

Shadow Kingdom Press Release

Mochinsha Presents Their First English Language Children's Show.

The Mochinsha Puppet Company has created a new show for kids using almost 400 hand cut shadow puppets, original music by Toronto composer Elliott Loran and a whole lot of silly voices. The puppeteers project onto a large screen, animating the characters to create a live animated movie. The company has been performing for children across Japan for several years but have only done shows in Canada aimed at adults.

Shadow Kingdom was inspired both by classic children's literature like Peter Pan and Alice in Wonderland as well as classic children's movies like Labyrinth and the Last Unicorn.

The story follows the adventures of a young girl names Minerva who refuses to stop looking at her phone and go to sleep because of her extreme fomo (fear of missing out). When her phone is stolen by the god of sleep, she travels to a mysterious land full of strange nocturnal creatures and meets an Owl who wants rid the world of sleep forever.

The show is aimed at elementary school children but can be enjoyed by all. It will be performed at this summer's Toronto Kid's Fringe.

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