



Festival
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de Rue

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
PERFORMANCES

DEADLINE JANUARY 27, 2025

CITY OF PUPPETRY ARTS
CHARLEVILLE-MÉZIÈRES





Call for applications

Performances of puppets shows

FESTIVAL STREET OFF Puppet Theaters 2025 Charleville - Mézières





Context

Charleville-Mézières, World Capital of Puppetry Arts, City of Puppetry Arts, has the joy of living every two years, the World Festival of Puppet Theaters, bringing together thousands of spectators from all over the world. With the IN programming provided by the founding association, the Festival has seen the development of the editions, a whole network of spontaneous shows in the streets of the city, creating an abundance of creativity and a diversity of creations, to the delight of spectators.

Since 2019, in a desire for consistency and an optimal and secure management of the occupation of the public domain, the City of Charleville Mézières has taken charge of the management of the street, off the street. Les Petits Comédiens de Chiffon obviously keep the organization of all IN shows (whether they are in the hall or in the street).

In order for the thread of creation to spread throughout the city, to offer the public a diversity of representations of the art of puppetry and to provide visibility to the companies present, the City of Charleville-Mézières has decided to launch a call for application for destinations of companies, puppet artists wishing to perform in the streets of the city, as part of the Festival OFF de RUE.

Goals

The objectives are as follows :

- Make the art of puppetry accessible to everyone ;
- Highlight contemporary puppetry creation ;
- Bring public spaces in the city to life, creating more opportunities for encounters between the public and the art of puppetry ;
- Foster connections between artists and professionals.

Contents

If you wish to perform or present one or more of your puppet shows during the *World Puppetry Festival*, which will take place from the afternoon of Friday, September 19, to the afternoon of Sunday, September 28, 2025, we invite you to complete and send the attached registration form **before January 27, 2025**. We kindly ask you to fill out all sections of the form as precisely as possible to better understand your needs and possibilities, and to include a presentation dossier along with photos and/or videos. If your application is incomplete, we will not be able to review your submission.

The shows can encompass all forms of puppetry (string puppets, glove puppets, rod puppets, tabletop puppetry, shadow puppetry, object theater, etc.).

As part of the *Festival OFF de RUE* programming, you will perform free of charge, and the performances will be free for the public. However, you will be allowed to collect donations (“pass the hat”).



IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO READ CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING :

- The performances will take place **exclusively outdoors** (no indoor venues, no blackout capabilities, no shelter in case of rain).
- The City will not cover any costs, including artist fees, transportation, meals, accommodations, or copyright fees.
- Technically, the City will provide dates, times, and locations for performances without any special equipment (only an electrical outlet will be available). There will be no security or technical support provided.

Staff will be available to welcome and assist you.

A reception and information area, equipped with changing facilities, light storage, coffee service, and restrooms, will be open throughout the festival at *Place Ducale*. The City will promote all shows programmed under this framework.

Procedure

Applications must be sent by mail before **January 27, 2025**, to the following address :

Mairie – Service Action Culturelle
Place du Théâtre – BP 490
08109 Charleville-Mézières Cedex

Alternatively, you may submit your application by email to **offderue@mairie-charlevillemezieres.fr**.
Please note : For both email and postal submissions, your application will only be considered received upon receipt of a confirmation email, and it will only be reviewed if the application is complete.

For more information, you can contact Blandine ROBIN at the *Service Action Culturelle* by email at **offderue@mairie-charlevillemezieres.fr**.

Provisional timetable

- November 2024 : launch of the call for applications
- January 27, 2025 : deadline for applications
- April 2025 : selection and information of candidates, identification of information and communication elements
- June 2025 : establishment of the program (proposition of 3 or 4 days of show)
- From September 19 to 28, 2025 : performance time

Registration form

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Charleville-Mézières

Please complete all the sections of this form and include a presentation file, visual elements and / or video of the show.

Name of the company :

Referent(s) of the company (Please name the person in charge of the technique, if different) :

Surname and Firstname :

Phone :

E-mail :

Number of person for the show :

Title of the show :

Type of puppet :

Représentations :

Dates of disponibility during the Festival :

Number of representations in a day :

Minimum interval between each show :

The show must be : at day at night both

Duration :

Time necessary to set up on the performance place :

Duration of the Show :

Time necessary to strike on the performance place :

Type of structure :

Have you got a structure ? yes no Permanent : yes no

If yes, which kind of structure : Big top Crossbar Caravan Yurt

Scaffolding Tent Other (define) :

Dimensions of the structure :

Set :

Have you got a set ? yes no

If yes, describe the composition of your set :

Do you need your car on the performance area ? yes no

If yes, define why you need it :

Your set has to stay established during all the festival ? yes no

If yes, define what kind of equipment will stay on-site and the space you need for :

Performance space wished :

Dimension for the play : Width : Depth : Height :

Dimension with the audience : Width : Depth :

Itinerant show ? in totality partially no

Define :

Plate ground necessary ? yes no / Pavement : yes no / Grass : yes no

Would you be interested in performing in a restaurant, a bar ? yes no

Electric requirements :

Do you need a power supply on the performance place ?

no yes

Power required :

Sound system

Do you use a sound system ? yes no

If yes, define :

Please estimate the level of your sound during your show from 1 to 5 :

(1 : Soft : not amplified voice - 5 : Strong : loudly amplification, fanfare, percussions...) In order to estimate the distance between different performances.)

Sound level medium : 1 2 3 4 5

Sound level maximum : 1 2 3 4 5

Please define :

Careful: No pyrotechnics allowed, no show indoor

Others technical information that we need to know :



Information

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