

## GIANDIJA. THE MAGICAL FLOUR

**PUPPET SHOW** 



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Inspired by Gian Battista Sales, "inventor" of the character - Gianduja.

Gianduja, a native and hero of Turin, is ordered to bring a magic flour useful for preparing sweets for the feast of San Giovanni, the patron saint of Turin. Gianduja is happy to oblige as always and he leaves for Turin. Yet the road is long and the character gets tired of too much walking and too much drinking, so he unexpectedly falls asleep... While Gianduja is enjoying his sleep, the terrifying devil Beelzebub finally steals the magic flour in order to prepare "evil biscuits" in the basement of Palazzo Madamato. Then gives these mystical biscuits to the town people during the party. Upon awakening, Gianduja notices the theft and desperately sets out in search of flour. Here we get to see funny adventures of the Italian characters, sincere moments and valuable lessons for all!

The show was performed for the first time International Puppet Theater Festival in Cervia (1987). Over the years the production has become Marco Grilli's trademark as it has received the favour of the public and positive reviews from critics not only in Italy but also in South Africa, Argentina, France, Spain, Czech Republic, Greece, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and the USA. The puppeteer has received awards and prizes for this production in many festivals for the revival of ancient tradition. This is how Marco Grilli innovates a new puppet world.

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