CLAIMS:

1. A character control system, comprising:
a strap configured to removably couple to a prop configured to be transported by a performer; a controls assembly disposed within a portion of the strap, wherein the controls assembly comprises a plurality of control features; and a controller configured to couple to the controls assembly and a plurality of actuators of a puppet, wherein the controller is configured to control the plurality of actuators to move a plurality of parts of the puppet in response to actuation of the plurality of control features and wherein a connector is configured to removably couple the plurality of actuators of the puppet to the controls assembly.

2. The character control system of claim 1, comprising the prop, and wherein the prop is a backpack.

3. The character control system of claim 2, comprising a power source, wherein the power source is disposed within a compartment of the backpack.

4. The character control system of claim 2, wherein the backpack comprises a frame configured to support the puppet.

5. The character control system of claim 1, comprising a cover configured to at least partially surround the strap, wherein the cover is consistent with a theme of the prop.

6. The character control system of claim 5, wherein the cover comprises first fasteners configured to couple to corresponding second fasteners of the strap.

7. The character control system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of control features of the controls assembly comprises a control pad, one or more buttons, or both.

8. The character control system of claim 1, wherein the controls assembly is disposed within a recessed portion of the strap, such that the controls assembly is not flush with a surface of the strap.

9. The character control system of claim 1, wherein the controller is disposed within an additional portion of the strap.

10. The character control system of claim 9, wherein the controller is configured to

couple to at least one actuator of the plurality of actuators via a male plug configured to extend through the prop and to be received by a female receptacle of the at least one actuator of the plurality of actuators.

11. A wearable puppeteering system comprising:
a backpack;
a puppet integrated with the backpack and comprising a first actuator and a second actuator, wherein the first actuator is configured to move a first part of the puppet and the second actuator is configured to move a second part of the puppet; a first strap of the backpack comprising a first control assembly, wherein the first control assembly is configured to control the first actuator; and a second strap of the backpack comprising a second control assembly, wherein the second control assembly is configured to control the second actuator.

12. The wearable puppeteering system of claim 11, wherein the first actuator is configured to adjust a position of a head of the puppet.

13. The wearable puppeteering system of claim 12, wherein the second actuator is configured to move an arm or leg of the puppet.

14. The wearable puppeteering system of claim 11, wherein: the first control assembly comprises a control pad; and the control pad comprises a set of directional buttons.

15. A wearable puppet control system, comprising:
a puppet comprising a plurality of actuators, wherein a first actuator of the plurality of actuators is configured to move a first part of the puppet, wherein a second actuator of the plurality of actuators is configured to move a second part of the puppet; and a strap configured to support the wearable puppet control system on a user and comprising a control assembly, wherein the control assembly comprises: a control pad configured to control the first actuator or the second actuator; a first button configured to enable the control pad to control the first actuator; and a second button configured to enable the control pad to control the second actuator.

16. The wearable puppet control system of claim 15, comprising a controller configured to cause the puppet to follow a predetermined or preprogrammed sequence.

17. The wearable puppet control system of claim 16, comprising a third button, wherein the controller is configured to cause the puppet to follow the predetermined or preprogrammed sequence in response to selection of the third button.

18. The wearable puppet control system of claim 16, wherein the controller is configured to cause the puppet to follow the predetermined or preprogrammed sequence in response to a threshold time of inactivity.

19. The wearable puppet control system of claim 15, wherein the puppet is configured to be interchangeable with another puppet.