

Birdy Bird

small workshop



TARGET AUDIENCE :
M/3 YEARS
DURATION : 01H00





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A gentle flutter of wings.

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.
- *Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora is supported by República Portuguesa - Cultura, Juventude e Desporto / Direção-Geral das Artes, Município de Espinho / Museu Municipal de Espinho e Município de Gondomar. The structure is based at FACE - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho and headquartered in Gondomar.*

BIRDY BIRD

target audience : M/3 years

duration : 01h00

group : small workshop

premiere date : 2 July 2026 (Thursday)

premiere location : F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho x Espinho x Aveiro



PRESENTATION

In this workshop, we start with paper to create the figure of a bird and develop a mechanism that allows us to set it in motion, giving it a flutter of wings. This movement, through the dexterity of our hands and the mystery of puppet theater, challenges us to place these figures within the space.

They fly from one place to another, in nosedives or low-level flights, in gentle glides, or they build their nests. The little birds, which are born and transformed in a collective act, gather in flocks that travel.

These are the great migrations of metaphors transformed into puppets, which, from our imagination, gain a name, life, and movement.

SMALL WORKSHOP

Puppets, while often associated with childhood, are deeply woven into our collective imagination, history, and tradition. This art form offers an inexhaustible wealth of theatrical experiences, constantly renewing itself through innovative creation and manipulation on the modern stage.

It is essential for educators to equip themselves with the specialized knowledge needed to facilitate these experiences. By exploring diverse materials and construction techniques, teachers can provide students with the tools to develop original creative work, transforming the classroom into a laboratory for theatrical discovery and artistic expression.

ART

DIRECTION enVide neFelibata

PROTOTYPING enVide neFelibata

PRODUCTION Teatro e Marionetas de Mandrágora

SUPPORT República Portuguesa - Cultura, DGARTES - Direção-Geral das Artes,
Município de Espinho/Câmara Municipal de Espinho, Município de Gondomar

HISTORY

"Birdy Bird", premiered at "F.A.C.E. - Fórum de Arte e Cultura de Espinho × Espinho × Aveiro" on 2 July 2026 (Thursday). To date, it has performed in 1 venue, 1 city, 1 district, 1 country (Portugal) and participated in 0 festivals and 0 meetings and 0 internationals.

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

PASSARITO - DOSSIER - EN **1.5 MB**

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

Imagery Archive

IMAGERY ARCHIVE PROMO **3.8 MB**

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