**Texts for promotion and press**

‘Hands up!’ by Lejo (NL). ¹

With nothing more than his bare hands and wooden eyes, Lejo has created a unique, fresh style of puppet theatre.

‘Hands up!’ is a lively, wordless family show, filled with music, humor and tenderness.

In a big, blue decor the puppets have their adventures and perform their tricks.

A boisterous dog, two tap dancers, a cow with eating problems, an entire children’s choir - including the conductor - and many others, take to the stage.

The audience (young and old alike!) soon forgets it is watching two hands.

After the show, small cut out paper models are handed out to the audience so they can all build their own little Lejo puppet. ²

Performed, produced and directed by Leo Petersen

Music by: Ruud Luckers, Mike Roelofs, Mike Boddé, Toek Numan, Cok van Vuuren, Leo Petersen, Kypski, Djem van Dijk, Hélène Codjo, Giovanna Capurro

Under stage name ‘Lejo’, dutch puppeteer Leo Petersen (1974) has been performing with his simple styled puppets since 1995. What began as a school project, became an act with which he now travels around the world.

Besides his theatre shows, Lejo produces short videos with his puppets. They have been broadcasted in 5 countries, including the Dutch version of Sesame Street.

“Hand-up comedy for the whole family”

“If less is more, Lejo has it all”

“All eyes on Lejo”

Trailer ‘Hands up!’ :<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNalt6NIOq0>

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¹ it is important to use the correct age recommendation: 3+, 4+ or 'all ages' for the outdoor version

² only use this sentence when it has been agreed that this activity will take place