



Transcript

Columbia Marionette Theater - Making a Puppet

And, uh, the show opens in five days [laughs], so we've got a lot of work to do in the next five days. There'll be no time off for us. We'll be working Saturday, Sunday, and probably rehearsing Sunday to get it done in time for....Now there's one school wants it first thing Monday...like our premier show will be first thing Monday morning. So, that's about where we are.

So I've got five days to turn this into something with a face and a mouth that, uh, the heart then does a heart rap about, uh, not doing drugs and keeping the heart healthy. So I'm thinking, like, a mouth here that you could probably hold and then...I don't think the eyes'll move. And he'll have a little face and you'll hold it like a...like a medieval shield in one arm and then your other hand can make his mouth rap along to the music.

[Shots of workshop.] I just figured with the time allotment, I'm going to keep it very simple, like just a set of lips that you just stick your hand through and he can rap. There, now I've got this. I've got to make sleeves that'll come off, and then that will be mounted about there. And then this guy can sing. That might be...that might become lips. Not sure. And then you'll have...(words not clear) styrofoam eyes. [Laughs.] And I might actually mount those on little springs so the eyes might do that while he's singing...or that. [Laughs.]

You can get a lot of inspiration from, like, cartoons and, uh, a lot of the Nickelodeon shows'll have some interesting ideas. Um, of course, they have a lot bigger budget than we do. Um, but, uh, you know, we don't...I mean, there's not many puppeteers in South Carolina, um, so we don't get to see what they're doing. [Holds up possible lips.] Mm, that might be, uh, that might be some lips there.

[Cuts and staples fabric for lips.] M-m-m. [Looks through supplies.] What the....You will like puppetry, kids. [Laughs.] You will like puppetry.

Heart "Puppet": [Raps.] Take it from your heart, go get a fresh start. Why come to me with the bad things that you see? Be kind to your brain and body, and life'll be better for everybody. Yeah.

End of video.