



World Puppetry Day 2022-23 Report

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Dear puppeteers around the world, dear members of UNIMA: This year is very special because we are celebrating 20 years of World Puppetry Day; I am very thankful to all its contributors. For twenty years you have shared and created projects and contributed parts of your work for this day to promote puppetry from all corners of the world.



Call of the Forest



This year, the topic (of this video montage) is “The Call of the Forest” and I am very thankful to all contributors. Let’s share this huge event. Let’s enjoy this moment together with puppetry, for creativity, and believe the world will be a better place with puppetry. That’s the message of the General Secretary – Dimitri Jageneau. All my greetings to all UNIMA members and puppeteers from around the world.

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“ Even in the darkest times, there was always something to help them, and we know from a number of historical sources that the puppet theatre and its age-old magical power was part of this. This power is in the very foundations of the puppet theatre. ”

“ As a stylized theatrical form with its own metaphor, puppetry represents human activity but also searches – sometimes with humour, sometimes in all seriousness – for solutions. ”



“ Let's not get bogged down in our worries but rather use the puppet theatre in its various forms to once again summon the joy and pleasure of creating and performing. ”

Message
by Nina Malíková

Event Engagement around The World



“ I've seen many - more than in previous years - Facebook posts, Instagram posts about Dutch and internationale puppeteers highlighting WPD.”

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Continental Focus

International
Collaborations



Workshops



Performances

Interviews



Top 3 Compilation Highlights



Meetings &
Gatherings

Educational
Institution
Programmes



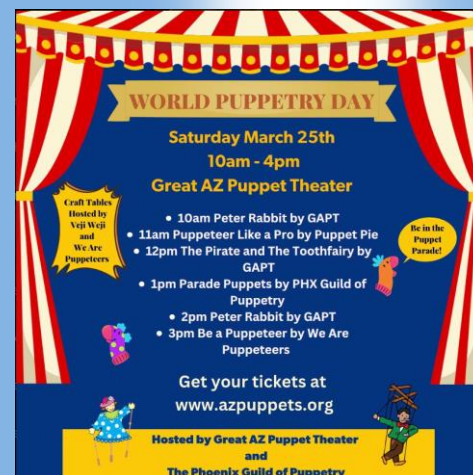
Parades &
Street Festivals



Award
Ceremonies

North America

- Canada: L'Illusion, Théâtre de marionnettes announcement about their new theatre space
- U.S.A.: The Great Arizona Puppet Theatre's WPD Programme for Children
- U.S.A.: Teatro Fest New York City 2023 Gala





- PERU: WPD Celebrations with opening speech by President of UNIMA PERU, Marialaura Vélez
 - MEXICO & COLUMBIA: Puppet Parade International Collaboration
- CHILE: Street Festival at Valparaíso Cultural Park

South America

Asia - Pacific

- Singapore & Netherlands: Non-Profit Collaboration by Frans Hakkers and Artsolute
- Philippines: Papet Passion performance by Mulat Theatre
- Sri Lanka: Giant Puppet Concert by BMIC Kamantha Open Theatre



Middle- East

- Egypt: Open-air performance "Stay Remember Me"
- Iran: Restaging "Meet Me Between Tehran And Mbabane" in New York
- Turkey: Dream Tents "Destek Kumpanyası" Performance Tour

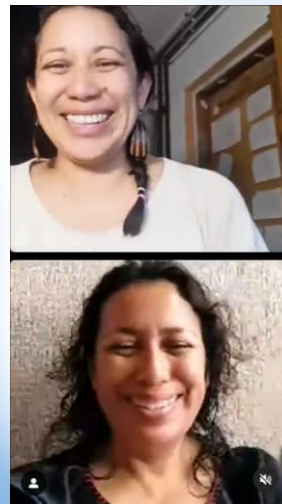


Europe

- Italy: GMM2023 Festival held in Busto Arsizio from 21-26th March, with a preview on 18th



- Croatia: Hrvatskog Centra UNIMA & Croatian Center ASSITEJ meeting with Deputy Mayor of Bjelovar City, Head of Culture, and Director of Bjelovar Theater



