



WEEKEND ONE (Oct. 6-9) - is the in-person weekend of the festival. This will be the first PofA Festival hosted in NYC since 1939! The first day of the festival will allow registrants to visit a myriad of puppet destinations throughout NYC, while the majority of the festival will be held at Coney Island USA (CIUSA is a 40 year-old arts non-profit and venue in South Brooklyn just two blocks from the boardwalk and the beach. It is home to the Coney Island Circus Sideshow, Burlesque at the Beach, the world-famous Mermaid Parade, the Coney Island Film Festival, Puppets Come Home!, the Coney Island Museum, and so much more! - www.coneyisland.com). The focus will be on puppet history in Coney Island, and puppetry as practiced in NYC and the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic regions. You will need to be physically present in Brooklyn, NY (specifically Coney Island) on October 6-9, in order to participate. We will not be providing any housing, but please find the link regarding local accommodations. **This is the most current version of the Weekend One festival schedule. Additions will be made as the festival date approaches.**

Thursday Oct. 6

- No performances at Coney Island USA (CIUSA)
 - Festival registrants will be provided with a map and directory, in advance of the festival, in order to visit various puppet destinations throughout the boroughs. Examples of these destinations include Central Park's Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater, Teatro SEA in NYC's Lower East Side, and the Henson Carriage House Annex.
- Information Booth open at CIUSA in the [Freak Bar](#)

Friday Oct. 7

MORNING

- CIUSA Open House
 - **9am** - Festival registration in the Freak Bar
 - **10am** - Sideshows by the Seashore Theater
 - Welcome to CIUSA speech
 - Sideshow demonstration
 - Presentation of puppetry history in Coney Island & NYC
 - **11am** - Exhibit Opening in Shooting Gallery Annex
 - **11am** - Coney Island Museum open for tours

AFTERNOON

- **1pm** - Pageant Puppets on the Boardwalk
 - **2pm** - Pageant puppets process down boardwalk to CIUSA
- **3pm** - Coney Island Museum - Panel discussion (Pageant puppets)
- **4pm** - Sideshows by the Seashore Theater - Jaime Sunwoo - S.P.A.M. puppet lecture
- **5pm - 6:30pm** - Puppet films in the Coney Island Museum

EVENING

- **7:30pm** - Puppet performance in the Coney Island Museum
- **8-9pm** - Sideshows by the Seashore Theater - Bread and Puppet/Boxcutter Collective - Divinity Supply Company
- **9pm** - Puppetry Guild of Greater NY anniversary party in the Freak Bar

Saturday Oct. 8

MORNING

- **9am - 12pm** - Puppet Workshops (registrants will receive workshop application)

AFTERNOON

- **1:30pm - 3:30pm** - Punch & Judy by the seashore
- **1:30pm - 3:30pm** - Shooting Gallery Annex - Punch & Judy
- **4pm - 5pm** - Sideshows by the Seashore Theater - Panel discussion (Punch & Judy)
- **5pm - 6pm** - Coney Island Museum - Puppeteers of America meeting (regional)

EVENING

- **8pm - 10pm** - Sideshows by the Seashore Theater - Great Small Works Spaghetti Dinner

LATE NIGHT

- **10:30pm - 12am** - Potpourri in the Freak Bar

Sunday Oct. 9

MORNING

- **9am - 12pm** - Puppet Workshops

AFTERNOON

- **1pm** - Coney Island Museum - Panel discussion
- **2pm** - Sideshow by the Seashore Theater - The Gottabees - Go Home Tiny Monster
- **4pm** - Sideshow by the Seashore Theater - Lilypad Puppet Theatre - Crankie Cabaret
- **Closing Remarks** - Festival officially ends

WEEKEND TWO (Oct.13-16) - is the online weekend of the festival, for those who cannot attend in person. The majority of performances/workshops/panels from the first weekend will be broadcast. There will be some additional online-specific programming, as well as a virtual lobby for attendees. You do not need to physically attend Weekend One in order to attend the second weekend. Once you register, you will receive updates in the coming weeks regarding how to participate in our virtual lobby, and view festival content.