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Line-Dancing Cows, a crazed butcher and a giant family – SNUFF PUPPETS let loose in Shanghai

Saturday 2 November to Sunday 10 November 2002

Snuff Puppets, the Melbourne based giant puppet company, will literally stop the traffic in Shanghai when they let loose some of their massive comical characters during the 4th China Shanghai International Arts Festival, as part of *Celebrate Australia 2002*.

Snuff Puppets combine puppetry, live music, visual and physical theatre to create a unique and idiosyncratic performance language.

The company, which has been together since 1992, has delighted, challenged and entertained audiences in Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom and Singapore will present two of their favourite programs in Shanghai in the lead up to the main *Celebrate Australia 2002* program.

Shanghai residents will be entertained by daily street performances of *The Dancing Cow Show* and *The Boom Town Family*. Towering over the crowds, at 4m tall, these giant sized puppets are immediately recognisable icons who will bring their crazy antics to the street and play havoc with the crowd.

Snuff Puppets will join Adelaide's Kneehigh Puppets on Saturday 2nd November in the 4th China Shanghai International Arts Festival opening carnival on Nanjing Road. The opening carnival performance will be followed by 8 days of open-air performances throughout Shanghai, as part of the *Celebrate Australia 2002* program.

"You will think twice about stepping on an ant after you meet the Boom Family, for an ant is exactly how you will feel when you encounter this family of giant puppets" – The Sunday Times Singapore

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