



Great Arizona Puppet Theater
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NEWSLETTER

SISTER CITIES VISITING PUPPET THEATER

Did you know that the City of Phoenix has Sister Cities all over the world? And quite a few of them also have puppet theaters! We think that's pretty cool. And we've asked two of our Sister City troupes to visit us this spring.

In March, Wendy Passmore (seen on right) of WP Puppets from Calgary, Canada will bring *Frogs in a Blue Bucket*. She has performed in schools and communities throughout Canada, Mexico, South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Croatia and Bulgaria. *Frogs in a Blue Bucket* is about a girl named Sally who has caught a frog and is determined to keep him, until he gets sick and she must learn that frogs don't



belong in buckets. Her decision is influenced by stories from Australia, Haida nation, Korea; and Tibet, as well as playing in the school yard. The show is recommended for school age children. School groups will receive a study guide. Wendy will also be participating in the March Puppet Slam for adults.

National Puppet Week is the last week of April. Sister City puppeteers Anima Lejos Teatro Infantil (pictured below) from Hermosillo, Mexico, will be doing a cute show called *La Historia del Conejo* or The Rabbit's Story to help us celebrate. Their show will play weekdays and weekends. The show is recommended for ages 3 to 8 and is in Spanish. In May, we will be taking *Peter Rabbit* to Hermosillo for their city's cultural fair.



NATIONAL DAY OF PUPPETRY 4/30/05

The Phoenix Guild of Puppetry will again be co-hosting National Day of Puppetry. This year there will be performances each hour, and workshops for adults and children. The complete schedule will be posted on our website in early April. Sign up in advance so you won't miss out on the workshops of your choice.

PUPPET EXHIBIT CHANGES IN FEBRUARY

Alan Cook began collecting puppets when he was 5 years old and now has over 3000 puppets in his collection. It is the largest private puppet collection in the United States. We are working with him to bring parts of his collection to our Exhibit Hall on a regular basis. At this writing, we have 126 puppets from Asia on display. Mr. Cook will return at the end of February to mount a new exhibit, PUPPETS IN THE AMERICAS.



RECENT AWARDS FOR PUPPET THEATER

Best Introduction to Theater - The Rep
Best Off the Wall Gift Shop - New Times

PHOENIX GUILD OF PUPPETRY

The Phoenix Guild of Puppetry is a chartered guild of the Puppeteers of America. Members are professionals, teachers, amateurs, and collectors of puppets. Attend a meeting and see if you'd like to be a part of this fun group. Meetings are usually the third Sunday of each month at 3:30 and are at the puppet theater. Here's what's scheduled for 2005:



- Jan 16 - PUPPET SWAP - New and used puppets and puppet stuff for trade and sell.
 - Feb 20 - PUPPET EXHIBIT SET-UP - Hands on with Alan Cook to set up the Puppets in the Americas Exhibit.
 - Mar 6 - CURRICULUM LINKS WORKSHOP - Wendy Passmore of WP Puppets, Canada
 - Apr 17 - Final preparations for National Day of Puppetry
 - Apr 30 - NATIONAL DAY OF PUPPETRY - shows and workshops
 - May 25 - TOY THEATER WORKSHOP
 - Jun 19 - PARTY
- For more information on the Phoenix Guild of Puppetry, call Linda Brittain at 602-938-0737.

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GETTING TO THE THEATER

Take the I-10 to 7th Avenue, in central Phoenix. At the top of the exit turn South. Follow to the 1st light, and turn left onto Roosevelt. Follow Roosevelt to the light at 3rd Avenue. Turn left onto 3rd Avenue and go two blocks to Latham. Turn left onto Latham Street and park in the lot behind the theater. The theater entrance faces 3rd Avenue.

W I N T E R - S P R I N G 2 0 0 5 S C H E D U L E

January

S M T W T F S

2 3 4 5 6 7 1/8
CINDERELLA PUPPET SLAM 8PM

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

CINDER CINDERELLA.....

