



Loutkovíště

PUPPET PLAYGROUND

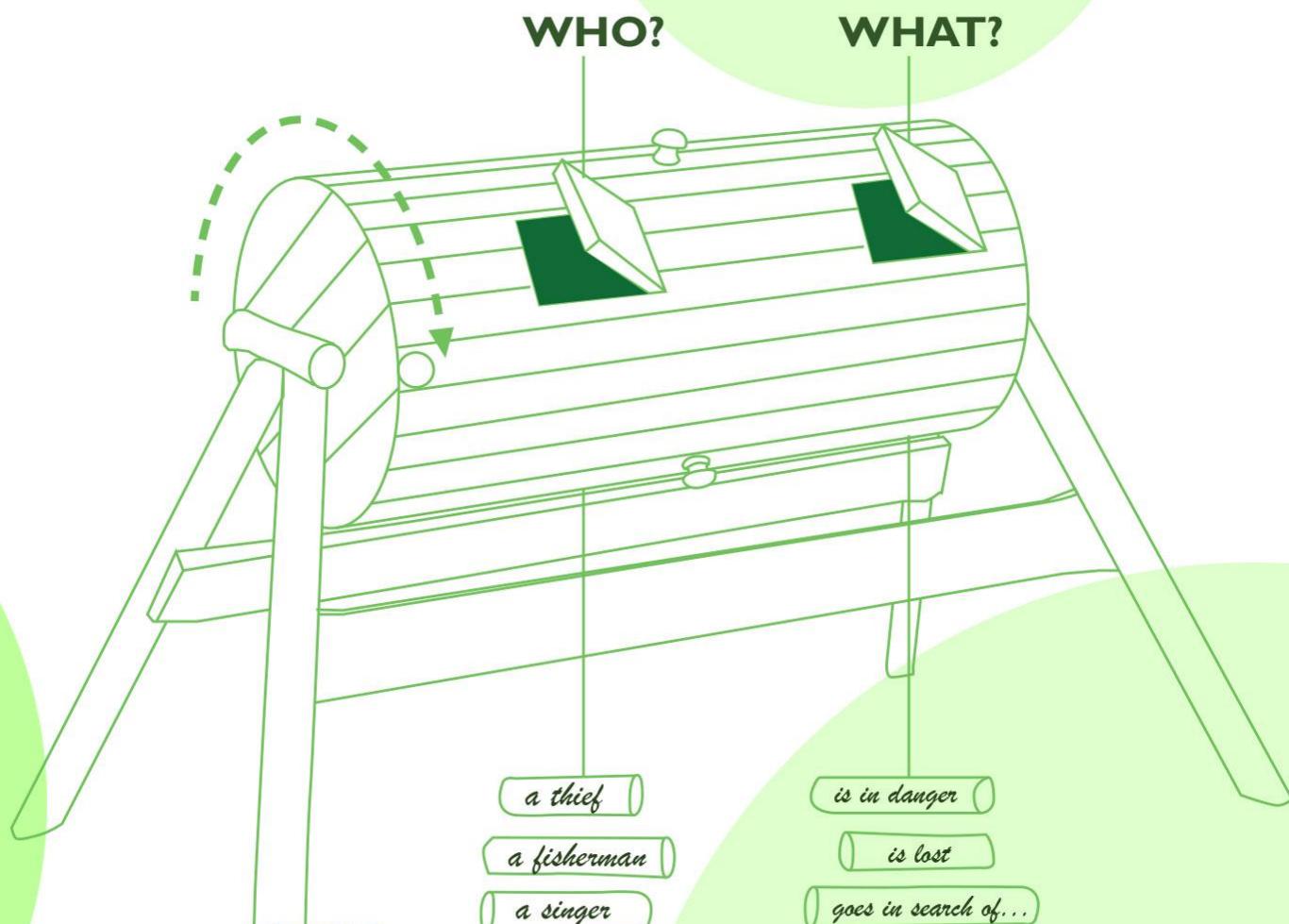
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A woman with long dark hair and a young girl with blonde hair in a ponytail are looking down at a wooden puppet installation. The installation features a large wooden structure with a painted backdrop of a city skyline reflected in water. A small wooden puppet is visible on the left side of the structure. The background is dark blue.

**Loutkoviště is an
interactive installation
for all ages that includes
60 wooden puppets,
5 small stages (each
with a different theme),
one large stage (arch
and backdrop),
15 pillows...**

**For cultural
festivals, parks,
schools and civic
centers. Perfect
for children ages
2 and older**

...and a machine for creating stories – the **Začátkovač!** –



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= 1326
possible
story
combinations
(**& infinite stories**)



The **Začátkovač**
is animated by a
member of
Waxwing Theatre
at the
Festival MITCFC
in Pontevedra,
Spain.

A close-up photograph of a child's hand, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt with yellow and black patterns, reaching up to touch a wooden structure. The structure is part of a larger puppet playground, with various wooden puppets hanging from it. The background is blurred, showing green foliage.

**with the aim of creating an
open environment
– a kind of puppet playground –**

A photograph of a wooden puppet head, made of a dark, textured material, mounted on a spring mechanism. The puppet has a large, rounded head and a small, pointed ear. It is part of a larger puppet playground structure, with other puppets visible in the background. The background is a grassy area with some purple flowers.

**where children and their
parents can make theater
for themselves.**

links

Trailer video: <https://vimeo.com/358512309>

Web page: <http://waxwingtheatre.com/loutkoviste>

Photos from Les Petits Pois (Paris): <https://tinyurl.com/3rse6zjm>

Photos from MITCFC (Pontevedra): <https://tinyurl.com/44n9t8wn>

Facebook: <http://waxwingtheatre.com/loutkoviste/#photos>

Catalog of puppets: <https://tinyurl.com/Loutkoviste-FR>

On TV (Česká televize): <https://bit.ly/2yC9FDO>





technical info

Loutkoviště is offered for up to 5 consecutive hours,
and features one animator + one assistant.

