the type of rooms (preferably singles) and dietary restrictions in advance.

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