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¡ESTÁS BIENVENIDA, BEAUTY! BEAUTY AND THE BEAST RETURNS TO THE CENTER FOR PUPPETRY ARTS

ATLANTA, March 2011 – ¡Saludos! Center for Puppetry Arts brings back its popular modern adaptation of the classic tale of *Beauty and the Beast*, artfully presented in a bilingual blend of Spanish and English. Artistic Director Jon Ludwig's interpretation has the same spunk and sass from years past, full of toe-tapping music, lots of laughs, and a poignant message.

The Center's distinctive production takes place in an urban environment where Beauty and her mother run a beauty salon, owned by the tyrannical Doña Arruga. During a business deal gone awry, Beauty's mother stumbles upon the Beast's "lair", a fantasy forest in the midst of the city. Obeying the Beast's demands, Beauty goes to him in return for her mother's safety. Although afraid of the creature she expects to find, Beauty realizes that beneath the Beast's shaggy exterior, there is a loveable and lonely friend.

Representing the urban world in which they live, mops, rakes, pipes, wrenches and other "found" objects, make up the cast of characters. Innocent Beauty, fiery Mama, power-hungry Doña Arruga, and the surprisingly sweet Beast embody their most identifiable characteristics from the objects of which they are made. For those who have always wanted to see a cat boogie, a book rap, and two mops fall in love, entonces this is the perfect show!

Beauty and the Beast will be presented in the Mainstage Theater. Show times are as follows:

April 7-10, 2011: Tuesday-Friday @ 10am & 11:30am; Saturday @ 12pm and 2pm; Sunday @ 2pm

April 12-May 29, 2011: Tuesday-Friday @ 10am & 11:30am; Saturday @ 11am, 1pm and 3pm; Sunday @ 1pm and 3pm.

CREATE-A-PUPPET WORKSHOP AND MUSEUM TOUR

Included in the ticket cost is admission to the Create-A-Puppet Workshop, where visitors can experience the thrill of puppetry by creating their own *Cool Cat Hand Puppet* or pick up a Create-A-Puppet To-Go Kit to continue the fun at home!

Investigate all kinds of puppets in the Center's permanent museum *PUPPETS: The Power of Wonder*, which includes three exclusive exhibits featuring the work of Jim Henson. Please visit www.puppet.org for more information on the Museum and Special Exhibits.

TICKETING

Tickets for patrons two and older are **\$16.00 (\$14.82 + tax)** and include admission to the performance, Create-A-Puppet Workshop (or Create-A-Puppet To-Go Kit), and all museum exhibits. Membership and group rates are available. ORDER TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.PUPPET.ORG OR CALL THE TICKET SALES OFFICE AT: **404-873-3391**.

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The Center for Puppetry Arts® is a unique cultural treasure – a magical place where children and adults are educated, enlightened, and entertained. Since 1978, the Center has introduced millions of visitors to the wonder and art of puppetry and has touched the lives of many through enchanting performances, curriculum-based workshops, and the hands-on Museum as well as Distance Learning and Outreach programs. Center for Puppetry Arts is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and is



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