

# Lisa Aimee Sturz

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Puppeteer: SAG / AFTRA / AEA /AGMA Height :5'5 Voice: Mezzo

## **STAGE:** (selected)

2007 Petrouchka, Asheville Symphony ..... puppetmaster  
2007 The Big Dipper: Calendar, Compass & Clock, Red Herring Puppets puppetmaster  
95-05 The Ring Cycle, Lyric Opera of Chicago ..... puppetmaster  
2003+ Aesop's Fables, Red Herring Puppets .....creator / puppeteer  
97-05 The Legend of La Befana, Red Herring Puppets .....creator / puppeteer  
2001 Wrinkle in Time, NC Stage, The Happy Medium, Man with Red Eyes, Aunt Beast  
2001 Fiddler on the Roof, Asheville Community Theatre ..... Yente, puppeteer  
1998 Late Night, Henson International Puppetry Festival..... solo puppeteer  
1997 Lulu Noire, a jazz opera by Lee Breuer & Jon Faddis, Spoleto.....puppetmaster  
1995 The Puppetmaster of Lodz, The Actor's Alley..... puppetmaster  
1993 The Hand Behind The Face, The Odyssey Theater .....puppetmaster  
1993 In Xanadu, Larry Reed / Theater Artaud ..... shadow puppeteer  
1993 Romeo and Juliet , L.A. Women's Shakespeare Company .....puppetmaster  
1992 PH\*reaks, Terra Firma, Mark Taper Forum .....puppetmaster  
1987 Little Shop of Horrors, La Mirada Civic Light Opera ....puppetmaster / Audrey 11  
1986 Eros and Psyche, UCLA / National Puppetry Festival ..... director /puppetmaster  
1984 The Life of the Buddha, L.A. County Museum of Art .....director /puppetmaster  
1984 Bruce D. Schwartz: Personal Effects.....assistant puppeteer  
1981 Uncle Zarur, Jordanian National Puppet Theater ....guest director / puppetmaster  
1979 The Magic Flute, Lincoln Center /Pickwick Puppets..... principle puppeteer

## **FEATURE FILMS** (selected) :

98-99 Muppets from Space, Jim Henson Productions/Sony Pictures.....puppeteer  
1998 Elmo in Grouchland, Jim Henson Productions/Sony Pictures.....puppeteer  
1996 Shrek Test, Dreamworks..... puppeteer for motion capture film tests  
1994 The Flintstones, Amblin Productions/ Henson .....brontosaurus, dictabird  
1992 Fire in the Sky, Paramount / Industrial Light and Magic..... aliens  
1992 Ninja Turtles III, Golden Harvest / All Effects .....Splinter  
1991 Batman Returns, Warner Brothers / Stan Winston .....penguins  
1990 Muppetvision 3D, Disney / Henson .....puppeteer  
1989 Robocop 11, Orion Pictures / Phil Tippit .....Cain monster  
1989 The Absent-Minded Professor, Disney / Amblin .... flubber effects, flying objects  
1987 Who Framed Roger Rabbit, Disney / Amblin ..... object manipulation  
1986 Howard the Duck, Universal / Industrial Light and Magic .....Howard  
1985 Captain Eo and the Space Knights, Disney / Rick Baker .....Hooter / Geik

**TELEVISION AND VIDEO:** (selected)

- 2007 Let's Go Shopping READ-A-ROO/ UNC-TV puppet builder/lead puppeteer  
 2002 Ozone, NC Department of Air Quality .....puppetmaste  
 2001 Archy!!, New West Pictures ..... puppetmaster  
 1995 U to U: On The Road, Nickelodeon.....Design/Construction/puppeteer  
 1994 Puzzle Place, Lancet Media / KCET .....assistant puppeteer  
 1994 Pigasso's Place, Kuschner-Locke ..... Lead Puppeteer / Snail/ Gabby / Tommy  
 1994 Geo Kids, National Geographics/ Lost Kitty Productions .....Sunny hands  
 1994 Tales and Tunes, Backyard Productions .....Lead puppeteer / K.J.  
 1993 Murphy Brown, Warner Brothers / CBS ..... Murphy Brown Bear  
 1992 The Land of I, TLC / Images in Motion ..... Gabriel  
 1989 Animal Crack-Ups, ABC .....Reggie the Heggie  
 1987 59th Annual Academy Awards, ABC .....Audrey 11 (nominee for best song)

**COMMERCIALS:**

Honda /McDonalds /Energizer /Chevrolet /Folgers /Cheerios /Snapple

**FABRICATION:** Disney Imagineering / Henson Creature Shop / Industrial Light and Magic / Ice Capades / NBC / ABC / Lyric Opera of Chicago / The Biltmore Estate / John G. Shedd Aquarium / Tennessee Aquarium / Flat Rock Playhouse/ Universal / Highland Rep / MCA / Ala Moana / Field Museum / Ft. Fisher Aquarium

**EDUCATION AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- 99-06 Super Saturday, Special Academic Services, UNCA ..... Instructor  
 97-07 Numerous classroom residencies and teacher training..... Teaching Artist  
 96 -05 Numerous Puppetry Festivals ..... Workshop Leader  
 02-05 Arts and Education Teacher Training Institute ..... Teaching Artist  
 1996 Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa ..... Guest Professor  
 1989 CalPoly, San Luis Obispo .....Guest Designer / Theater Lecturer  
 1985 UCLA, Los Angeles, California .... MFA in puppetry/Teaching Assistant in Props  
 1978 The University of Connecticut, Storrs..... MA in Experimental Theater  
 1976 Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa..... BA in Theater/BA in Religious Studies  
 1975 The National Theater Institute .....acting/directing /puppetry

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 07/ 00/93/84 The Puppeteers of America Endowment Fund  
 2002 NC Arts Council: New Works: The Mystery of the Salt Crystal  
 2003/01/99 North Carolina Regional Artist: Theatre Fellowship  
 00/94/90 The Henson Foundation  
 1993 California Emmy  
 1992 The National Endowment for the Arts: Solo Theater Artist Fellowship  
 1984 UCLA Disney Award: studies in puppetry