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Cabaret Mechanical Theatre

Mechanical is our middle name

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Work. The summer. What's the point? We should be relaxing but instead even our overworked maintenance man, John Lumbus, is tempting burnout by making automata. While we don't condone fishing as a proper way to idle, at least Fishy Stories looks summery. Turn the handle - the further apart the hands go, the longer the nose gets. Pinocchio was a good slacker until that crazy puppeteer... Made by the ever busy Sue Stolpe. 15cm high and 8cm wide. £67-50.



Keith Newstead is another man who can't relax and fortunately for us (and you!) he still enjoys designing funny little mechanical objects. The Golden Eagle is made from brass (which is a bit golden without being too expensive). The eagle flaps and swoops as if it's about to snatch a plastic wind-up mouse for dinner. Made by Sue Stolpe. 14cm high and 10cm wide. Only £27-50.

Golden Eagle

Fishy Stories

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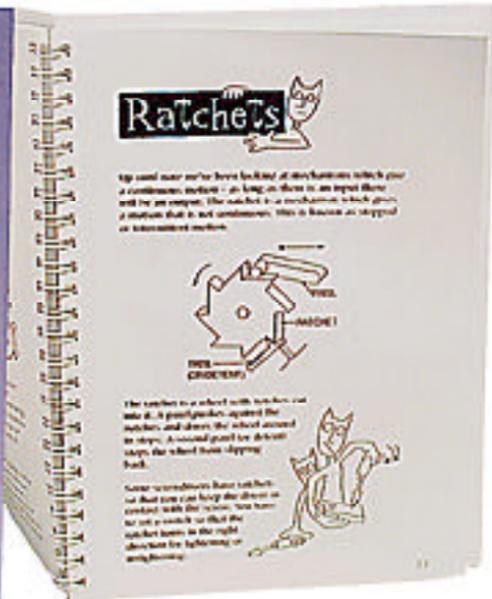
We haven't done a summer CMT News for a long time. We usually only manage it at Valentines and Christmas but we've got so many nice new things to tell you about that we just couldn't resist.



Space a problem? Hey, you need miniature automata by Angela and Lawrence St. Leger. They make lots of different designs but here are five of our favourites. The dentist pulling a tooth - £21-50. The Toad in a Boat rows when you turn the handle £19-50. Elvis move his pelvis up and down for £18-50. The Mouse lifts the mousetrap, £34-50. The Seagull flaps it's wings and invokes the essence of a beautiful blue-sky day at the beach. £18-50. They're all around 2cm high.



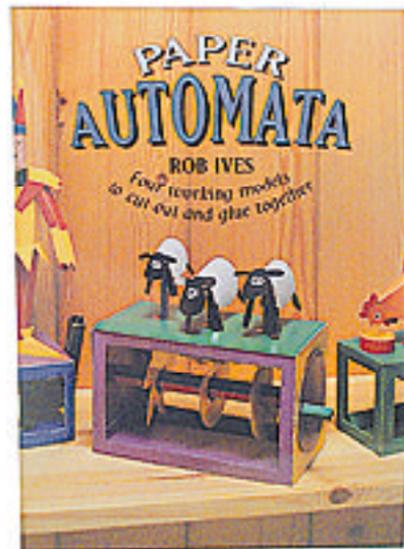
MINIATURE AUTOMATA



Cabaret Mechanical Movement

At last! Our book on understanding movement and making automata has finally been published. We're sorry it's taken us so long but we're sure you will find it worth the wait. It's packed with information, diagrams and useful tips on making

your own automata. Chapters: Some Principles, Levers, Shafts, Cranks, Cams, Springs, Linkages, Ratchets, Drives and Gearing, Control, The Checklist, Bibliography. Here's a quote from one happy reader: "It's fabulous! What a great job you did. I'm very proud of you. No doubt people have been pestering you for a book like this for quite a while. Thanks for taking the time to do it right". 124 A5 pages with over 200 black and white illustrations. £9-99.



Paper Automata

You may have already seen the Rob Ives's cutout, Surfing the Web, well now you can buy four more of his designs in a book. The hopping sheep, the pecking hen, the flying fish and the motley man. Just add scissors and glue. £4-95.

New Wooden Kits

Turning handles and contemplating automata is a fine occupation but if you really have to exert yourself further, why not make a kit. These two new wooden kits are just the thing if you want an "assemble and paint yourself" kind of summer. The Cat in the Bag wants to get out. The

cat's ears pop out, a tail and a paw move in and out, the bag nearly opens but, fortunately, the cat stays in. £15-50.



The Angry Cat is very fierce (probably because it's just escaped from a bag). Its back arches, its tail spins and its tongue waggles. You have to mime the hissing. Also £15-50.



ORDERING INFORMATION

Phone Aidan or Marie for more details, availability and news of other things for sale. Prices include VAT but not Post and Packing. Overseas orders outside the E.C. are exempt from VAT (17.5%). If you cannot come in then phone, write or email to find out how much money we need. Payment is accepted in UK Pounds only. You can phone, fax or email credit card orders. We accept Visa, Access/Mastercard, Amex, Diners and JCB.

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