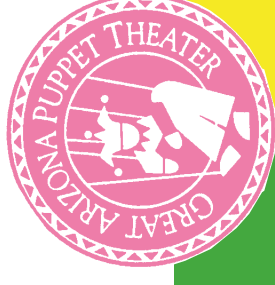


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# Summer 2008 Newsletter



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NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER FUN & SHOWTIMES

Beginning June 4, we will have two shows a day Wednesday through Saturday, and one on Sunday. Shows are 10 am and 2 pm Wednesday through Saturday, and 2:00 pm on Sunday.

**THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF** is an exciting interactive show starring GAPT founders Ken Bonar and Nancy Smith. Laugh and sing with the cute little billy goat but look out for that irascible troll! **GOATS** runs through May 25.



We're very excited about our newest show. **THE BIG BUG CIRCUS** runs May 28 through June 8. Amazing bugs do astonishing feats of strength, bravery and magic!

**GOLDOCKS, THE MONKEY & THE PIRATE, MY PREHISTORIC BIRTHDAY PRESENT, JACK RABBIT & THE DESERT TORTOISE** and **THE LITTLE RED HEN** will all play this summer.

We will be closed July 7-13 to perform **CINDERELLA** at the Midwest Puppet Fest.

## BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL

Our very popular back to school show was designed for young children learning English but it turns out everybody loves seeing Baby Bear and his friends on their first day of kindergarten. Schools receive pre and post-show activities designed to help children learn the language of education. We have applied for funding to help schools with a high percentage of ELL students attend. See if your family would like to donate some tickets to help support this valuable program.



## WIN A PUPPET THEATER!

1st Prize in our Match the Heritage Fund Raffle is a "Grand Little Stage," including pop-up scenery and puppets for **HANSEL & GRETEL**. Other prizes are a Cool Coyote membership, free tickets, puppets, and more! Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be at the final performance of **THE BIG BUG CIRCUS** on June 8th. Funds help match the Arizona Heritage grant to repair the roof, replace some doors and repaint our historic building. Buy often and good luck!

## NEW CHAIRS

Albert and Mary Decker donated funds for 50 new **CUSHIONED** folding chairs. Ahhhh! The comfort! Thank you, Deckers!

## PUPPET SLAMS MAY & JUNE

Adult Puppet Slams will be First Friday and Saturday nights of May and June at 8:00 pm. This not-for-the-easily-offended event is supported with a donation from the Heather Henson Foundation. Heather is the youngest child of Jim Henson. She is a talented puppeteer and avid supporter of developing new work for live and video audiences. Hire a babysitter and come check out a Slam! It's fun!

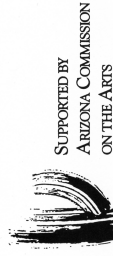
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## GETTING TO THE THEATER

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.

SUMMER 2008 SCHEDULE

May

S M T W T F S

1	2	3				
THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF.....			PUPPET SLAM			

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF.....						

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF.....						

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF.....						

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
THE BIG BUG CIRCUS.....						

July

S M T W T F S

1	2	3	4	5		
THE MONKEY AND THE PIRATE.....						

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
M & P			CLOSED			

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
MY PREHISTORIC BIRTHDAY PRESENT						

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
PREHISTORIC						

27	28	29	30	31		
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Family Showtimes:

All Summer: Saturday 10AM & 2PM; Sunday 2PM  
 May 1-30: Wed-Fri 10AM  
 June 4-Aug 14: Wed-Fri 10AM & 2PM  
 Aug 20-Aug 31: Wed-Fri 10AM

June

S M T W T F S

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BUG		THE BIG BUG CIRCUS.....			PUPPET SLAM	

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
BUG						

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
GOLD						

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
GOLD						

29	30					
M & P		THE MONKEY AND THE PIRATE.....				

August

S M T W T F S

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
JACK RABBIT & DESERT TORTOISE						

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
JR & DT						

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
THE LITTLE RED HEN.....						

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HEN						

31						
HEN						

Admissions:

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

SHOW DESCRIPTIONS

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.

PUPPET SLAMS  
May 2 & 3 at 8pm  
June 6 & 7 at 8pm

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



THE BIG BUG CIRCUS  
May 28-June 8

Amazing bugs do astonishing feats of strength, bravery and magic! Our newest show featuring marionettes. Preschool - Grade 4



GOLDILOCKS  
June 11-22

The little girl with the golden curls is up to no good at the Bear's house. Lots of fun for the whole family. Recommended preschool-3rd Grade.

THE MONKEY AND THE PIRATE  
June 25-July 6



A cute little monkey must protect his precious banana tree from a banana seeking pirate. Tons of silly fun for preschool and up.

CLOSED  
July 8-13

While our staff performs "Cinderella" at Puppetfest Midwest in Missouri. We promise to come back ENERGIZED!

MY PREHISTORIC BIRTHDAY PRESENT  
July 16-27

What's a kid to do when they get a new pet for their birthday? Especially if it's a dinosaur! Find out in this very funny show. Recommended for preschool and up.

JACK RABBIT AND THE DESERT TORTOISE  
July 30-Aug 10

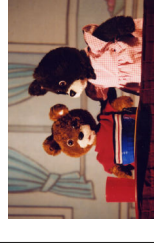


The Arizona version of the classic tale of the Tortoise and the Hare.

THE LITTLE RED HEN  
Aug 13-24

"Who will help me plant this wheat?" asks the Little Red Hen. Lots of American folk songs and sing-alongs for preschool and up.

BABY BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL  
Aug 27-Sept 7



Meet Baby Bear and his friends on their very first day of school. A back to school tradition.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

- \$25 - Punch & Judy Club Above privileges plus 2 guest Passes, and Great Arizona Puppet Theater T-shirt, size      Small      Medium      X-Large
- \$50 - Puppeteers Club 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.
- \$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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

RESERVATIONS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED  
 CALL 602-262-2050