

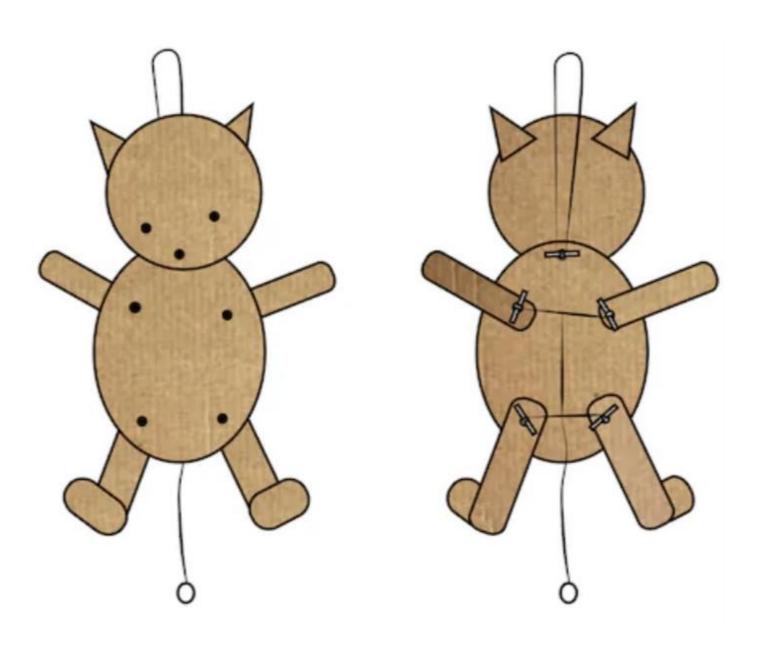
## Just pull my strings

## **Jumping Jack puppets**

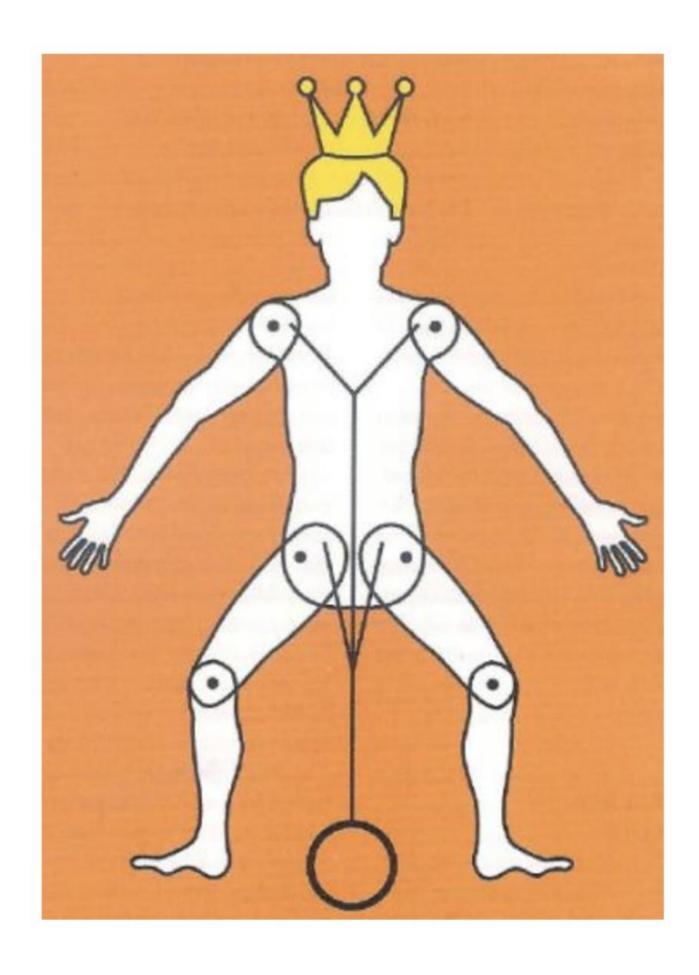
Performing with Jumping Jack puppets was particularly popular during the 19th century. The puppets were sometimes made of wood or fabric, but the paper versions are better known. The flat Jumping Jack has hinged limbs that move when you pull a string.

The figures are made of loose parts: a head, arms, upper and lower legs, and a torso. These figure parts could be cut out and coloured, if so desired. They often resemble figures from the *commedia dell'arte*. This is a form of folk and improvisational theatre that originated in Italy during the 16th century and became popular over large parts of Europe. Regular characters usually took the stage, such as the charming Colombina and the clowns Arlecchino, Pulcinella and Scapino.

In Dutch the Jumping Jack is called 'Trekpop', in German 'Hampelmann', and its French name is 'pantin'.















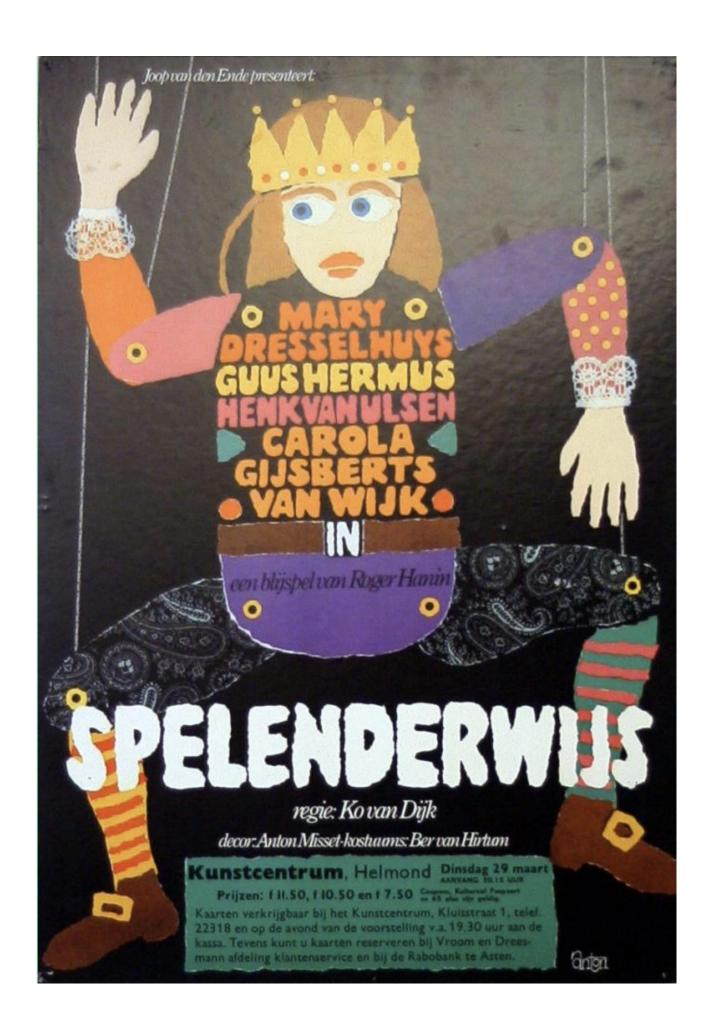










































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