



Columbia Association of Puppeteers

January 2006 Newsletter

**Meeting: Sunday January 22nd @ 3:00 PM
At Steve & Marty's Olde World Puppet Theatre Shop**

906 SE Umatilla St., in the beautiful Sellwood district of Portland, OR

Come and see our Holiday decorations. That's right, we leave them up far longer than most people, and we knew how much YOU wanted to see them. They've been the hit of the neighborhood, and the Bears are once again in their place of honor.

In keeping with the holiday theme, we will present a performance of our latest puppet show, *The Nutcracker Cracked*. Although we are known for our marionette productions, this is a rod puppet show of our version of the *Nutcracker* ballet, featuring 84 rod puppets (although to be fair, we count everything that has a rod, be it a character or a set piece).



Light refreshments will be served, and we hope you can make it.
Call 503-233-7723 for Directions

The Combined Pacific Northwest/Pacific Southwest Regional Festival will be held August 4-7, 2006 at the University of Puget Sound Campus, in Tacoma, WA.

The University of Puget Sound is a jewel of a campus, with its beautiful, traditional buildings and peaceful grounds. An ideal location for a Puppet Festival, the rooms will accommodate all puppeteer pockets.

The diversity of food will appeal to all appetites, and the facilities will truly lend themselves to *Much Ado About Puppets*.

Registration forms and applications for performances and workshops are now available at the festival website: muchadoaboutpuppets.org.

This is OUR festival, so think about what YOUR contribution can be to make it as much of a success as the earlier regional festivals in which we have participated.

Notes from Here & There

Well, the December CAP meeting was sure an afternoon of adventure. Who'd have thought that getting home from Gresham could turn into an hours long trek.

After we all enjoyed CAP President Jason Ropp's latest production of *Christmas in My Castle*, we socialized briefly, and noticed that a few snowflakes were drifting down out of the sky. (Where else do they come from -- duhhhhh). Well, they kept drifting down, until there were about three inches of snow on the ground. Portland when it snows goes into silly mode, when all of the drivers who don't have a clue of how to drive in it, are out on the roads. To be fair, a lot of them were happily holiday shopping in the area malls and stores, only to come outside to find a blanket of white on everything.

The trip to Gresham normally takes us about 40 minutes from Sellwood, and we made it home in just over two hours. Poor Candace Dobson was over six hours in her trip home to Vancouver, getting stuck in the traffic jam on I-84.

In other news, Jason Ropp's Dragon Theater Puppets is preparing a new show for the Spring & Summer season called *The Pirate And His Pet*.



A Sea Serpent and a Pirate learn the value of friendship and teamwork.

Together they stop a band of scurvy pirates that cause trouble for everyone with paws claws, scales and tails. This new show is packed with great special effects and even a big pirate ship! A swashbuckling adventure for all ages. For booking information, call Jason at (503)312-5979 or dragontheater@hotmail.com

Tears of Joy Theatre will be presenting *The Monkey King* at the Winningstad Theatre in February. Featuring 30 spectacular puppets created in China, this fast-paced production depicts the hilarious adventures of the Monkey King and his loyal followers.

Dates and times can be found at www.tojt.com



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