



Celebrate Australia 2002
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Giant kneeHIGH puppets to invade the streets of Shanghai during CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA 2002

Saturday 2 November to Sunday 10 November 2002

Giant puppets from South Australia will descend on the streets of Shanghai for 9 days from Saturday 2 November to Sunday 10 November for the 4th China Shanghai International Arts Festival.

kneeHIGH Puppeteers are an Adelaide based, international touring company of multi-skilled artists and performers. kneeHIGH specialise in giant puppets, custom made images and visual spectacle for major events.

kneeHIGH brings together digital electronics, mechanics, environmental sculpture, pyrotechnics, circus skills and puppetry, for visually spectacular performances. They have performed in over 13 countries and in front of over 500,000 people.

In Shanghai kneeHIGH will present *The Android Sisters* (named Penny & Lottie). Seeming to appear from nowhere, or perhaps a distant galaxy, the Android Sisters are giant 3.7 metre high shining robots, which captivate and delight the crowd in their shimmering otherworldliness. kneeHIGH will also entertain Shanghai spectators with a colourful character named *Contrary Mary*. Made entirely of recycled materials, this 3m puppet is the elder statespuppet of the kneeHIGH family.

On Saturday 2nd November, kneeHIGH will take part 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.

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