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 in community arts, theatre, festivals, television, and for private commissions, either on site or from my studio space in Glasgow.

While my primary focus is as a Prop and Puppet Maker, I have experience as a Costume Maker, Sculptor, Set Dresser, and Designer, I'm also exploring more opportunities as a Puppeteer and Theatre Maker.

My practice is influenced by a curiosity of materials, practicing both traditional and experimental techniques, and exploring themes of identity, connection, and the need to create tactile, meaningful experiences.

Skills:

Workshop facilitating: Sharing making techniques and processes.

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

Puppeteering: Operating large parade puppets, body puppets, table-top, and rod puppets.

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

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

Foam construction: patterning, foam assembly, heat manipulation, carving, and texturing.

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

Wood carving: By hand using whittling knives and chisels, carving using rotary tools and sanders.

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, metals, ageing, weathering, and other textures using acrylic and oil paints, 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:

Imaginate Children's Festival – Girls In Shining Armour – 2027 – Theatre Maker

Kiwi Sensory Club – Shadow Explorers – Shadow puppet workshops – November 2026 – Workshop Facilitator

Rutherglen 900 – Dougie the Pigeon – November 2026 – Mascot Performer

The Audio Story Company – The Isle Of Woo show – November 2026 – Costume Maker

Whale Arts – Residency for Whispering Leaf project – October 2026 – Workshop Assistant and Ecoscenographer

RIG Arts – Haunted Home project – September/October 2026 – Workshop Facilitator, Puppet Maker, and Puppeteer/Performer

Gori Mora artist – Fan sculpture commission – January/August 2026 – Sculptor/Fabricator

Starcatchers – Ferdinand – August 2026 – Prop Maker

Rob Myles production – Macbeth Mutiny R&D – August 2026 – Puppet Maker

Surge/Merchant City Festival – Sunshine and Rain – July 2026 – Puppeteer/Performer

WWF UK – Restoration Forth project – July/August 2026 – Prop Maker

Rutherglen 900 – Street Parade – May/June 2026 – Puppet Maker and Puppeteer/Performer

Platform Glasgow East Arts Company – Where To? – Feb/March 2026– Prop Maker

Toonspeak Young People's Theatre – The Gingerbread Kid – November/December 2025 – Costume Maker

Dundee Rep – Jack and the Beanstalk 2025 – October/November – Puppet Maker

Two Brothers Pictures – MAYA – August/September 2025 – Soft Toy Prop Maker

Citizens Theatre – Homecoming Community Procession – June/July/August 2025 – Puppet Maker and Puppeteer/Performer

Surge Festival – Lo-Fi Hip Hop Beetroots – June/July 2025 – Prop Maker

Surge Festival and Toonspeak Young People's Theatre – Duck! walkabout act – May/June/July 2025 – Costume Maker

Kelburn Estate – The Neverending Glen commissions – May/June/July 2025 – Workshop Facilitator, Puppet Maker, and Puppeteer

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

Glasgow Life – Soft City – December 2024/February/March 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 – Workshop 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