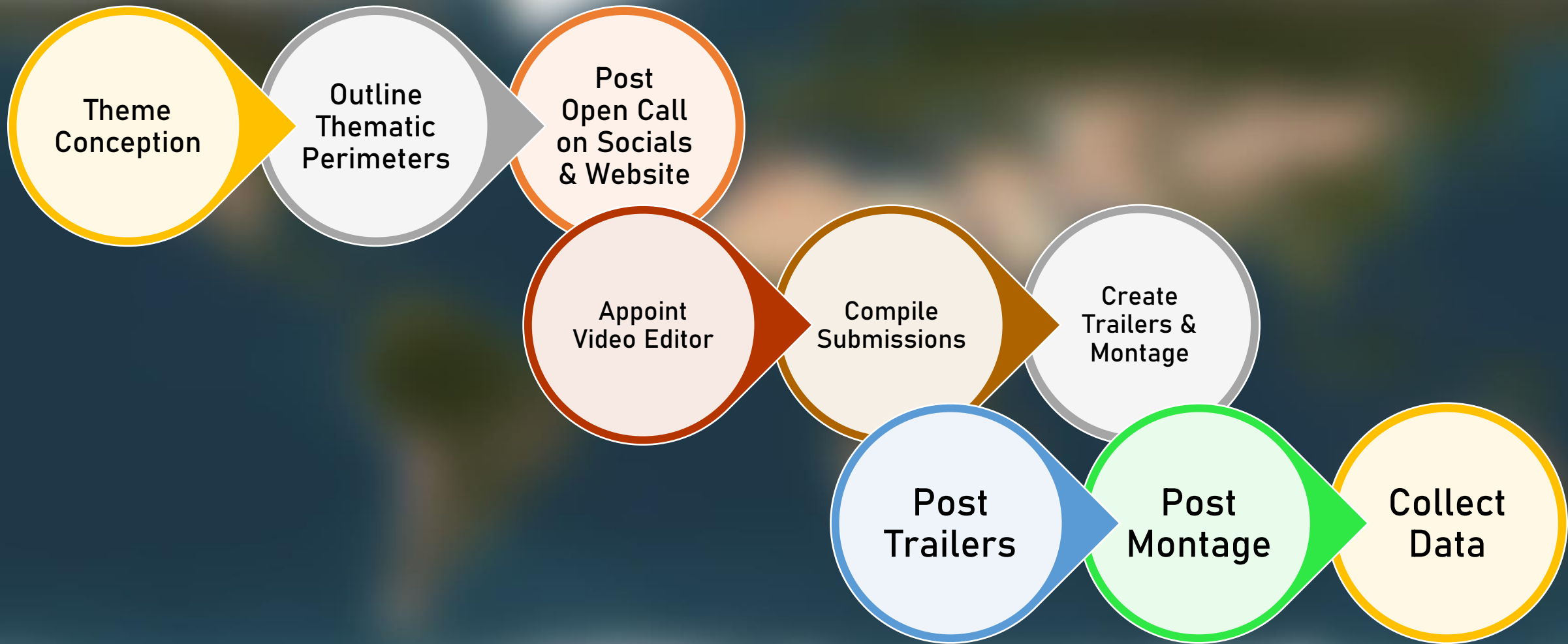
- Finland: Paola H.C. (Mexico) interviewed Puppeteer and Cultural Manager, Nadia Castañeda

World Puppetry Day 2023 Video Montage

Process
Overview

Participant
Centres

Post-Project
Review



Process Overview



Participant Centres

Closing Statement

Dimitri Jageneau

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The World Puppetry Day stresses more than ever the needs of visibility for puppetry. These needs are also wishes for sharing and building bridges among all of us. They assess unity and diversity for promoting imaginary and creativity through puppets with puppeteers for puppetry and for everybody. The World Puppetry Day is a moment of joy and belief that something beautiful could happen. The World Puppetry Day assesses puppetry as art. The World Puppetry Day is always invitation to celebrate puppet creativity and request more and more puppetry joy in our daily life.

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