



Columbia Association of Puppeteers

December, 2003 Newsletter



DECEMBER CAP MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Steve & Marty's House/Shop

Just what did they do with their hundreds of Nutcrackers this year????????? Come & See!!!!

We have solved the December meeting conundrum for yet another year! This year, Christmas falls on the FIRST Thursday in December starting with a two, i.e. the 25th, so we had to pick another date. So, we chose the last Thursday in December starting with a 1 -- the 18th. So, we're going to hold the meeting on Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 p.m., at Steve & Marty's house/shop @ 906 SE Umatilla St in Portland. (Call 503-233-7723 if you need directions).

Tears of Joy Theatre Family Series presents: *The Happy Prince*



A new adaptation of *The Happy Prince* by Emily Alexander promises to be perfect holiday fare this December. A young swallow discovers the true meaning of friendship through a series of events and relationships that show him that gold and jewels are not the most precious things in a city.

The little swallow flying south for the winter stops to rest on the shoulder of a great golden statue. The small bird discovers that the statue is crying

because he is unable to help the people of his town. The ensuing partnership between the golden statue and the little swallow will touch the hearts of all.

Based on a story by Oscar Wilde, *The Happy Prince* by Emily Alexander is a new adaptation with one very old puppet. The original life-sized golden puppet was first created by Reg Bradley in 1975. Now, almost thirty years later, *The Happy Prince* opens in Portland Friday, December 12 at 7:30 P.M at the Winningstad Theatre, and continues through Sunday, December 28 at 2:00 P.M. For more information or to purchase tickets call the Tears of Joy Theatre Box Office at (503) 248-0557 or (360) 695-0477.



The Olde World Puppet Theatre presents *Who Is That Reindeer* December 20

at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Gresham Little Theater, Multnomah Grange #71, 30369 Bluff Rd., Gresham, OR 97080.

This marionette performance by The Olde World Puppet Theatre asks the question: Will there be a Christmas morning this year? Possibly not! This Christmas eve, Rudolph loses both his memory and the glow of his cheery red nose. How can he lead Santa's sleigh through the fog? Journey with us as Rudolph ventures into the land of the Nutcracker, and among the mystical characters deep in the enchanted icy realm of the Snow Queen.

This is a fully staged marionette puppet theater production with lights, special effects, and music. Suitable for the whole family; all tickets are \$6.

Reservations & information 503-618-2640; Theater 503-663-3029. Reservations suggested and all tickets are paid for at the door with cash or check.



Jason Ropp has made some puppets for sale -- just in time for Christmas. If you're interested, call Jason at (503) 284-6570.

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