

APPENDIX
**Report on the Workshop and Festival from
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Marionette Workshop/Festival: Udaipur

A workshop/festival of marionette theatre was held 21-25 November 1992 at Bharatiya Lok Kala Mandal, Udaipur and was organised in association with Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi, Jodhpur, and West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur. Puppeteers from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal participated in the event together with invited experts and scholars. Kathputli of Rajasthan and Gujarat, Suto Putul of West Bengal, Putul Nach of Assam, Tolu Bommalatta of Tamil Nadu were the forms featured in the workshop/festival focussing on traditional string puppetry.

In the workshop sessions master puppeteers from various regions demonstrated their manipulation techniques. The making of puppets, stage construction, lighting, and new themes for traditional puppetry were the other aspects dealt with. The participating puppeteers could thereby gain exposure to other forms of puppetry and share ideas and techniques. Apart from traditional puppeteers, the workshop was attended by Suresh Dutta, Dadi Pudumjee, G. Venu and some other practitioners of modern puppetry. Komal Kothari, the eminent ethnomusicologist, was the Convener of the workshop.

The festival performances were presented in the evening at the Putli Rangmanch auditorium of Bharatiya Lok Kala Mandal. Shows by all the groups were also arranged in several villages on the outskirts of Udaipur. The workshop and festival programme was:

Marionette Workshop

22 November

Welcome: Usha Malik, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Akademi

Convener's Address: Komal Kothari

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Komal Kothari

Suto Putul (West Bengal): Suresh Dutta with Susanta Halder & group

Nool Pavakoothu (Kerala): G. Venu

23 November

Putul Nach (Assam): C. Rajkhowa

Gombeatta (Karnataka): A. Dattatreya & Group

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Ajay Paul

24 November

Tolu Bommalatta (Andhra Pradesh): Srinivas Rao & Vijai Laxmi Rao

Kathputli (Gujarat): Mahipat Kavi & group

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Shyam Lal Mali

25 November

Bommalattam (Tamil Nadu): Venkat Swaminathan with T. Sankaranathan & group

'Marionettes of India — An Observation': Dadi Pudumjee

Open Session/Conclusion: Komal Kothari (Chairperson)

Marionette Festival

21 November

Kathputli (Gujarat): Mahipat Kavi & Group, Ahmedabad

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Babu Lal Bhat & Group, Delhi

22 November

Gombeatta (Karnataka): A. Dattatreya & Group, Bangalore

Kathputli (Madhya Pradesh): Lakshman Bharati & Group, Bhopal

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Prem Bhat & Group, Jodhpur

23 November

Putul Nach (Assam): C. Rajkhowa & Group, Guwahati

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Chhaju Lal & Group, Jodhpur

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Harji Bhat & Group, Jodhpur

24 November

Bommalattam (Tamil Nadu): T. Sankaranathan & Group, Kumbhakonam

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Kherati Ram & Group, Jaisalmer

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Rajasthan Kathputli Lok Kala Sansthan, Ajmer

25 November

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Bharatiya Lok Kala Mandal, Udaipur

Kathputli (Rajasthan): Harji Bhat & Group, Jodhpur

Note: The sequence of presentations in the workshop, and the programme itself, were not in full accordance with this record. The spellings originally used have been retained. — Ed.