

A BRIEF HISTORY OF AUTOMATA



Puppet Show and Walkabout Characters

Available to enhance Automata Exhibitions

Our puppet show 'A Brief History of Automata' is a 20 minute family show which uses simple cut-out puppets to show the development of automata from Egyptian and Greek puppets, passing through the Medieval period of clock development to the amazing creations of the 18th and 19th centuries such as Vaucanson's Duck and Wolfgang von Kempelen's (highly suspicious) chess playing Turk. We then come right up to date via elaborate Victorian toys and illusions, to 20th century Japanese Robots. The performance ends with a brief introduction to the work of the artists showing in your exhibition ensuring that visitors fully appreciate the amazing ingenuity of today's automata artists.

The puppet show is presented by our Walkabout Characters Professor Miasma and Madame Zephyr; Edwardian style roving magicians, who can walk about entertaining queues or crowds with marvellous mechanical magic tricks. But our main use is in being a highly visual and enticing attraction that can draw in and direct the public to your exhibition.

This hugely successful package was created to support the Robert Race exhibition at New Brewery Arts in Cirencester where it was extremely well received.

To discuss tailoring a package to suit your exhibition please call Jan Thorn on 01452 313763 or email: jan@timezones-education.co.uk

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