16 17 18 19 20 21 22
CINDER OH COYOTE!.....

23 24 25 26 27 28 29

COYOTE OH COYOTE.....

30 31
COYOTE OH COYOTE.....

February

S M T W T F S

1 2 3 4 5
OH COYOTE.....PUPPET SLAM 8 PM

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

COYOTE THE THREE LITTLE PIGS.....

13 14 15 16 17 18 19
3 PIGS THE THREE LITTLE PIGS.....

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

3 PIGS THE THREE LITTLE PIGS.....

27 28
3 PIGS

March

S M T W T F S

1 2 3 4 5
FROGS BUCKETPUPPET SLAM 8PM

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FROGS PETER RABBIT.....

13 14 15 16 17 18 19
P. RABBIT PETER RABBIT.....

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

P. RABBIT. PETER RABBIT.....

27 28 29 30 31
P RABBIT PETER RABBIT.....

April

S M T W T F S

1 2
PETER RABBIT PUPPET SLAM 8 PM

3 4 5 6 7 8 9

P. RABBIT HOTEL SAGUARO.....

10 11 12 13 14 15 16
HOTEL GOLDBLOCKS.....

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

GOLDI. GOLDBLOCKS.....

24 25 26 27 28 29 30
GOLDI LA HISTORIA DEL CONEJO.....

Showtimes:
Wednesday - Friday 10 am
Saturday 10 am & 2 pm; Sunday: 2 pm

Admissions:
\$6 for children age 2 and up \$8 for adults
Group Rates Available
Adult Series \$8 in advance / \$10 day of show

SHOW DESCRIPTIONS

CINDERELLA
Everybody's favorite rags to riches tale. Recommended ages 4 and up.

OH, COYOTE!
Three native American stories about the Southwest's favorite trickster, Coyote. Recommended Kindergarten and up.

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS
Three pigs, three houses and one wolf. An audience favorite returns for its mid-winter run. Recommended ages

Preschool and up.

FROGS IN A BLUE BUCKET
Special guest artist WP Puppets from Calgary, Alberta visits with stories about frogs from around the world with emphasis on ecology. Recommended Kindergarten and up.

PETER RABBIT
Beatrix Potter's classic tale is told to music in this non-verbal play. Recommended for Preschool and up.

HOTEL SAGUARO
Sammy is a young Saguaro who is not sure he wants to be a cactus. With his grandpa Cactus' help he learns how important he is to desert animals. Recommended Kindergarten and up.

GOLDBLOCKS
The little girl with the golden curls and a knack for mischief. Recommended Preschool and up.

LA HISTORIA DEL CONEJO
Guest artists Anima Lejos from Hemosillo, Mexico bring this delightful show about the little rabbit who finds his hop. Presented only in Spanish. Recommended Preschool and up.

PUPPET SLAM
Beat the winter blues with a new collection of puppet shows just for adults. Featuring regular presenters: Elastic Theater, Omnipresent

Puppet Theater, Keep it Short Theater, Rude Rabbit Productions, Tucson Puppet Works, and visiting guests. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 the day of the show.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enroll our family as members of the Great Arizona Puppet Theater in the following category:

- \$25 - Punch & Judy Club
- \$50 - Puppeteers Club
- \$100 - Cool Coyotes
- \$300 - The Pinocchios

Membership Card, \$1.00 off each regular Admission, 1 Finger Puppet, 10% Discount in the Gift Shop, Free Admission for kids on their birthdays.

Above privileges plus 20% discount on Workshops and 2 guest Passes, plus Great Arizona Puppet Theater T-shirt, size
 ___ Small ___ Medium
 ___ Large ___ X-Large

Above privileges plus Children's Handprints and names on the Wall of Honor at the theater and an invitation to a Cool Coyotes Party.

Above privileges plus a free birthday party show and 4 guest passes.

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HOME PHONE CHILDREN'S NAMES AND BIRTHDATES (INCLUDE YEAR OF BIRTH)

WORK PHONE

RESERVATIONS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
CALL 602-262-2050