

# ArtStream

Written Instructional Guide



# Shadow Puppets!

*For K-5 Students*

With Teaching Artist Noah Philpot

# Introduction

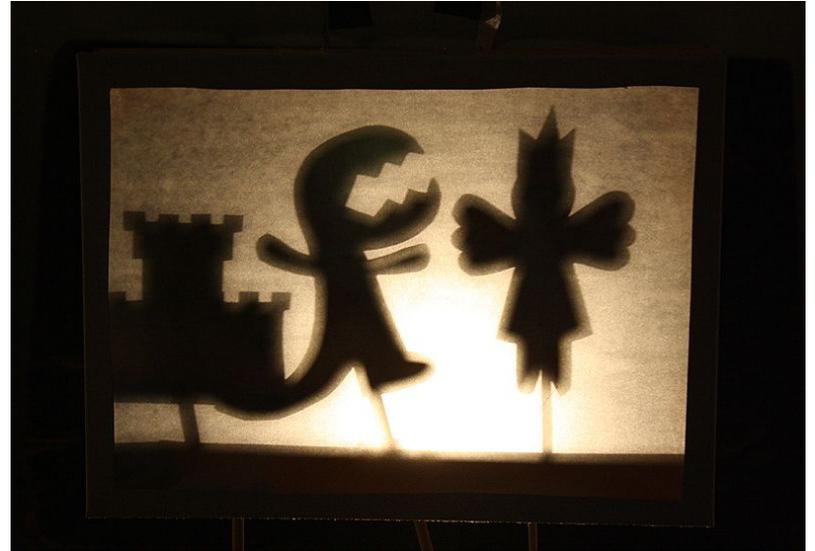
- Shadow puppetry is an ancient art that originated in Asia. Traditional forms of shadow puppetry are still practiced in India, China, Bali, and Malaysia.
- Shadow puppetry was a major influence on early filmmaking, and is often recreated in modern movies using computer graphics or animation.
- Shadow Puppets are fun and easy to make!



# Lesson 4: Lights, Camera, Action!

# Time to Shine!

- Shadow puppet shows are fun to watch, and even more fun to create!
- Here are some ideas for a spectacular show.
- Use two puppets at once, so they can talk and interact.
- Have your puppets tell a story.
- Play some music and make them dance!
- Invite others to perform with you.



# Set the Stage

- Place your puppet theatre on a table with a bright flashlight or directional lamp behind it, pointing at the screen.
- Hold the stick of your puppet and place the silhouette between the light and the theatre.
- Practice moving the puppet and come up with voices for different characters.
- Notice that moving your puppet closer to the light makes a bigger shadow, while moving closer to the screen makes it smaller and darker.



# Show Time!

- Ask a helper if they can record your show.
- Decide what story, song, or jokes you would like your puppets to perform.
- Get all your puppets set up near the theatre.
- Turn on the spotlight, and turn off the overhead lights to make your show shine.
- Have a great time creating your show.
- Ask your audience what kind of show they would like to see next.



# Thank you!

You've done great!  
Take a bow, and keep making  
art!

- We hope you have enjoyed creating your shadow puppet show.
- Check out Lane Arts: Art Streams for more Amazing Artists and cool projects.