



Columbia Association of Puppeteers *December 2001 Newsletter*

CAP's December gathering is at the
Olde World Puppet Theatre Shop
Thursday, December 20th from 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Come and join us for an evening of Holiday fun and festivity.

The location is 906 SE Umatilla St in the Sellwood district of Portland.

Most of you have been here before, but if you need directions, call Steve or Marty (evenings are best) at 503-233-7723 and we'll give you the easy directions.

Bring your favorite holiday munchy or libation, either

homemade (best!!) or bought (still OK).

We'll have some goodies of our own, and the focus of the evening is to celebrate the season and the blessings we have received this year.

Bring a puppet of yours for show and tell (or pictures of them) -- wear a funny hat -- or even that awful holiday tie Uncle George gave you last year.

Let's all get together and let the holidays begin!!!

Tears of Joy Theatre premieres Alice in Wonderland

A trip to Wonderland -- what could be better for this holiday season of magic and merriment. The wonder of this show is how Tears of Joy can perform it over and over and keep the material fresh and innovative, and that this fine show does.

Originally conceived, and directed once again by Tim Giugni, and performed by Emily Alexander, Michael O'Neill and Cheryl Panek, this Alice suspends belief in an amazing way.

Floating empty picture frames, skeletal coat racks, old trunks, and a raked floor, make a simple but effective setting for this attic Wonderland.

The show kicks off in a eerie way as spirits, or spiders or attic magic twins enter under single candlelight and begin to draw us up onto the stage and into the attic of what we soon find is Alice's house.

Belief that things are not what they seem begins when a live Alice appears through the door in the floor, climbing up into her own wonderland of memories.

This show takes quite an amazing group of fine performers to pull its creative energies out of the Mad Hatter's hat so to speak, and deliver it does, from Alice's clear sweet singing

voice to the acrobatics of Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum and their amazing battle for the rattle.

Many of our favorite characters emerge as if by magic from the trunks and furniture hidden high up in this attic -- props transform from simple boxes to mad tea parties for four.

Giant puppets such as the caterpillar sing and dance for Alice and still the adults wonder, "where were they hiding that?"

This is a holiday treat for the family, and as an adult, I found my trip to Wonderland an adventure in creative theatre, music and fantasy.

The script is multilevel and the music varied -- even the hysterical queen's guards will keep your feet tapping and you grinning like the Cheshire cat as the story unfolds like a deck of smooth cards.

Two Paws up from Ping Pong the Panda, The Olde World Puppet Theatre.

Alice continues at Portland's Winningstad Theatre through December 30. Call 360-695-0477 or 503-248-0557 for dates and times.

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Scholarships available for Regional Festival next summer

Now that all of you have received your first mailing about the festival, we can announce that scholarships are available to help defray the costs of attending.

Each scholarship covers the costs of registration. (Transportation and room and board are still the winner's responsibility -- but it sure helps if you win).

You have to be a member of Puppeteers of America to apply, so now's a good time to join P of A.

P.S. The scholarships are only available to members of guilds in the Northwest region, giving each of you a better chance of winning.

Good luck to all applicants.

West Coast Puppetfest 2002 Registration Scholarships

The Pacific Northwest puppet guilds of Puppeteers of America are offering four (4) scholarships to help guild members attend Puppetfest, a combined regional puppet festival of the Northwest and the Pacific Southwest Regions. The festival is scheduled for August 23-26, 2002, at the Asilomar Conference Center north of Monterey, California.

Each scholarship will pay for full registration to the festival. Room, board, and transportation costs are the responsibility of the recipient. Recipients must be members of Puppeteers of America and must agree to share some newly gained knowledge from the festival with members of their guild. The sharing can be in the form of a workshop or simply a show-and-tell. There is no age limit for this scholarship.

The application must be submitted to Marty Richmond: e-mail -- owpt@att.net. FAX: (503) 233-4222 or mail: 906 SE Umatilla St, Portland, OR 97202 no later than **February 16, 2002**. Recipients and one alternate will be notified the week of March 3rd. Typed entries are preferred (you need not use this form, but we need all the information asked for in it).

If you have questions, please call Marty at (503) 233-7723.

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

P of A guild to which you belong: _____

Have you ever attended a Puppeteers of America Regional Festival? _____

If so, when and where? _____

What is your interest in puppetry, or, how have you promoted puppetry in the past?

Why do you want to attend this festival?

How do you hope/plan to use the information gained at this festival?

How will you share what you learned at this festival with others in your guild?