

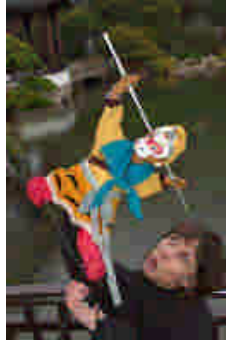


Columbia Association of Puppeteers February 2006 Newsletter

Our next CAP meeting will be on Sunday February 26th at 3:00 p.m.
Winningstad Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland, OR
to see the Tears of Joy performance of The Monkey King.

We'll meet in the lobby of the Winningstad Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland, OR at 3:00 pm for a business meeting before attending the 4:00pm performance.

Janet Bradley has once again graciously made FREE tickets available to all dues paid CAP members, but you must make reservations by calling the box office at (360) 695-0477 or (503) 248-0557 and identifying yourself as a CAP member. Hope you can join us for a fun filled afternoon of action, adventure and mystifying puppetry.



How can hand puppets perform Kung Fu? The answer is: it's a secret! In Monkey King, Tears of Joy Theatre's puppeteers use extraordinary Chinese control techniques to tell a hilarious story of three adventurers on a journey to India. Monkey King is a fun, fast-paced tale featuring a fearless folk hero, loyal friends and 30 spectacular Chinese puppets.

Monkey King is just one episode in the ancient Chinese fantasy novel, Journey to the West, written 400 years ago during the Song Dynasty. This episode follows Sun Wu-kung (the Monkey King), Tong-sen (the Monk) and Ba-jeer (the General Pig) on their journey as they encounter the Bone Demon.

The Demon disguises itself to trap the travelers, and the Monkey King must come to the rescue. The characters delight audience members with traditional Chinese hand-puppet acrobatics.

Tears of Joy Theatre's artistic director, Nancy Aldrich, will flex her puppeteering muscles as the title character, joined by Drammy Award winner Amy Gray, and original cast member and keeper of the controls, Lance Woolen.

Zhengli Xu and Yuqin Wang, renowned puppeteers, formerly of Beijing, and recipients of the 2004 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship, will coach the performing team in traditional Chinese movement. Opens Friday, February 10, 7:30 p.m. Continues through February 26: Saturdays, 11 a.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Winningstad Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland, OR Tickets: \$12 children, \$15 adults (10% off for members of the PCCG) Call the box office at (360) 695-0477 or (503) 248-0557 for tickets. Website: www.tojt.com

Portland Independent Puppet Nite is back again:
February 11th @ 8:00 pm

The fourth Portland Independent Puppet Nite comes to Acme on February 11th. This unique adult (not necessarily dirty, but not ruling anything out) cabaret-style puppet show features the areas most talented puppeteers. Shadow puppets, hand puppets and a show about Cora Gated the cardboard kid will be performed by Wow Wee Zow Wee Cinema, Penny's Puppet Productions, the Mudeye Puppet Company and more! Bruce Orr of the Mudeye Puppet Company created this event to support the local puppetry scene and introduce Portlanders to the possibilities of puppetry. Don't miss it! Where? Acme, 1305 SE 8th Ave (at Main), Portland, OR When? Saturday, February 11th at 8pm How Much? Six dollars! Questions? contact Bruce Orr at 503 284 3990 or bruce@mudeyepuppets.org

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.



Steve & Marty's dog, Aaron, passed away on January 31st, just shy of his 16th birthday. Aaron, we miss you.



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