



Columbia Association of Puppeteers

May, 2008 Newsletter



CAP Cabaret a HUGE Success!!

April 27th found many of our members either performing in or attending the CAP Cabaret, the Kickoff event for the Northwest region's "Rolling Regional Festival".

After expenses were taken out, we raised over \$1,000, to put into the CAP treasury to do good things.

It was held at Artichoke Music, a really nice performing venue on Hawthorne Street, in Portland, which holds 50 people comfortably. They said we could squeeze 60 people in the room, but they ended up selling 70 tickets, and, of course, everybody showed up.

A front page story by Inara Verzemnieks in the Oregonian *Living Section* certainly helped in getting people to attend, and everyone had a wonderful evening of puppetry ranging from the absurd to the sublime.

We should all be proud of our entry in the Rolling Regional Festival. We set a high bar for the other Northwest cities to match.

Next CAP Meeting

Our next CAP meeting will be Friday May 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the home/shop of Steve Overton & Marty Richmond, 906 SE Umatilla St, Portland, OR. For directions call 503-233-7723.

We will be starting the election process with nominations for President, Vice President-Programs, Vice President-Membership, and Secretary/Treasurer being accepted at the meeting. The election will be held at our June meeting, with officers taking over in July.

BUT, of equal (or perhaps Greater!) importance, we will be playing the DVD of the CAP Cabaret for members who missed it live and those who wish to see their performance on Steve & Marty's medium screen TV.

So, here's the deal. Everyone who was in the Cabaret gets one free DVD of the whole performance (edited down it's two hours long with the between act stuff - which made for a long evening - cut out). It even has chapters so you can jump to your favorite acts. You can buy additional copies for \$10.00.

Everyone who was NOT in the Cabaret can purchase one or more DVD's at \$10.00 each, with \$5.00 each going to the CAP treasury.

Little Bugs, Big World

CAP President Jason Ropp's Dragon Theatre Puppets has a whole summer full of dates booked at Oregon & SW Washington libraries for their brand new show, **Little Bugs, Big World**, (which was premiered at the CAP Cabaret) Find the list of dates at www.dragontheater.com.

NEW! PUPPETRY FOR ADULTS

Taught by Nancy Aldrich
Artistic Director, Tears of Joy Theatre

In **PUPPETRY FOR ADULTS** you will gain a general overview of the featured style. You will learn the technical needs, benefits, and challenges of manipulating various puppets and compare construction techniques and materials. In addition, each session will include insider tips concerning puppet theatre in performance such as character and script development, staging, and movement.

This workshop is valuable for the curious beginner, working puppeteer, or theatre professional interested in expanding his or her repertoire of creative tools. June 3 - Hand and Rod; June 10 - Marionette; June 17 - Shadow; June 24 - Bunraku. Where: 323 NE Wygant St., Portland
Time: 7:00 - 9:30 pm Ages: 16 and up -
Cost: \$145 all four classes, \$40 single class - Call Nancy at (503) 284-7562 or visit www.tojt.com for details.

Paper Puppet Palooza!

This weekend Mudeye Puppet Company is having one of their big puppet-making workshops at Backspace and you don't want to miss it. Usually they have lots of plastic containers, toy parts and hot glue guns, but this time it's all paper! In the interest of making the workshops more kid-friendly they're giving the glue guns the heave ho and using tape and white glue instead, as well as cardboard, stickers, tubes, boxes, and lots of surprises. Get there early and get first dibs on puppet parts. Make your own puppet from reused cardboard, paper, stickers and more!
When? Saturday May 17th 10:30 am - Where? Backspace 115 NW 5th ST, Portland - How much? \$5 per person or \$7 per family - Questions? Ask Bruce (503) 805 0291.

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CAP Dues: Junior or newsletter only - \$8 per year; Individual: \$12.00 per year; Company: \$20.00 per year.

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