



A Shadow Player!

My name is Anna-Maria Schlemmer, and I live in Hamburg, Germany.

It all began in 1999, when I read the biography of Lotte Reiniger. How she would visit friends with a box clasped under her arm so she could perform a shadow play for the children—that inspired me. I wanted to do that too!

As a papercut artist, I'd had lots of practice, and creating stage sets and figures came easily to me. I'd learned the art of scherenschnitte from my mother when I was young, and now I was able to bring my craft to a new level.

I worked on fairy tales, myths, legends, and my own stories. I developed my own storytelling and acting style quickly.

Since starting with shadow theater, I've developed forty different shows for audiences of all ages. This repertoire is virtually independent of language and country.

Stages vary greatly in size. In addition to shows performed in transportable puppet theaters, table theaters, and large stages, I have created a wide range of special productions. These include shows that can be packed onto a bicycle and be performed on a bicycle stage, theater pieces based on the shadows in nature, shadow films for television, and shadow theater based centered around found objects.

I perform at almost any kind of event—be it in kindergartens or schools, neighborhood fairs, festivals, exhibitions, and company events—on ships, in churches, and for cabarets — at weddings, baptisms, birthdays, or simply for a great evening of theater at home.

I can perform for an audience of 2 persons up to 250.

After a performance, I generally invite the audience to come backstage so they can try things out themselves if they want.

In workshops for children and adults, I not only teach the basics of shadow theater, but also help them to develop their own ideas. I've found it to be especially important for children to transform what they have experienced in an artistic form.

I've held performances and workshops in Germany, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Lithuania, the Ukraine, Russia, Canada, Ecuador. Tours in Chile and Argentina are upcoming.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to book a show —  
I look forward to hearing from you!

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