

# Neve Pearce

## Prop and Puppet Maker

Creating striking characters  
for stage, screen and unique commissions

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*Having graduated with a BA from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in 2020, I've since worked as a Freelance Art Department Assistant, Sculptor, Prop and Puppet Maker for various clients either on site or from my studio space in Bridgeton.*

*I make props and puppets with a thoughtful and detailed eye. I'm currently taking commissions and am looking for opportunities where I'm able to work collaboratively within theatre, community arts, events, film and television, where I can meet new people, learn and experiment with new and traditional techniques, and create attentive work.*

### Skills:

Character design: Hand-drawn illustration or through hand-sculpted maquettes.

Puppet making: Table-top, rod, stop-motion, shadow puppetry, marionette, and mask making using a variety of materials and processes.

Sewing: Pattern drafting, embroidery, felting, hand sewing and machine sewing using industrial sewing machines and overlockers.

Sculpting: Using oil based, water based and polymer clays, Worbla, polystyrene and upholstery foam.

Wood carving: By hand using whittling knives, carving using rotary tools and belt sander.

Metalworking: MIG, MAG and flux cored arc welding, grinding and forming steel on an anvil.

Moulding and casting: Using plaster, silicone, resin and expanding foam.

Paint effects: Faux texturing of wood, weathering, and other textures using acrylic, water based, dyes and pigment powders.

Wig making: Hair ventilating using synthetic, human and animal hair.

Prosthetic makeup: Moulding, casting, and applying latex prosthetics.

### Education:

Hearts & Minds – State Of Play: Clowning for Wellbeing: Day Course – August 2024

Somewhere Between – Play My Way: Introduction to Clowning: Day Course – July 2024

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland – Puppetry for Contemporary Theatre: Weekend Intensive – April 2024

Glasgow Connected Arts – Participatory Arts Short Course: Weekend Intensive – March 2024

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland – BA Production Arts and Design – Prop Making – 2017-2020

City of Glasgow College – SVQ Level 5 Preparing and Using Semi-Automatic MIG, MAG and Flux Cored Arc Welding Equipment – September/October 2019

Brighton and Hove City College – UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design – 3D Design – 2015-2017

## **Experience:**

The New Way Project – Introduction to Puppetry day workshop – February 2025 – Workshop Facilitator

Glasgow Life – Soft City – December 2024/February 2025 – Artist Assistant and Workshop Assistant

The New Way Project – puppet character commission – October 2024/February 2025 – Puppet Maker

Kelburn Estate – Blight halloween event – September/October 2024 – Prop Maker

Puppet Place – Bristol 48h Puppet Film Challenge – September 2024 – participating Filmmaker

The Audio Story Company – Daring to Dig – September 2024 – Prop Maker

R.I.Pablo Musician – RIP costume commission – July/August 2024 – Costume Maker

Edinburgh Fringe – Scissor Kick – Catafalque – July 2024 – Puppet Maker

Kelburn Estate – Kelburn Garden Party – June 2024 – Prop Maker

Imaginate Children's Festival – Lo-Fi Hip Hop Beetroots – April/May 2024 – Costume Maker

Six Foot Gallery – Curios exhibition – November/December 2023 – Exhibiting Sculptor

BBC Scotland – Christmas at the Quay – November 2023 – Art Department Assistant

The Audio Story Company – Merry interactive installation – October/November 2023 – Prop Maker and Set Dresser

Puppet Place – Bristol 48h Puppet Film Challenge – September 2023 – participating Filmmaker

Hairy Heart Games – Crackernuts – August/November 2023 – Puppet and Model Maker

Kelburn Estate – Kelburn Garden Party – June 2023 – Decor Crew

Little Big Stack – Potty the Plant – May/June 2023 – Puppet Maker

Other Dimension Films – The Slaughter of the Damned – January/February/March/April 2023 – Puppet Maker

Plunge Creations – The Masked Singer and London St Pancras International Installation – October/November/December 2022 – Costume Maker, Costume Repairer, and Prop Maker

BBC Scotland – Scotland's People – October 2022 – Prop Maker

Kelburn Estate – Anarchy halloween event, Wizard School children's event, Kelburn Garden Party Festival – June/July/October 2022 – Prop Maker and Decor Crew

Boutique 50 – The Glasgow School of Art exhibition – June 2022 – Exhibiting Sculptor

Maramedia – Olga Da Polga – March 2022 – Prop Maker and Art Department Assistant

Starcatchers – Spike – March/April 2022 – Puppet Maker

BBC Scotland – Christmas at the Quay, Scottish BAFTAs, Scotland's People, The One Show: COP26, Alleluia! – September/October/November 2021 – Prop Maker and Art Department Assistant

Starcatchers – Spike – September 2021 – Puppet Maker

EvenTure – The Tam O' Shanter Trail Of Terror – August/September 2021 – Sculptor/Prop Maker

Carmondean Community Council – Mural painting – August/September 2021 – Assistant Painter

RCS – Pomona – August 2021 – Prop Maker

Edinburgh Fringe – The Trick That Fooled – July/August 2021 – Prop Maker

New Rhythms for Glasgow – Alice's Tea Party – June/July 2021 – Children's Events Assistant/Prop Maker

The Cafe Hub Glasgow – GOSSIP Collective exhibition – May 2021 – Exhibiting Sculptor

Jolly Good Show – The Wizard of Oz – November 2019 – Puppet Maker

Edinburgh Fringe – RCS – Legally Blonde – June 2019 – Puppet Maker

Chichester Festival Theatre – Forty Years On – April 2017 – Assistant Prop Maker

Raven Kaliana Artist – Love VS Trauma film and The Art of Ubuntu film – March/May 2017 – Assistant

Puppeteer

Little Angel Theatre – The Singing Mermaid and Dogs Don't Do Ballet – February/April 2017 – Prop Maker