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# THE PUPPETRY LOG

**COLUMBUS PUPPETRY GUILD    September 2013**

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## Next Events:

**Sept. 15. 2-4 pm. Worthington Library**  
**Video – Stories of the American Puppet**

**October 20. 2-4 pm. Worthington Library**  
**TBA**

**November 17. 2-4 pm. Whetstone Library**  
**TBA**

**December 15. 2-4 pm. Whetstone Library**  
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For the 2013-2014 year, the Columbus Puppetry Guild monthly activities will generally include learning about puppeteers, making simple puppets out of various materials, inviting library patrons to come make puppets, as well as performing 1-2 shows. One show will be performed in April for our Day of Puppetry.

## September Meeting Activities:

- See *Stories of the American Puppet: A Nostalgic Tribute to America's Favorite Puppets and Puppeteers* (60 minutes)  
This documentary examines the lives and significant contributions of men who women who have helped to shape puppetry in America.
- Choose simple puppets we want to make during the year so that supplies can be obtained.

## Potlatch at Pokagon

The 2013 Puppet Potlatch (regional festival for OH, MI, KY, IN, IL, WI) at the Potawami Inn at Pokagon State Park in northeastern Indiana will be held November 1-3, 2013. Our guild has the responsibility this year for helping with the icebreaker which will be easy this year as it will be an ice cream social.

The registration fee for Potlatch (\$40 advance by Oct 26, or \$50 at the door, \$10 children 12 and under) includes performances, workshops, a swap shop, Pot Pourrie, and Sunday buffet breakfast. It is a weekend of fun and learning. Think about going.

**Coming Up at the Abbey Theatre,  
Dublin, 5600 Post Rd.**

**October**



***Barker Bill's Wagtime Revue***  
*Saturday, October 5, 11am*

Grey Seal Puppets' newest show is a collection vignettes performed in Vaudeville style by a cast of music-loving hounds! But the Big Boss thinks times have changed and he doesn't think Barker Bill's show is worth the trouble. The Big Boss decides to give the show one more chance, but there's a catch! This time it's up to you – the audience –to decide whether the show will go on...or not!

**Tickets:** \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students

- Recommended for ages 4–10



***The Wizard of Oz***  
***Saturday, November 2, 11am***

Frisch Marionettes brings a brand new production to the Abbey Theater. The Frisch Marionette Company has built puppets, masks and costumes for The Central Park Zoo, New York Aquarium and The Puppetworks Inc. They've been seen in People Magazine, SHOWTIME'S "Twisted Puppet Theater", the PBS Documentary "The American Puppet," and onstage with The Cincinnati Opera as well as in the New York store windows of Saks 5th Avenue, Bloomingdales' and Hermes, and most recently the motion picture Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium.

- **Tickets:** \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students
- Recommended for ages 5–99

***Spring 2013 Puppet Events***

Bob Abdou, aka Mr. Puppet, held an entertainer's camp on May 4. Included were sessions on puppetry, clowning, balloon-twisting, ventriloquism, and a how to throw a pie-in-the-face session.



*Terrence Burke,  
Wump Mucket  
Puppets, Cincinnati*



*Doing some improv*



*Bob Abdou with pie on his face*

**“Little Shop of Horrors” performed at Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center**

Janice created three of the puppets for Little Shop of Horrors



**Puppet Show**

The Columbus Puppetry Guild performed “Goldilocks and the Three Bullfrogs”, “The Bremontown Musicians”, and “Rafunzel” at the Whetstone Library on April 21<sup>st</sup> for our Day of Puppetry.





### Boats by the Terrapin Puppet Theatre of Australia

Janice, Marissa, and Connie went to see Boats at the Riffe Center in May. This two person performance created puppets on-stage out of everyday materials such as tea cups and towels during the performance.

### Strings Attached: The Art of the Czechoslovakian Puppet

Mike Siculan arranged to have the Columbus Puppetry Guild be present and show puppets several Sundays at the Columbus Museum of Art



Puppets from the exhibit

