

THE PUPPETRY LOG

COLUMBUS PUPPETRY GUILD May 2010

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Next Events:

May 23, 2010. Ohio State University Thurber Theatre. 3pm. See “The Long Christmas Ride Home” directed by member Beth Kattelman and using Bunraku puppetry. Member Jessica is in the product also. Tickets \$18/\$15/\$12

August 19. 10 am (tentative). “Bad Wolf” performance at Riverside Children’s Center.

Sept. 12, 2010. 10:30 – 3:30pm. Hoff Park Westerville. Cops & Kids Day.

Sept 19, 2010. 2-5 p.m. Meeting. Shadow Puppets. Tech Demo.

Tentative schedule for 2010-2011 enclosed.

May 23 Event:

At OSU to see Kattelman’s play. May 23, 2010 (4th Sun) meeting, 3 p.m., tickets \$18 general public; \$15 senior citizens; and \$12 students/children: Go to Thurber Theatre in Drake Union at OSU to see Beth Kattelman direct “The Long Christmas Ride Home” by Paula Vogel. (Description: Through a westernized contemporary use of bunraku, an ancient form of Japanese puppetry, past and present collide on a snowy Christmas Eve for a troubled family of five. Humorous and heart-

wrenching, Paula Vogel’s play is a moving and memorable study of an American family careening near the edge of oblivion.)

Parking. There is no longer any free parking on OSU campus. We can park in any A, B, or C lot. The lots have machines that take coins or credit card. Cost is \$3.00 all day on weekends. The closest parking location is the lot directly across the street from Drake Performance and Event Center. The next best locations are north or south of the towers. Additional parking is available in the lots across the Olentangy River. Use the footbridge over the river to return to the Drake Performance and Event Center. The closest free parking is at the Lennox shopping center across the river.

Riverside Children’s Center

The Riverside Children’s Center has requested that we do another show this year. We had fun doing our “Fractured Fairy Tales” show there last year. They would like a show on August 19. Anyone interested in performing again for this show, please let Janice know.

April 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Minutes submitted by: Jean

1. Call to order at Dorothy Bauer’s House Roll Call

The following persons were present: Dave, Beulah, Dorothy, Janice, Meshach, Michael, Chelsea, Connie, Richard, and Jean.

2. Minutes from last meeting

Janice reviewed the minutes of last meeting.

3. Open Business

Tax Exempt: Still nothing on this issue.

Bad Wolf Show: Show went well. Wagnalls invited us back. Approximately 30 in attendance, on 50-50 we made \$86.00.

Cops N Kids Day: Event with Westerville Police is on second Sunday of September, 9/12. 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Need to come up with something to entertain and something for kids to make: sack puppets, finger puppets, etc. Perform play possibly once each hour and make puppets in between.

Bread and Puppet Theatre: Janice, Michael and Meshach reported on performance by Vermont puppet group in March. - Satire, very political. 5 young performers, 4 of which played instruments. About 30%-40% of performance was actually puppetry. Served bread with dipping oil afterwards. About 70 in attendance. Used a lot of painted cardboard and one really clever trick --- used puppets on their feet down in front as part of audience.

Shadow Puppets: Janice will pick up boxes that belong to Guild for the September meeting.

4. New Business

May Meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd (4th Sunday), 3:00 p.m. at Thurber Theatre at OSU. Janice had maps showing directions. Janice to check on parking and admission. Jessica and Beth are part of performance "Long Way Home".

Dayton Festival: Janice had call from lady with cityfolk.org regarding festival on 7/4/10. Admission is free. Will have Banraku Bay Puppet Troupe from Missouri come to exhibit and perform.

Show at Eagles: Dave talked with lady that wanted Guild to do show in mid October at Eagles Lodge in Bellefontaine. They want something humorous and Halloween theme. Discussion: October not good month, \$300 fee, mileage to those working (160 miles round trip), night on weekend. Dave to call her back on Monday. Guild decided against this show.

Great Lakes Regional Festival: Janice passed out information on festival to be held in Springfield Illinois July 29-August 1.

Discussion regarding next year's agenda:

Several ideas were presented and discussed: Janice to create tentative schedule with dates in newsletter. Tentative 2010-2011 schedule enclosed.

December meeting – Janice made motion for meeting to take place on 2nd Sunday, 12/12/10. It was decided to have holiday party and puppetry activity related to Christmas. Possibly borrow one of Richard's plays --- (he is selling his marionettes). "Peer Gynt" he has marionettes made – 45 min – 1 hour play. Richard needs help to produce.

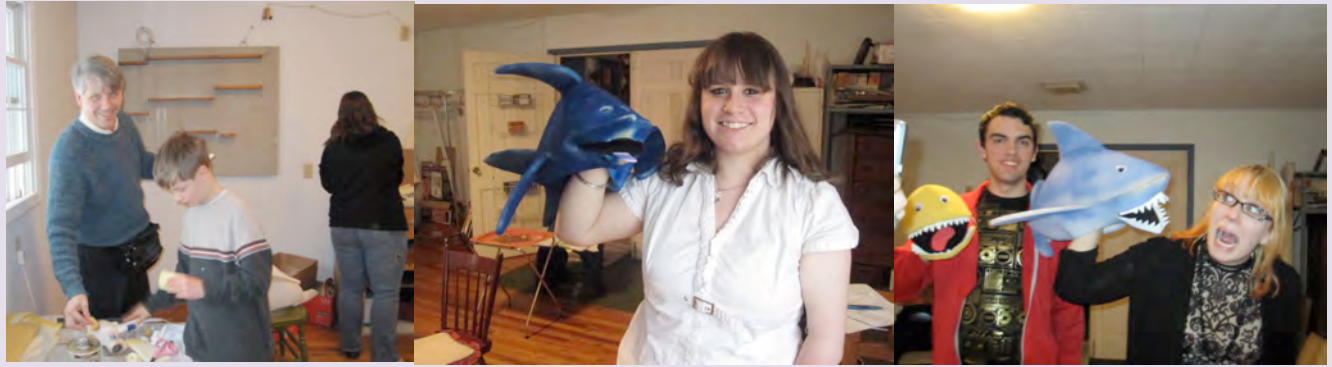
Other ideas discussed:

