

MAITE AGOPIAN
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Fairbanks, Alaska

RECENT PERFORMANCES

- 2022 A Boreal walk, Davis Hall Concert Hall, Fairbanks, shadow work, collaboration with Sean Dowgray, percussionist.
- 2022 *Phyllocnistis Populiella*, Centennial Center Theater, Fairbanks, string puppet performance and mix media video, with live music (percussion)
- 2021 *Mitten the Kitten, A Winter Adventure*, Children Museum, wooden puppets, solo performance
- 2020 *New Year Wishes* , solo performance, video
- 2020 *My Face!* Pub Night Finale, O'Neill Puppetry Conference, solo performance
- 2019 *The Matches* (adaption of "The Little Matches' Girl" by Anderson), shadow theater, 2 person performance
- 2019 *A small winter tale*, shadow theater, solo performance

PUPPET CONSTRUCTION COMMISSIONS

- 2019 Puppet Designer for "Evil Dead, the Musical", Salisbury Theater, Interior Independent Theater (IIT), Fairbanks
- 2018 Puppet Construction for "Avenue Q", Salisbury Theater, IIT, Fairbanks

RECENT GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2022 Keepers of the Earth fund, Cultural Survival grant, as part of the collaborative "Elvel Movie Group", for a puppet movie in Itelmen indigenious language.
- 2021 Rasmuson Individual Artist Award, Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska
- 2021 O'Neill Puppetry Conference Scholarship
- 2021 Adaptation and Innovation Grant, Alaska Council of the Arts
- 2020 "*In a Time of Change, the Boreal Forest*", ITOC program, an Art, Humanities and Science Collaboration, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- 2020 Ralph E. Cheese Minority Scholarship, O'Neill National Puppetry Conference

SELECTED TEACHING ARTIST PROJECTS

- 2022 Community Mask and Puppet workshop for Arctic Fest Puppet Parade, the Folk School (all ages)
- 2022 Summer Camp Manager, Georgeson Botanical Garden, Fairbanks (6 weeks of nature camps and puppet camps for grade 2-6)
- 2021-22 Puppets workshops for individual or small group of homeschoolers students, Fairbanks
- 2020 "Aesop and shadow puppetry" online workshop, Pearl Creek Elementary, Fairbanks
- 2020 Artist in the School (AIS) residency, Fairbanks Art Association, Nordale Elementary School (250 K-3, one week)
- 2019 AIS residency, Fairbanks Art Association, Pearl Creek (500 pre-K to 6, two weeks)
- 2019 AIS residency, Fairbanks Art Association, Salcha Elementary Schools (70 K to 6, one week)
- 2019 Puppet Camp, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Summer Session, one week (grade 4-6)

2018 Puppet camp in the woods, Fairbanks, one week (grade 3-6)

PUPPETRY TRAINING AND ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- 2020-22 The Academy of the Wooden Puppet, with Bernd Ogrodnick, Iceland (online)
- 2021 Shadows, with Manual Cinema, O'Neill National Puppetry Conference, USA (online)
- 2020 The Language of Material and Objects: Movement and Experimental Puppetry, with Alice Gottschalk, O'Neill National Puppetry Conference, USA (online)
- 2019 Shadow Master Class, with Norbert Götz, Germany
- 2019 Large Puppet Handling Workshop, with Michel Villée, Belgium
- 2019 Advanced Hand Puppet Theater, with Fergus Walch, University of Connecticut (online)
- 2018 Advanced Shadow Puppet Theater, with Penny Benson, University of Connecticut (online)
- 2017 Wooden String Puppet Workshop, with Miroslav Trejtnar, Czechia
- 2015 Beginning Native Art Studio, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), USA
- 2004 M.A in "Humanities and Human Sciences" (Geography & Cultural Anthropology), University of Neuchâtel (UNINE), Switzerland \ M.A. Thesis in Social Geography, "Ecotourism in Kamchatka: Questioning Sustainability in Post-Soviet Tourism" (2004)
- 2000 Bachelor in Science of Education, Geography, Cultural Anthropology, UNINE, Switzerland

RECENT EMPLOYMENT IN ALASKA

- 2022: Summer Camp Manager, Georgeson Botanical Garden, UAF
- 2020 : Project coordinator, interpretative panels, Georgeson Botanical Garden, UAF
- Since 2019: Stage Technician, Fairbanks North Star Borough
- Since 2019: Business owner, independent puppeteer and outreach specialist
- 2015-2019: Education & Outreach Coordinator, EarthScope National Office, Geophysical Institute, UAF (grant program)
- 2012 -2015: Museum Educator and Public Program Coordinator, UA Museum of the North, Fairbanks

LANGUAGES

French - German - English