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Pinocchio: A Global Marionette-"Puppet"

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Puppet theater represents an important phenomenon in Italian and international culture. Its long artistic traditions and wide dissemination have produced a vast repertoire which encompasses different genres and reworks heterogeneous forms of artistic expression. The result of various cultural influences and contaminations, marionettes and puppets, both as objects, and as images or ideas, intersect a complex range of social, historical, and spiritual issues. In its being both similar and dissimilar to humans, the marionette becomes a metaphor for the modern subject and a vehicle for reflections on human existence and contemporary society.

The theatrical roots of the Pinocchio character have long been known. Nonetheless, an in-depth analysis of the connections between the protagonist of Carlo Collodi's masterpiece and the artistic tradition of puppetry deserves to be carried out again, also in light of the most recent research perspectives, first of all in the literary and theatrical fields. This symposium aims to stimulate a broader discussion on the historical, aesthetic, and psychological valences of puppets and marionettes, and on the relationship between Pinocchio's theatrical nature and global fortune. These intersections will provide novel perspectives to appreciate the numerous reinterpretations of the well-known Collodi's book and the figure of Pinocchio as a character capable of transcending national boundaries.

Interested scholars are invited to send an abstract of about 250 words and a biographical note of about 100 words to fondazione@pinocchio.it by February 9, 2024.

Deadline for submitting titles and abstracts: February 9, 2024

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