

Crabgrass Puppet Theatre

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For Immediate Release:

Crabgrass Puppet Theatre performs “**Mr. Punch’s Christmas Carol**” starring **Mr. Punch** as **Scrooge**!

Crabgrass Puppet Theatre will present “Mr. Punch’s Christmas Carol” at Open Hand Theater, on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please call 315-476-0466.

Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol is a hilarious holiday extravaganza, full of giggles, ghosts, geese, and Tiny Tim, too! Merry Christmas? "BAH, HUMBUG!" says cranky old Ebenezer Scrooge. Scrooge's cynical attitude makes everyone around him miserable as well, especially his much-abused clerk, Bob Cratchit. Watch as Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, who teach him to look beyond his bank account and help him see a world of hope and love.

Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol is told with expertly made, colorful hand puppets, rod puppets, and shadow puppets. Whimsical scenery, hilarious sound effects, and a soundtrack of seasonal favorites combine to bring this classic tale to life. *Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol* is a fast-paced and funny holiday show with all the trimmings. For an added twist, *Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol* combines Charles Dickens' original story with the English Punch and Judy puppet traditions. The show uses Victorian-style hand puppets, and incorporates many of the classic slapstick Punch and Judy gags.

Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol is created and performed by Jamie Keithline and Bonny Hall of the Crabgrass Puppet Theatre. Audiences across the country have been delighted by their productions of *Jabberwocky*, *The Bremen Town Musicians*, and *The Frog Prince plus the Princess and the Pea*. Crabgrass Puppet Theatre has twice been awarded the Citation of Excellence from the Union Internationale de la Marionette, the highest honor in American Puppetry. Jamie and Bonny are graduates of the University of Connecticut's esteemed programs in puppetry and theater and have been working together since 1980 to create high-quality children's and family entertainment. Crabgrass Puppet Theatre, founded in 1982, has performed at the Detroit Institute of Art, the Philadelphia Museum, the California Academy of Sciences, and at numerous theaters and thousands of schools across the country.

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