It is best in a quiet open air environment with dimensions 8m x 8m or more
(in a park like this one – <https://bit.ly/2IK3imv> – for example)
but it can be installed just about any place of similar size.



Here is (click here!)
the **Začátkovač**

credits

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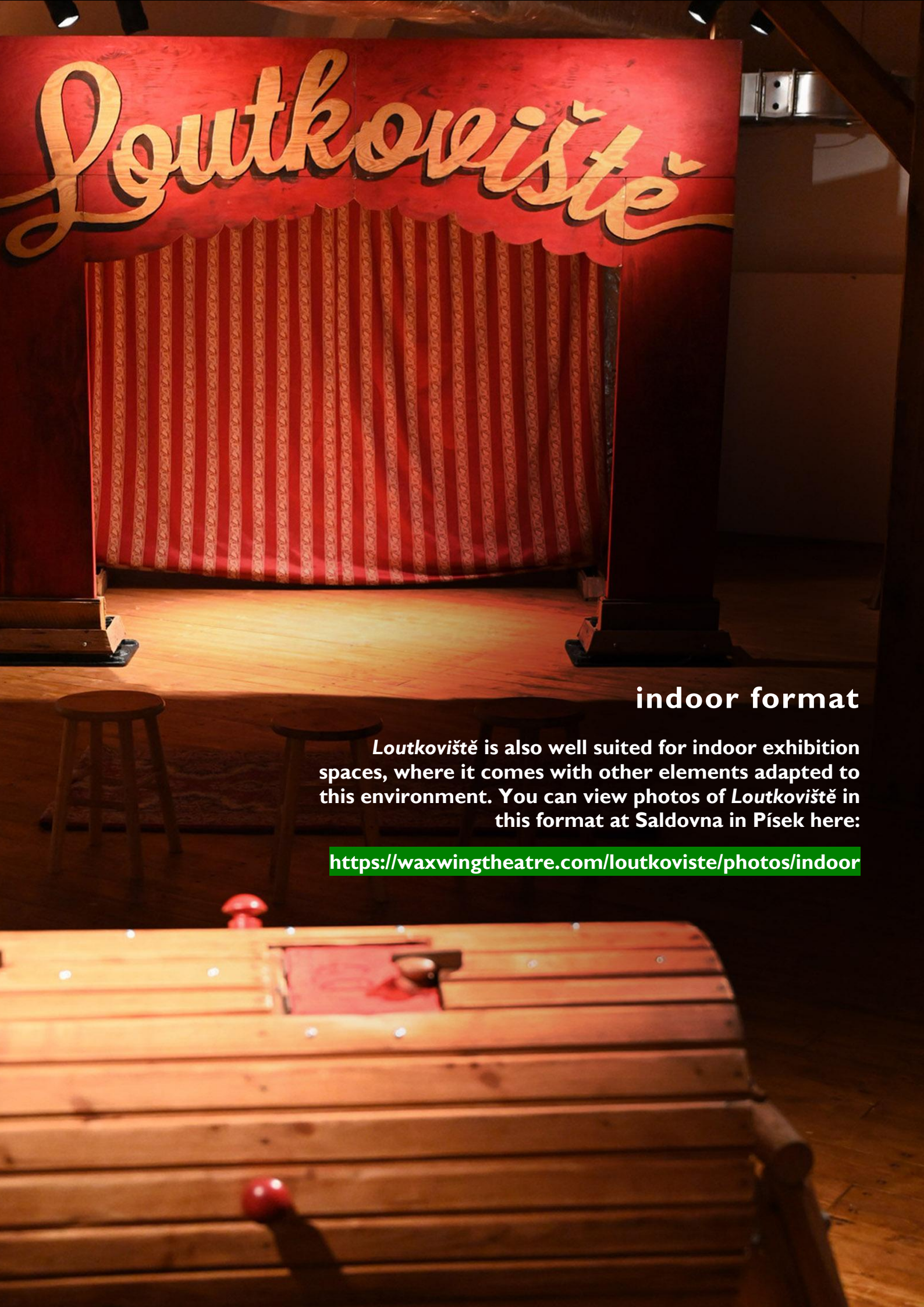
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indoor format

Loutkovíště is also well suited for indoor exhibition spaces, where it comes with other elements adapted to this environment. You can view photos of *Loutkovíště* in this format at Saldovna in Písek here:

<https://waxwingtheatre.com/loutkoviste/photos/indoor>



New in 2026: Loutkoviště now features masks and costumes (for performing under the large proscenium), musical instruments, and natural materials for use on the small stages.





...as well as a station for
creating shadow puppets.



Loutkoviště has appeared at...

Luaga & Losna (Feldkirch, Austria)

Internationales Welser Figurentheaterfestival (Wels, Austria)

Festival Parade(s) (Nanterre, France)

Rue du Bocage (Herve, Belgium)

KinderKulturFestival (Duisburg, Germany)

Les Petits Pois - Festival des arts de la rue (Clamart, France)

la Mostra Internacional de Teatro Cómico e Festivo (Cangas, Pontevedra, Spain)

M Festival - Festival des arts de la marionnette (Lille, France)

Vivid Street - Multigenre Festival (Pilsen, Czech Republic)

One Flew Over the Puppeteer's Nest - UNIMA (Prague, Czech Republic)

Divadelná Nitra - International Theatre Festival (Nitra, Slovakia)

...and over 80 other international festivals and events.

Our complete performance calendar can be found at <http://waxwingtheatre.com/calendar>

