

# Christina Rodriguez

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## Profile

Christina is a New York-based puppeteer, puppet designer, and performer with a passion for unique theatrical forms, language, and ensemble-based work. She works in all aspects of puppetry including performance, designing/building, and teaching. She is a puppeteer and teaching artist with WonderSpark Puppets around the greater NYC area and via online content. She is also the creator and puppeteer for ShakesBEARS, which creates puppet content that introduces children to classic literature and inspiring historical figures.

## Experience

**Creator/Puppeteer**, ShakesBEARS; New York, NY — April 2016-Present  
Marionettes/toy theater | Writer | Puppet Design/Construction | Greater NYC area  
Prague, CZ | Santa Barbara, CA | Online media content | [www.shakesbears.com](http://www.shakesbears.com)

**Puppeteer**, WonderSpark Puppets; New York, NY — Oct. 2018-Present  
Mobile, family friendly puppets shows | Teaching residencies in schools and community groups | Tabletop and glove puppets | Greater NYC and Tristate area | online workshops

**Co-Creator/Curator/Puppeteer**, “Puppet Spread”; The Tank NYC, New York, NY — Present  
New puppet slam format | Host | Curator | Puppeteer | Livestream content

**Puppeteer** Talk POPc; Postmasters Gallery, New York, NY — Oct. 2019-Present  
Pop-up events | Crowd engagement | Live performances | Online media content

**Creator/Puppeteer**, “You Don’t Belong Here”; Flushing Town Hall, Queens NY — Jan. 2018  
4th Annual NYC Shadow Puppet Slam | Original piece | Writer | Puppet Design/Construction | Puppeteer

**Co-creator/Puppeteer**, “A Monstrous Mind”; Dixon Place, New York, NY — Dec. 2018  
Original piece | Co-creator | Puppet Design/Construction | Puppeteer |

**Puppet Design & Build/Puppeteer**, “The Rose Tattoo”; Provincetown, MA — Sept. 2018  
Created and integrated several puppet characters into the play, “The Rose Tattoo,” | Puppet design/construction/captain | Tabletop Puppets | Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theater Festival, Provincetown, MA

**Puppet Design & Build/Crew**, Camp Half-Blood, New York, NY — Summer 2018  
Designed and built parade style puppets for fantasy summer camp | Integrated puppets into camp story lines | Puppet Captain | Puppet maintenance | On-site show crew

**Puppeteer**, Point Pleasant: The Legend of the Mothman, New York, NY — Oct. 2017  
Puppeteer | Puppet repairs and maintenance | HERE Arts Center, NY |

**Instructor/Counselor**, Long Lake Camp for the Arts; Long Lake, NY — Aug. 2015  
Campers ages 10-16 | Puppet design | Pattern-making | Hand sewing | Foam sculpting |  
Stringing marionettes | Puppet manipulation

**Tango Instructor/Marketing Manager**, Strictly Tango NYC; New York, NY – 2012-2016  
Instructor for group and private lessons | Marketing | Social Media and website | Outreach  
Promotions with Groupon, LivingSocial, etc. | Planning and executing special events

**Puppeteer**, *ImaginOcean*, Jellyfish Jive Productions; National Tour — Oct. 2014-April 2015  
Performances across the U.S. | Talk-backs with school groups | Backstage tours | Load-in/  
load-out | Drove vehicles

**Puppeteer**, Team Lopez; New York, NY – May 2013-Jan. 2017  
Puppet improv team | People's Improv Theater, NY | Upright Citizens Brigade, NY | the  
Magnet, NY | Out of Bounds Comedy Festival, Austin, TX | Steel Stacks Comedy Festival,  
Bethlehem, PA

**Co-Founder/Managing Director**, Broken Glass Theater Co; New York, NY — 2009-2012  
Founding member | Organizational management | Marketing and fundraising | Outreach |  
Event coordination Various production and performance roles

## Education

**New York University**, Tisch School of the Arts; New York, NY – Bachelor of Fine Arts 2008

**Royal Academy of Dramatic Art**, London, UK – Spring 2008

**Experimental Puppetry**, Alice Gottschalk, O'Neil Puppetry Conference, CT — June, 2015

**Marionette Carving & Manipulation**, Puppets in Prague, Prague, CZ — 2014 and 2016

**Puppetry for Film & TV Level 1 & 2**, Brooklyn Puppet Conspiracy; New York, NY — 2013-14

## Skills

Shakespeare verse trained | Puppeteer stage and film | Improv | Building and craft skills:  
sewing, painting, sculpting, wood carving, puppet mechs. | Type 60 wpm | Mac and PC  
computer proficient | Social Media | Live Streaming | Video editing, iMovie and Final Cut Pro |  
Wordpress | Fundraising | detail oriented, extremely patient, works well with children,  
dependable, prompt.

*Please contact for references.*