



Great Arizona Puppet Theater  
302 West Latham Street  
Phoenix AZ 85003

# Spring 2008 Newsletter

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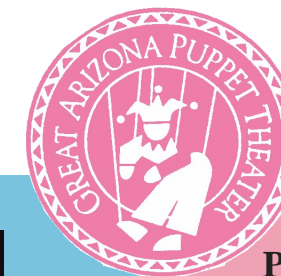
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## GETTING TO THE THEATER

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



## NATIONAL DAY OF PUPPETRY APRIL 19, 2008

Don't miss the best National Day of Puppetry celebration EVER at Great Arizona Puppet Theater. At 10:00 am our irrepressible Silly Bunny will kick off the day with a puppet parade of the coolest puppets around! Bring your favorite puppet and be part of the parade! You might even win a prize!

Throughout the day there will be workshops for children and adults, and hourly puppet shows, including performances by the Whittier Puppet AllStars. The Puppet AllStars have been working with Great Arizona Puppets the entire school year, making puppets, learning about the art of puppetry, and creating their own shows. You will be impressed and inspired by these young puppeteers.

AND THEN –Saturday night there will be a special evening performance by world famous marionette artist, Phillip Huber! Mr. Huber performs all over the world and was the lead puppeteer for BEING JOHN MALKOVICH. We are SO HAPPY to have him here! Following the performance will be a Meet the Artist reception.

Find the full schedule and prices for National Day of Puppetry festivities at our website [www.azpuppets.org](http://www.azpuppets.org).

## PHOENIX GUILD OF PUPPETRY

Want to learn more about puppetry and have fun? Then join the Phoenix Guild of Puppetry! Monthly meetings are held at GAPT with exciting programs designed to tickle your creative puppet-bone!

### Jan 6 –Slammin Puppets

Hear from various puppet slammers how they develop their pieces and how you could be involved, too.

### Feb 3 Nappy s' Shadow Puppets

Guest Jim Napolitano shares his shadow puppet techniques.

### March 9 – Giant Puppets

Begin giant puppets for the National Day of Puppetry.



### Apr 6 Giant Puppets (continued)

Finishing touches on giant puppets.

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We received a matching grant from the **Arizona Heritage Fund** to do some needed work on our historic building. Don't be alarmed if you see our clay shingles coming down – the decking underneath will be completely replaced to eliminate leaks in the building and then they'll go back. We are also fixing and replacing some doors, replacing missing fascia, and repainting the exterior of the building. Thank you to everyone who signed our petition for this grant. Your support put us over the top in being funded!

The big double doors that lead from the exhibit to the theater are being refinished with a grant from the **Desert Sage Questers**. The Questers is an organization interested in antiques and historic preservation and has active chapters all over the country. The **Phoenix Firebird Questers Chapter** was instrumental in raising money for the replica chandeliers in the Exhibit Room. Thank you, Questers!

The party room is being repainted, re-floored, redecorated and renamed **Peter's Place** to honor the child of our friends and former puppeteers, Don and Kamala Kruszka. We need donations and volunteer work for all of these projects. Remember, donations are tax deductible because we are so very non-profit.

Business & Box Office: 302 West Latham St., Phoenix 85003 Tele: 602-262-2050 [www.azpuppets.org](http://www.azpuppets.org)

SPRING 2008 SCHEDULE

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
				CINDERELLA		PUPPET SLAM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CINDER				CINDERELLA		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CINDER				CINDERELLA		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
CINDER				CINDERELLA		
27	28	29	30	31		
CINDER				FATHER GOOSE S'TALES		

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
					FATHER GOOSE S'TALES	PUPPET SLAM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
GOOSE						THREE LITTLE KITTENS: THE MEWSICAL
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
KITTENS						THREE LITTLE KITTENS: THE MEWSICAL
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
KITTENS						THREE LITTLE KITTENS: THE MEWSICAL
24	25	26	27	28	29	
KITTENS						THREE LITTLE KITTENS: THE MEWSICAL

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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						KITTENS
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
KITTENS				JACK RABBIT & THE EASTER BASKET		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
J RABBIT				JACK RABBIT & THE EASTER BASKET		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
J RABBIT				JACK RABBIT & THE EASTER BASKET		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
J RABBIT				LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD		

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
						LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
RED						LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
RED						SUSPENDED ANIMATION
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SUSP						THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF
27	28	29	30			
GOATS						THREE BILLY GOAST GRUFF

**Family Showtimes:**  
 Wed-Fri 10AM  
 Saturday 10AM & 2PM  
 Sunday 2PM

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

RESERVATIONS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED  
 CALL 602-262-2050

SHOW DESCRIPTIONS

**CINDERELLA**  
 Dec 26-Jan 27  
 A magical story of a lovely young lady and one unforgettable night. An audience favorite. Recommended Preschool and up.



**FATHER GOOSE S' TALES**  
 Jan 30-Feb 3  
 Mother Goose is away so Father Goose has to take care of all her chores, including the storytelling. But try as he might, he just can't get it right! Guest Artist Nappy's Puppets from Connecticut performs one week only! Preschool - Grade 4



**PUPPET SLAM**  
 Jan 4 & 5 at 8pm  
 Adults Only puppet shows. Ages 21 and over only.



Blaster the Red

**THREE LITTLE KITTENS: The Mewsical**  
 Feb 6-Mar 2  
 The musical about the three kittens who lost their mittens and are on the trail of a mischievous thief, a rat! Recommended preschool-3rd Grade.

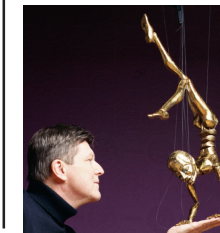
**PUPPET SLAM**  
 Feb 1 & 2 at 8pm  
 Adults Only puppet shows. Must be 21 and over to attend.

**JACK RABBIT AND THE EASTER BASKET**  
 Mar 5-23  
 Jack Rabbit helps the Easter Bunny deliver a basket to Arizona. Preschool-Grade 3.



**LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD**  
 Mar 26-Apr 13  
 A trip to Grandmother's house turns out to be more than Riding Hood bargained for. She should have listened to her mother who warned, "Stay on the path and do not talk to strangers!" Recommended for K and up.

**SUSPENDED ANIMATION**  
 Apr 16-20



Suspended Animation

Phillip Huber is the internationally renowned marionettist who was the lead puppeteer for "Being John Malkovich." Make reservations now to see this amazing artist. Not recommended for preschoolers. Limited Seating.



**THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF**  
 Apr 23-May 25  
 Fabulously funny show about the goats, the bridge and the troll. Lots of audience participation. Preschool-Grade 3.

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 birthdays.

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.

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