

# Nickel City Stories

Object Theater (2003)

Dynamic Earth, Sudbury, Ontario

*Nickel City Stories* is a custom object theater that celebrates Sudbury's rich cultural and mining history. The show takes place in a barbershop appropriately named Generations. The audience discovers that this is not only a place of business, but it is Sudbury's unofficial museum of oral history, with Louie the barber as its loquacious and bilingual curator. Louie, an enthusiastic ambassador for Sudbury, has collected hundreds of stories about communities from various patrons over the years, which he brings to life with expert storytelling.

Louie is rendered by means of a classic Pepper's Ghost effect. His semi-transparent appearance suggests an ethereal timelessness, while his homespun humor and genuinely warm personality welcome and engage the visitor. The shop itself is a secondary character with visually intriguing, commonplace objects subtly accented by theatrical lighting.

*Nickel City Stories* is a perfect illustration of our belief at Science North that good storytelling is always at the heart of a great visitor experience. The show and character represent the rich, multicultural soul of a community and have won the hearts of locals and visitors alike.

## Media Solutions

Pepper's Ghost effect

Key objects, integral to the story line, are showcased by theatrical lighting

Footprint 1,000 sq. ft.

Seating up to 40 guests

Value \$500,000

