

ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Hand Puppets

Instructor: Ash Lusietto

Dates: August 16-19, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This playful, hands-on workshop introduces the foundations of building sculptural forms while exploring the exciting possibilities of small-scale, hand-operated puppetry. This workshop will start with constructing a simple finger puppet and will then focus on designing and building a more complex hand or tabletop puppet animated by rods, strings, or other movable parts. Students will learn multiple methods for creating sturdy armatures and developing each puppet base form, including configuring simple mechanisms that allow for movement. Students will then add volume and texture with plaster, learning how to layer material over the armature to build strength and shape. Finally, students will develop the surface, enhance expression, and add detail through paint and mixed media. Materials will be provided, but students are welcome to bring additional items from home to incorporate into their puppet structure or surface. This workshop will wrap up with a puppet parade to celebrate everyone's creations. Come ready to experiment and create something unexpected!

WHAT TO BRING

- Sketchbook
- Optional: recycled materials like newspaper, grocery bags, cardboard
- Apron

MATERIALS FEES | **\$115.00-\$165.00**

Fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class, this keeps your out-of-pocket costs lower than a typical flat fee. Fees include all provided studio materials as assigned by the Instructor. Material fees are to be paid in the Supply Store no later than midday on the last day of workshop instruction.

Please be advised that the above course description and materials list has been written and approved by the instructor.

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