



Manual Cinema

Student Matinee Educational Resources for Teachers

Student Matinee Program Information

- Students will experience scenes of Manual Cinema's work entitled: *Ada/Ava*, a shadow puppet story about an older woman named Ada who is grieving the loss of her twin sister, Ava.
 - There are some loud sounds, flashing lights, and themes of death and loss in this production.
- Northrop's historic pipe organ will be played live onstage by organist Aaron David Miller, contributing to the soundtrack for the event.
- The matinee will be a shadow puppetry show & tell, and artists will answer questions from the audience.

Suggested Learning Target

Students will identify the elements of shadow puppetry (including lighting, silhouette, and sound), learn how the pipe organ works, and relate these concepts to the performance by Manual Cinema and Aaron David Miller.

- [Manual Cinema Introduction Video](#) (3-minute video)
- [American Theater Wing - Working in the Theatre: Manual Cinema](#) (17-minute video)
A great deep dive into the making of *Ada/Ava*
- [Manual Cinema - The Maker's Guide to Cinematic Shadow Puppetry](#) (7 page PDF with illustrations and instructions to make your own shadow puppet cinema!)
 - » MN State Create & Perform & Connect Standards

Pre-Show Questions:

- When you think about puppet shows, what comes to your mind?
Have you seen a live puppet show? Are there any movies or television shows that feature puppets?
- What do you know about the pipe organ? Have you heard an organ played before and if so, where?

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Post-Show Questions:

- What surprised you most about the matinee event?
- What did you learn about using light and sound to tell a story?
- If you made a Manual Cinema-style puppet show, what would it be about or what kind of story would you tell?

Resources For Grades 3-5

- [For Kids! Make your own Mini Shadow Puppet Show!](#) with [Black Cherry Puppet Theater](#) (15-minute video: how to make a mini shadow puppet show, interactive, basic materials needed.)
 - » MN State Create & Perform Standards
- [A Children’s Animated Introduction to the Pipe Organ](#) (2-minute video: Animated video introduction to the Pipe Organ.)
- [Young organist demonstrates St. Saviour’s Cathedral 1884 Organ](#) (5-minute video: 10-year-old Mickey demonstrates on the St. Saviour’s organ in Australia.)

Resources For Grades 6-8

- [How to Make Hand Shadow Puppets](#) | GoNoodle (3-minute video: A How-To video shows students making popular hand shadow puppets step-by-step.)
 - » MN State Create & Perform Standards
- [A Young Person’s Guide to the Pipe Organ](#) (13-minute video)

Resources For Grades 9-12

- [Google Arts and Culture: The History of Chinese Shadow Art](#) (Article with photos.)
 - [The Master of Shadow Puppets](#) (3-minute video about Chinese Master Puppeteer Fan Zheng’an)
 - » MN State Connect & Respond Standards
- [How does a pipe organ actually work? | Anna Lapwood | Classic FM](#) (15-minute video: Organist of the Royal Albert Hall in London gives a guided tour of the pipe organ.)
 - [Anna Lapwood](#) on TikTok & Instagram: [@annalapwoodorgan](#)