



“Automata with recycled materials”
collection

Artist:

Keith Newstead





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In September 2008, MAM was invited to the Mantua Literature Festival to present the book "The Invention of Hugo Cabret" by Brian Selznick. We displayed the exhibition "The Secret of Movement" at the Palazzo della Ragione and asked Keith Newstead if he was available for a workshop on automaton construction. Keith said yes and built eight automata in eight days, with the recycled materials that festival volunteers found in the city's rubbish.

A dozen boys attended the workshop, which began with the construction of an angel and ended with the construction of a devil. The other six automata are a little bird, a fast crocodile, a flying pig, a frog catching flies, a winged horse and a spider grappling with its prey.



The automaton number nine, Sabina bird, was made by Keith Newstead during a visit to the MAM. Keith lived for a few days in a house near the museum and every time we went to see him he had built a new automaton, with anything he could find in the house and in the garden. The automata have a wooden base and eight different mechanisms. Construction materials include corks, plastic forks, Coca Cola cut-outs, silicone hoses, electric and water hoses, gardening washers, plastic containers for liquid soap, trimmer wires and so on.

Artist: Keith Newstead
Title: Angel
Collection: Automata recycled mat.
MAM inventory No. 4-1



Progressive by artist: 08-14
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 20,0 x 45,0 x 22,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
https://youtu.be/3W1_8Bokfdk

Additional remarks:
Signed Keith Newstead

Artist: Keith Newstead
Title: Mantova Bird
Collection: Automata recycled mat.

MAM inventory No. 4-2



Progressive by artist: 08-15
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 34,0 x 43,0 x 21,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
<https://youtu.be/CmBRWCupRP4>

Additional remarks:
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Artist: Keith Newstead
Title: Svelto Croc
Collection: Automata recycled mat.

MAM inventory No. 4-3



Progressive by artist: 08-16
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 19,0 x 29,0 x 48,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
<https://youtu.be/VSOKbQuQNbk>

Additional remarks:
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Artist: Keith Newstead
Title: Pigs might fly
Collection: Automata recycled mat.

MAM inventory No. 4-4



Progressive by artist: 08-17
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 30,0 x 40,0 x 27,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
<https://youtu.be/TAjqikT1E0g>

Additional remarks:
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Artist: Keith Newstead
Title: Frog with fly
Collection: Automata recycled mat.

MAM inventory No. 4-5

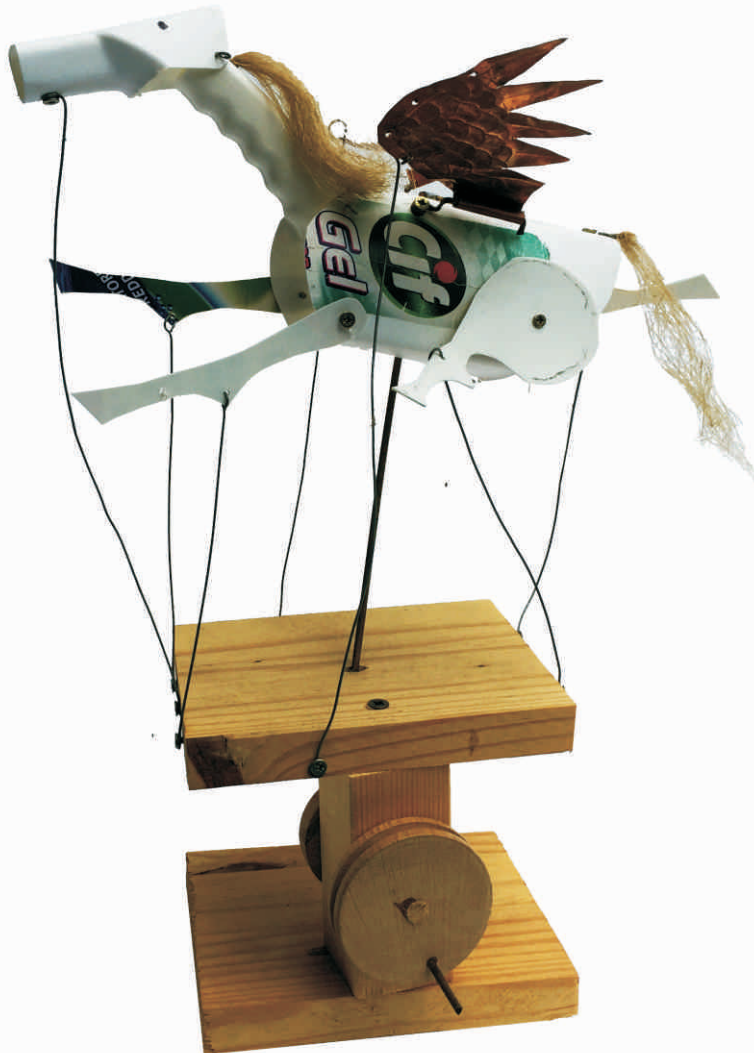


Progressive by artist: 08-18
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 14,0 x 31,0 x 27,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
<https://youtu.be/tIS0DH2TATA>

Additional remarks:
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Artist: Keith Newstead
Title: Pegasus Cif
Collection: Automata recycled mat.

