

ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Giant Puppets

Instructor: Rachel Milford

Dates: August 16-19, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This workshop invites students into the magical world of giant puppet making by creating their own large-scale papier-mâché head from start to finish. Throughout the week, students will learn a variety of techniques, including building clay armatures, cardboard sculpting, and papier-mâché application. Each student will have the opportunity to implement these skills in the design and creation of their own puppet head, perfect for future parading, impromptu street theater, or an upcoming event. The workshop also covers construction and rigging techniques for transforming finished heads into giant backpack or multi-person puppets. Students should plan to take advantage of open studio time to maximize their hands-on practice and ensure their projects are completed for the final showcase.

WHAT TO BRING

- Sketchbook
- Pencils
- Markers or any other sketching materials you desire
- 4-5 plastic grocery bags
- 4-5 brown paper grocery bags

MATERIALS FEES | **\$80.00-\$110.00**

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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