

RAMDAS PADHYE'S

PROFESSIONAL ACHIVEMENTS

1) Performing more than 9000 Ventriloquism and Puppet- based, Stage and T.V. shows for last 45 years in India and abroad.

2) First Indian Ventriloquist to perform Ventriloquism and Puppet based shows on :

a) Leading Television Networks :

- N.B.C , A.B.C and C.B.S T.V. - U.S.A.
- BBC's Channel Four
- "Play House Disney" on Walt Disney Channel
- CTV in Canada
- RTV in Hongkong and Army Channel TV in Thailand
- Singapore TV and Radio
- Children T.V. series for Singapore T.V - 12.
- Cambodian Television Network
- Oman TV and Radio
- Regularly featuring on **National TV in India since 1972**
- **Celebrity Puppets of Amitabh Bachchan, Shahrukh Khan, Sanjay Dutt on Zoom Channel.**

b) Feature Films :

- " Mahan " featuring Amitabh Bachchan.
- "Dil Hai Tumhaara" featuring Jimmy Shergill & Priety Zinta directed by Kundan Shah.
- " Aali Angawar " by Late Shri Dada Kondke.
- Puppet based horror film " Zapatlela " (Marathi) directed by Mahesh Kothare.
- Puppet based horror film " Ammo Bhomma!" (Telgu).
- Special Apperance in Kedar Shinde's new Film "Iradda Pakka"(Marathi)

c) Ad-Films :

Using different types of puppets in Commerical ads like

- Lijjat Papad, Krackjack Biscuits, Parle G Biscuits,
- Annapurna Namak, Kalnirnay

- Puppet Promos for “**Jodee Kamaal Ki**” on **Star Plus**.
- AD for Just Dial with Actor **Boman Irani**
- Exclusive training given to **Aamir Khan** for the Tata Sky Active Services AD, where Ramdas Padhye also operated the puppet.

d)Stage Shows:

- " **Good Night Baby Dino**" directed by **Bharat Dabolkar** and music by **Louis Banks**.
- "**HATS OFF** " - High tech play with hundreds of puppets,muppets & humanettes.
- “**Fantasia Fantastique**” written & directed by **Bharat Dabholkar** which features voice-overs by Bollywood celebs like Jackie Shroff, Juhi Chawla, Arshad Warsi, Javed Jaffrey
- " Ya Chimnyanon Ya " and " Bol Bol Mhanata " in Marathi.
- **Thousands of Special Appearances in various shows across the globe.**

3) Representing “**India**” at various conventions including “**International Ventriloquist Convention**” in **U.S.A. thrice for shows and panel discussion** and also for “**Japan Ventriloquist Association**” in **Tokyo**.

4)Authoring three books on Ventriloquism and allied arts :

- First Indian book on Ventriloquism titled “**Inner Voice**” (**English**) inaugurated at the **Vent Haven Convention, Cincinnati, U.S.A.**
- " **Bolvita Dhani Vegalachi** ". (**Marathi**)
- " **Lahan Mazi Bahuli** ". (**Marathi**)

5)Historical Work : Resurrection and Presentation of **150 Years old Puppets** created by **First Marathi Dramatist Vishnudas Bhave** at **Nehru Centre, Mumbai**.

6)**First Indian Puppet-Maker** to export to various countries including **U.S.A, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore,Cambodia** from traditional Indian Puppets to Modern Radio Controlled Puppets in his exclusive Puppet Studio.

7)Establishing “**Ramdas Padhye Foundation**” , a charitable trust for the spread, upliftment and popularization of the art of ventriloquism,puppetry and allied arts.

8)Recent Achievements:

- A puppet serial for **Singapore TV - 12** where more than 50 puppets were created by Ramdas in his exclusive Puppet Studio. **This is the first time that a foreign T.V. station has invited Indian Puppeteer for a full fledged puppet serial.**
- Puppets created & operated for "**Playhouse Disney**" a show for **Disney Channel**. **Walt Disney International Pvt. Ltd** chose **Mr. Padhye** for this job.
- Exclusive Puppets created & designed for **Cambodian T.V.** for a children T.V. series.
- Special Puppet created exclusively for the serial "**Kaun Ho Tum**" for **Hungama T.V. , a children's channel by UTV.**
- Special Show for "**Siemens**" with Custom-Made Puppets created in Ramdas Padhye's Puppet Workshop.
- A special film for **ISKCON Banglore, Theme Park** describing Hindu Philosophy.
- "**Misha**" - a popular Marathi T.V. serial on **Zee Marathi.**

9) **Future Plans** :-Designing and presenting " Water Puppetry "and " Air Puppetry" using water and sky as background instead of regular stage based on environmental theme.Establishment of full fledged institute for ventriloquism and allied arts.