MAM inventory No. 4-6

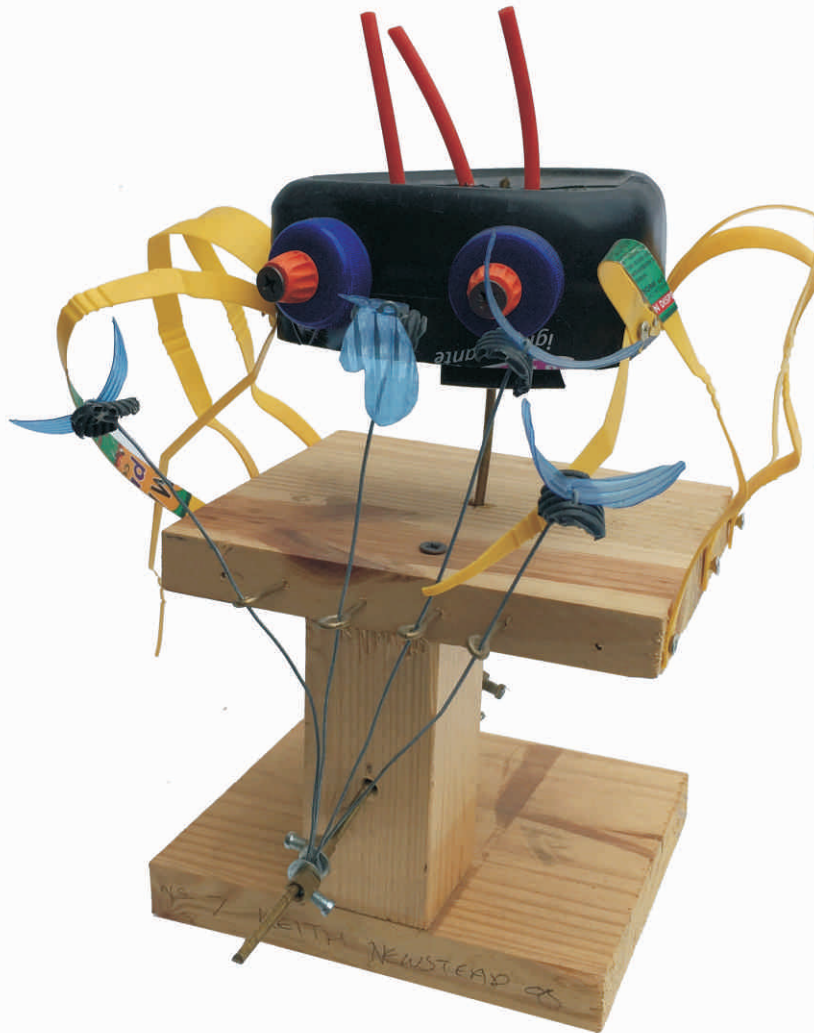


Progressive by artist: 08-19
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 28,0 x 39,0 x 17,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
<https://youtu.be/kADpDhFIGDw>

Additional remarks:
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Artist: Keith Newstead
Title: Spider
Collection: Automata recycled mat.

MAM inventory No. 4-7



Progressive by artist: 08-20
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 20,0 x 27,0 x 18,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
https://youtu.be/Metve-t_ztc

Additional remarks:
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Artist: Keith Newstead

Title: Devil

Collection: Automata recycled mat.

MAM inventory No. 4-8



Progressive by artist: 08-21
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 20,0 x 65,0 x 30,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: : Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
<https://youtu.be/dVy8GG0yZKw>

Additional remarks:
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Artist: Keith Newstead
Title: Sabina bird
Collection: Automata recycled mat.

MAM inventory No. 4-9



Progressive by artist: 08-22
Year: 2008
Materials: wood, recycled mat.
Dimens. (cm): 34,0 x 43,0 x 21,0
Cover: Cardboard box
Working condition: Good
Movement: Manual
Video:
<https://youtu.be/pB1d1jtsnQs>

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