



Great Arizona Puppet Theater  
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NEWSLETTER

## Peace Through Puppets

GAPT is happy to announce our support of **Peace Through Puppets**, a program started by U.S. Army Soldier - First Sergeant Bruce L. Reges - stationed near Baghdad, Iraq, in an effort to comfort small children affected by the war. First Sergeant Reges wrote to his mother asking her to make 2 small puppets for his slash pockets, she sent a shipment of small animal puppets which were then distributed among civilian children by Medical Personnel and Civil Affairs Soldiers. The effort was so effective it sparked a humanitarian movement that has grown to be a non-profit 501-C3 organization supplying small animal puppets to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The organization describes itself as:  
*"Peace Through Puppets is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping U.S. Civil Affairs Soldiers & Medical Teams, stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, use puppets to communicate with children affected by the war. To extend humanitarian compassion through the medium of puppets that overcomes the barriers of language and trauma. Let there be peace on earth - one puppet at a time."*

When you visit GAPT you can buy a puppet to donate to this program at a **25% discount!** Members, you will be able to include your **10% discount** on top of this! We'd like to send one large box a month, so encourage your family to take part in this worthwhile program. GAPT will ship all donated puppets to First Sergeant Reges for distribution in Iraq along with photos of the kids here who took the time to take part in this wonderful program.



*We are looking for puppet lovers who would like to:*

- Create a Puppet Slam piece. If you've got a crazy idea for our Adults Only Puppet Slam and want to try it, please give us a call. We are always looking for fresh new work.
- Hang around with other puppeteers at the Phoenix Guild of Puppetry. The Guild meets once a month at 3:30 pm at our theater and is chartered by the Puppeteers of America. Check the schedule for dates.

### Natasha Khusid

Russian guest artist Natasha Khusid brings MATRIYOSHKA'S LONG JOURNEY to GAPT this fall. This sweet story about the adventures of the smallest of a group of Russian stacking dolls is told with delightful puppets and encourages audience participation.



Natasha will also be performing at our Adult Puppet Slam on November 6 & 7, and is presenting a puppet manipulation workshop for the Phoenix Guild of Puppetry on November 8th.

### Save-a-Tree (& a puppet theater)

In this trying time, we must cut costs at the puppet theater. Beginning with our next newsletter, we will drastically reduce the number of newsletters printed and mailed. Members of the theater and those who specifically request a mailed newsletter will receive one, and we will have some extras to hand out at the register. To keep in touch, sign up to get the on-line newsletter at our website or at the theater. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter. **If you still need a newsletter mailed to you, please call us at 602-262-2050 and we will be happy to send you one.**

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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.

## FALL 2009 SCHEDULE

### September

S M T W T F S

		1	2	3	4	5
		BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL .....				PUPPET SLAM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
GUILD MTG BABY		BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL .....				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
BABY		JACK & THE BEANSTALK .....				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
JACK		JACK & THE BEANSTALK .....				
27	28	29	30			
JACK		JACK & THE BEANSTALK .....				

### November

S M T W T F S

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						PUPPET SLAM	
BUNNY		MATRIYOSHKA'S LONG JOURNEY.....					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
GUILD MTG MATRI		THE LITTLE RED HEN.....					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
HEN		THE LITTLE RED HEN .....					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
HEN		HEN	CLOSED	HEN			
29	30						
HEN							

### October

S M T W T F S

				1	2	3
				JACK & THE BEANSTALK .....		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
GUILD MTG JACK			LITTLE BUNNY'S HALLOWEEN .....			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
BUNNY		LITTLE BUNNY'S HALLOWEEN .....				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
BUNNY		LITTLE BUNNY'S HALLOWEEN .....				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
BUNNY		LITTLE BUNNY'S HALLOWEEN				

### December

S M T W T F S

			1	2	3	4	5	
			THE ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER .....					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
GUILD MTG ELVES		THE ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER .....						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
ELVES		THE ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER .....						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
ELVES		ELVES & SHOE.....	CLOSED	CINDER				
27	28	29	30	31				
CINDERELLA .....								

#### Family Showtimes:

All Shows:  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10AM  
Saturday 10AM & 2PM — Sunday 2PM  
\*\*Shows at 10am & 2pm Dec. 28-Dec. 31\*\*

#### 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

**RESERVATIONS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**  
**CALL 602-262-2050**

## SHOW DESCRIPTIONS



**BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL**  
Aug 19 - Sep 13  
It's Baby Bear's first day of school in this cute musical show written in Basic English. Preschool—grade 2, especially good for English Language Learners.



**PUPPET SLAM**  
Sept. 4 & 5 at 8pm  
Nov. 6 & 7 at 8pm  
Adults-only puppet shows. 18+.



**JACK & THE BEANSTALK**  
Sept 16 - Oct 04  
The classic tale about a boy, some magic beans, and a grumbly giant. Pre-K & Up.



**LITTLE BUNNY'S HALLOWEEN**  
Oct 07 - Nov 01  
This brand new cute and funny show is perfect for

little folks. Wear your costume to the puppet theater for even more fun! PreK—grade 2



**MATRIYOSHKA'S LONG JOURNEY**  
Nov 04 - Nov 08  
The smallest of the Russian stacking dolls is lost! Will she ever find her way home again? Natasha Khusid, from Russia, tells the story. Audience participation for Preschool and up.



**THE LITTLE RED HEN**  
Nov 11 - Nov 29  
Lots of sing-along fun! Preschool & up.



**THE ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER**  
Dec 02 - Dec 24  
Santa's elves help a poor shoemaker and his wife in this musical about the spirit of giving. K-up.



**CINDERELLA**  
Dec 26 - Jan 31  
Love! Jealousy! Transparent Footwear! Everybody's favorite rags-to-riches tale filled with magic and special effects. K& up. There will be a Cinderella ball on January 31st, following the final performance with dancing and free mouse tattoos for all! Shows the entire week after Christmas!



## 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 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.

Above privileges plus 2 guest passes, and 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ DAD \_\_\_\_\_

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

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_