

Through the Narrows

Before You Go Guide



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A Watch it, Make it, Take it Event

From the location, to the size of the audience to the hands-on puppet-making at the end of each event, this is not your ordinary theater experience. This guide is for people who like to have a sense of what to expect—a sneak peek. If you are happier not peeking, please skip this guide!

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Z Puppets Studio
4054 Chicago Ave.
Minneapolis, MNPlease Enter Through
Chicago Ave Door!

ACCESSING Z PUPPETS' STUDIO

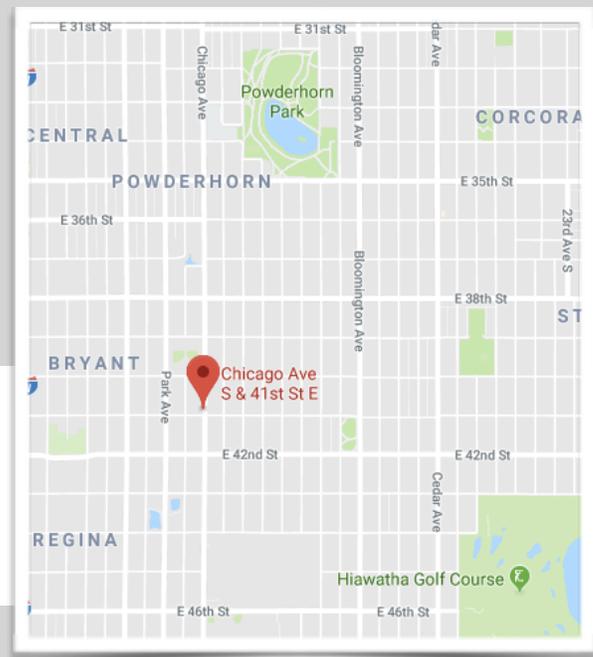
We're located on the corner of Chicago and 41st in Minneapolis.

Bus: The frequent service #5 bus down Chicago Ave stops right at Z Puppets' corner. The #23 bus down 38th St. is just 3 blocks away.

Bike: Chicago Ave has bike lanes in both directions and 40th Ave is a bike boulevard.

Car: There is plenty of on-street parking near Chicago Ave & 41st Street.

There is a concrete lip between street level and studio level.



Dates & Time

- Saturday, June 1st, 7pm
- Sunday, June 2nd, 4pm
- Saturday, June 8, 7pm **(ASL Interpreted)**
- Sunday, June 9, 4pm **(ASL Interpreted)**
- Saturday, June 15, 7pm

Doors open 1 hour before.

Event is 75-90 minutes long.

To buy tickets, [click here.](#)

More Questions?

For full accommodations information or answers to additional questions

E-mail or Call Box Office Manager Kallie Melvin

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Sneak Peak

Will I be asked to- talk about my life and struggles? Or to act, improvise, or make up dialogue?

The short answer is No.

Watch it

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OPENING (10-15 Minutes)

- **After everyone arrives, we will seat people at a "tablescape" a landscape built on a table that seats 15 people.**
- **The three performers, Shari, Chris and Greg will sing an opening song. At the end of the song, the performers will invite people to say their first name, one by one. You are welcome to just nod if you don't want to say your name.**
- **Then, the performers will pass a pitcher, bowl and a towel around the table. The person to the right of you will pour a little water over your hands over the bowl and then you dry your hands and do the same for the person to your left.**

STORIES (30-40 minutes)

- **Next, the performers will present their stories. starting with Ellie, a 3500 yr. old woman and then Chootch, a 6-year old Cherokee time traveler. There are times when these characters may look and/or speak to you but you do not have to respond.**

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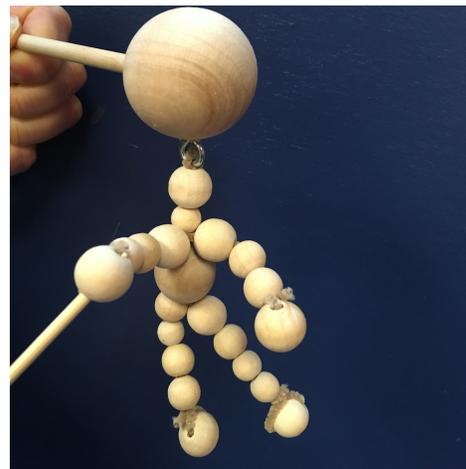
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Who do you bring to the table? What ancestors, historic figures, imaginary characters inspire you to journey through life's narrow passages?

Make it

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- **Shari and Chris will invite people to make a figure out of wooden beads of who you want to call upon for help when facing life's narrow passages. While Greg plays music, Shari and Chris will lead people step by step. However, you do not have to follow our steps if you have other ideas. To the right is the picture of our basic model.**



CLOSING (10 minutes)

- **The performers will sing a closing song. Similar to the opening, we will invite people to take turns introducing their figure. If you don't want to speak, you can nod your figure's head or your head when it is your turn.**

Take it

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Take the figure you made with you out into the world!

You may also take a free:

• **Popsicle, thanks to donations from Seward Co-op and Wedge Community Co-op**

• **Drink ticket for Free Beer or Wine at Tiny Diner, Pat's Tap, or Red Stag Supper Club, all conveniently located near Z Puppets' Studio**

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Z Puppets Rosenschnoz is a Minneapolis-based company that brings people into the power of playfulness for feats of imagination, through performances, workshops and interactive environments. For over 20 years, Founders and Creative Directors Shari Aronson and Chris Griffith have won national and regional acclaim for their mix of handcrafted puppetry, quirky humor and live music that delights people of all ages and abilities.



Shari Aronson has written plays and developed interactive environments for the MN History Center, Science Museum of MN, Mill City Museum, MN Children's Museum and the City of Maplewood. Shari's stage adaptation of Eric Kimmel's beloved children's book *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* has been produced by professional and youth theaters across the country, including the MN Jewish Theatre Company.



Chris Griffith began as a solo juggler/street performer before falling into a life of a puppetry and arts education with In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre, Galumph Interactive Theatre, and Children's Theater Company. In 2009, Chris won an Ivey Award for his puppetry design. *Through the Narrows* is the first in a series of work Chris is developing based in the family stories, research, and personal experience of being an enrolled Cherokee tribal member.



Greg Herriges is an internationally recognized composer and performer (guitar, bouzoukist, percussionist, vocalist) with musical expertise that spans international and improvisational traditions (Middle East, Asia, India). A Bush and Mcknight Foundation Fellow, Greg has composed and performed music for: In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, performer Zaraawar Mistry and Twin Cities Public Television.