



Great Arizona Puppet Theater
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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.

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NEWSLETTER

25 YEARS?!?!?

I guess we've been having fun because we can't believe it's been 25 years since Great Arizona Puppet Theater did our first show. (It was THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER at Los Arcos Mall.) Today we have the largest and prettiest puppet theater in the western United States with gift shop, workshops, puppet exhibit AND NOW a puppet research library!

Our dear friend and fellow puppet lover, Fran Preimsberg, lived to be almost 100. She left her extensive puppet library to us and it is the basis for the new Puppet Library on the second floor.

And how do you *celebrate 25 years*? With everything "25". We'll be celebrating all this season but especially after Christmas, during the run of CINDERELLA. Check our website or call to find out how you can get in on *specials* like *25 cents admission, 25% off* all marionettes, *first 25 children* get a free puppet, *first 25 girls dressed like Cinderella* get a prince - well, maybe not, but you get the idea. Join us "the day after December 25" to sing Happy Birthday to the puppet theater, enjoy some birthday cake, and kick off our *25 year celebration!*

THE RELUCTANT DRAGON



Internationally acclaimed Tears of Joy Theater will visit GAPT with THE RELUCTANT DRAGON. This amazing show, based on the book by Kenneth Grahame, features a really BIG dragon and is recommended for preschool and up. Their visit is supported by a grant from WESTAF and the National Endowment for the Arts. THE RELUCTANT DRAGON runs

November 5-9. Don't miss this five-days-only extravaganza!

IMAGINE THIS!

Imagine writing a story for class, and then seeing it come to life in the hands of professional puppeteers! Kenilworth School and Great Arizona Puppet Theater are working together to make this happen for 2nd - 8th grade students this fall.

"We're both in historic buildings just a stone's throw away from each other," says puppet theater director Nancy Smith. "Kenilworth teachers bring children over for field trips and we've gone there to present shows and workshops, but this is the first time we've undertaken a project together."

The puppeteers visit classes to demonstrate puppets and discuss what makes a good puppet show. Then the students prepare original stories to be adapted to puppetry. A team of community members selects stories from each grade level for production.

Winning writers will have their stories performed for friends and families at the Great Arizona Puppet Theater. "We're able to do this because both the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture and Arizona Commission on the Arts stepped up with funding," says Smith. "I know the kids are going to give us some great material. This is going to be tons of fun!" The shows will be open to the public Nov 12-16, 2008.



HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOPPING

Save money and support your favorite puppet when you shop for gifts at the puppet theater. Non-profits don't have to charge sales tax so you save right there. AND during the month of December, all puppets and stages are 15% off. If you're a member of GAPT, then it's 25% off! What a deal! You can even order gift-pack tickets over the phone! Call us at 602-262-2050 for more info.

Business & Box Office: 302 West Latham St., Phoenix 85003 Tele: 602-262-2050 www.azpuppets.org

FALL 2008 SCHEDULE

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL.....					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
BEAR	BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL.....					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BEAR	BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL.....					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
BEAR	THE BIG BUG CIRCUS.....					
28	29	30				
BUG						

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
MOUNTAIN	PUPPET SLAM THE RELUCTANT DRAGON.....					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
DRAGON	IMAGINE THIS.....					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
IMAGINE	LITTLE RED HEN.....					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
CLOSED						
HEN	THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER.....					
30						
ELVES						

Family Showtimes:

All Shows:
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10AM
Saturday 10AM & 2PM Sunday 2PM
No shows Thanksgiving or Christmas day!

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
THE BIG BUG CIRCUS.....PUPPET SLAM						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
BUG	THE BIG BUG CIRCUS.....					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BUG	TROUBLE AT HAUNTED MOUNTAIN....					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
MOUNTAIN	TROUBLE AT HAUNTED MOUNTAIN....					
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
MOUNTAIN	TROUBLE AT HAUNTED MOUNTAIN.....					

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER.....						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
ELVES	THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER.....					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
ELVES	THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER.....					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
ELVES			ELVES	CLOSED	25th B-Day Party!	
28	29	30	31	CINDERELLA.....		
CINDERELLA.....10am and 2pm daily.....						

Admission:

\$6 for children age 2 and up \$8 for adults
Group Rates available for groups of 25 or more!

Puppet Slams \$8 in advance / \$10 day of show

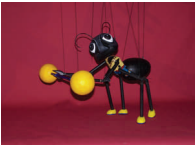
SHOW DESCRIPTIONS

BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL
Aug. 27-Sept. 21



Have fun with Baby Bear on his first day of school .

THE BIG BUG CIRCUS
Sept. 24-Oct.12



Amazing bugs do astonishing feats of strength, bravery and magic! Our newest show featuring marionettes. Preschool and up.

PUPPET SLAMS
Oct. 3 & 4 at 8pm
Nov. 7 & 8 at 8pm



Adults-only puppet shows. Cash bar. Must be 21 or over to attend.

TROUBLE AT HAUNTED MOUNTAIN
Oct. 15-Nov. 2



Not-too-spooky musical set in old time Arizona. Kindergarten and up.

THE RELUCTANT DRAGON
Nov. 5-9



What happens when a magnificent dragon moves into the neighborhood? Adaptation of the story by Kenneth Grahame by guest artists TEARS OF JOY THEATRE. Preschool and up.

IMAGINE THIS
Nov. 12-16
Puppet shows based on original stories by Kenilworth School students. K and up.

THE LITTLE RED HEN
Nov. 19-23



Lots of sing-along fun! Preschool and up.

THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER
Nov. 26-Dec. 24



Santa's elves help a poor shoemaker and his wife in this heart-warming musical about the spirit of giving. K and up

CINDERELLA
Dec. 26-Jan. 25



Love! Jealousy! Transparent Footwear! Everybody's favorite rags-to-riches tale filled with magic and special effects. Kindergarten and up.

SPECIAL SHOWS:
DEC 26-JAN 4
Mon-Sat: 10 am, 2pm
Sun-2 pm



DON'T MISS our 25th Birthday Party on December 26th!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

☐ \$25 - Punch & Judy Club

Membership card, \$1.00 off regular admission, 1 finger puppet, 10% discount in the Gift Shop, \$50 off to rent Peter's Place for parties at the theater, free admission for kids on their birthday.

☐ \$50 - Puppeteers Club

Above privileges plus 2 guest passes, and Great Arizona Puppet Theater t-shirt, size
__ Small __ Medium
__ Large __ X-Large

☐ \$100 - Cool Coyotes

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

☐ \$300 - The Pinocchios

Above privileges plus 4 guest passes and a free birthday party show either at your location or a party at the theater with up to 25 guests.

PARENTS/GUARDIAN EMPLOYER(S) FOR MATCHING DONATION PURPOSES

ADDRESS MOM

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

WORK PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS

RESERVATIONS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
CALL 602-262-2050