

WHAT IS A PUPPET and WHERE CAN YOU SEE ONE!

Have you heard the news? Puppets Invade Olympia!



WHERE YOU CAN SEE SOME!

...from the desk of Ann King, Education Director

Where in the world are they coming from? From closer than you think! The Aurora Valentinetti Puppet Museum, a gem of a museum located in Bremerton, Washington, is sharing their international collection of puppets with us here in Southwest Puget Sound. Presented by Capital Playhouse in the gallery at the KJM Center for the Arts at South Puget Sound Community College, be sure to tour the exhibition between July 9 and August 16, 2009.

The exhibition, ALL HANDS ON STAGE, is curated by Mr. Stanley W. Hess. Mr. Hess has arranged for the visitor to the gallery to be transported into the world of puppetry art found in countries such as China, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Burma and the United States. Once inside the gallery you will see an intriguing Beast mask from "The Masque of Beauty and the Beast". To the right of it in a tall frame is a red and black, hand made leather shadow puppet whose name is Rama. As you wander through the gallery you'll find a magical world that includes small scale puppet theatre set pieces, traveling puppet theaters and stage drops hanging from the ceiling. Then there are the marionettes Alice, from Alice in Wonderland, Pinocchio, and a Pig-Headed Woman hand puppet from a Norwegian folk tale. The exhibition is the first of its kind in our area and a powerful gateway to the world of the imagination. As you tour the exhibition remember that Einstein once said: "Imagination is more important than knowledge". In a world of ever increasing technology the simple puppet may still be the child's best vehicle for developing creativity.

WHAT IS A PUPPET?

A POWERFUL TOOL FOR THE IMAGINATION!

“A puppet is a thought in the hand.” Robert More

“A puppet is any inanimate object that is given life through movement and/or sound”. Aurora Valentinetti

PUPPETS, PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITIONS AND BOOKS!

1. **ALL HANDS ON STAGE PUPPET EXHIBITION ~ OLYMPIA**
Capital Playhouse Presents the exhibition from the collection of the Aurora Valentinetti Puppet Museum. Curated by Mr. Stanley W. Hess KJM Center for the Arts, SPSCC 2011 Mottman Rd. SW ~ Olympia
July 9-August 16, 2009. Tues/Wed 1-5 pm; Thurs-Sun 1-9 pm. Free.
2. **PAGE TO STAGE IN THE PARK ~ OLYMPIA**
A celebration of theatre, reading and puppetry! Fun for the whole family.
Saturday July 11, 2009. 1-4 p.m. Sylvester Park ~ Downtown Olympia.
Meet and be entertained by the lead cast members of Beauty and the Beast, puppets galore and more. Free. Families welcome.
3. **PUPPET MAKING ~ OLYMPIA**
PLOP Performance Laboratory for Objects & Puppets Presents Puppet Making. August 2009. For information: www.nakedpuppets.org/plop.htm
Call 360-481.3029 Ariel Goldberger
5. **OLYMPIA TIMBERLAND LIBRARY EXHIBITION ~ OLYMPIA**
Mini-Companion Exhibition: Puppetry as Art from the collection of the Aurora Valentinetti Puppet Museum. 313 8TH Avenue Olympia
4. **AURORA VALENTINETTI PUPPET MUSEUM ~ BREMERTON**
A gem of a museum not to be missed for young and old alike.
Located in Bremerton WA at 257 Fourth Street. www.ectandpuppets.org
5. **FRYE ART MUSEUM ~ SEATTLE**
The Puppet Show Exhibition. May 16 through September 13, 2009. A sophisticated “group exhibition that explores the imagery of puppets in contemporary art”. www.fryemuseum.org

6. EXPERIENCE MUSIC PROJECT AND SICEINT FICTION
MUSEUM HALL OF FAME ~ SEATTLE

If you love the Muppets you love this exhibition: **Jim Henson's Fantastic World/ A Traveling retrospective of the Muppet's puppeteer/filmmaker's career.** www.empsfm.org

**REFERENCE BOOKS: Puppetry: A World History ~ Eileen
Blumenthal & The Art of the Puppet ~ Bil Baird**

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