- a) State Fair - poor location for shows, poor advertising, no fee for us.
- b) Janice may prepare "Legends" show for Fall.
- c) Workshop – Sculpt heads. Janice and Matt have been making body parts from Alumulite. Janice had marionette from wood that was made by her students. Richard volunteered to help with bodies. He has 15-20 partially finished.
- d) Have another guild come in and do show – Nancy Sanders of Cleveland Guild mentioned.

5. Adjournment

Richard made motion to adjourn.
Dave seconded the motion.

Following meeting we watched a video about Lotte Reiniger on the making of "Adventures of Akhmed" -- very interesting



A workshop on making a foam shark or music note puppet was held in February.

March 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Minutes submitted by: Jean

I. Call to order

Dorothy Bauer's living room

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Dave, Beulah, Dorothy, Janice, Meshach, Michael, Matthew, Chelsea, Connor, Katrina, Shawn and Jean.

III. Minutes from last meeting

Janice reviewed minutes from the last meeting

IV. Open issues

Tax Exempt: We will have to start over on tax exempt status as have not filed for over 2 years. New law in effect. Charter, Constitution and By-Laws are all we need to apply. Susan to check on insurance. Janice and Matthew to follow up on tax exempt status and check into insurance for guilds.

Bad Wolf Show: Working on play scheduled for next Saturday at Wagnalls at 1:00 pm. It will count as "Day of Puppetry". Those taking part are: Janice, Matthew, Chelsea, Meshach, and Jean.

Cops N Kids Day: Susan and Westerville Police Department requested our help. Second Sunday in September, all day activity with games, food, etc. We could do "Make it and Take it" puppet for the kids. Anyone interested should let Janice know.

V. New Business

Bread and Puppet Theatre: Show to be held Monday, March 29th at Dirt Cheap Cabaret at 82 East 16th Street. \$5.00 donation. Live Band.

Nominations for Officers: Usually have nominations in April but since we have all new officers this year we will do nominations next year.

Reginal Festival: Dave had letter regarding the Regional Festival to be held in Tranton, MO. July 6-11 at North Central College. Registration is \$600/person but includes everything.

Calendar for April Meeting TBA: Need to discuss activities for coming year. Matt suggested a Marionette Workshop. Matt and Janice have been working on making marionette parts from Alumilite. Two years ago a marionette making workshop was held at Richard's. Matt could bring parts already made and Dave and Richard could show next steps in completions: weighting, etc.

Also have available to us a quantity of shadow puppets. Janice will pick them up.

VI. Adjournment

Michael made motion to adjourn. Katrina seconded the motion

After the meeting we watched the video "The Adventures of Prince Achmed".

February 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Minutes submitted by: Jessica

I. Call to order

Columbus Puppetry Guild at 2:04 pm in Dorothy Bauer's living room

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Dave, Beulah, Dorothy, Sue, Janice, Jessica, Jim (Jessica's guest), Jean, Chelsea, Matthew, Meshach, and Michael.

III. Minutes from last meeting

Jessica reviewed the minutes from the last meeting

IV. Open issues

Old Business:

- 1) Janice registered columbuspuppetryguild.org for 5 years
- 2) Dave motioned that we use money from our funds to pay for domain name
- 3) Connie is out of the retirement home, she's doing well but can't go anywhere
- 4) Janice posted the list of puppetry books she has (for people to borrow) on the publications page of our website
- 5) Our old newsletters are also on the website
- 6) Let Janice know if we want anything else on website
- 7) We still need to pursue our state tax ID. No one knows of the last things we purchased (so we can find our number). Might have to make some phone calls – secretary of state? State tax office? Can't do performances without finding the number.
- 8) Wagnall's Theatre – how much money are we getting from the performance? Splitting ticket sales 50/50.
- 9) "Bad Wolf" at Wagnall's Theatre - March 27th at 1pm. Will this be our day of puppetry? Yes. we can always add another.

V. New Business

- 1) Do we need insurance for doing our shows? We can't take volunteers from the audience without it. Can't perform at schools without the insurance. Susan and Dave will bring in their insurance policies they have for us to consider.
- 2) Dave wants to give Dorothy some compensation for heating the workshop to use for our meetings. She says it's not necessary.
- 3) Exchange newsletters with other puppetry guilds? Detroit and Cincinnati.
- 4) Saturday March 20th – Abbey Theatre. Jim West's puppetry theatre Aesop's Fables. www.jimwestpuppets.com. 2pm, \$5
- 5) Beth Kattelman won a Columbus Theatre Roundtable Award for Excellence in Puppet Design for the Actors' Theatre production of AS YOU LIKE IT and the production team as a whole won a Columbus Critics Circle Award for innovation. KUDOS to Beth!
- 6) Susan – Westerville has a "Cops and Kids" day. She's wondering if we can help run a sock puppet workshop. Second Saturday in September.

VI. Adjournment

Janice made the motion to adjourn the meeting at **2:45pm**.

Jessica seconded

