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A Big-Top Take on the Cinderella Story!

ATLANTA, April 2008 – Cinderella is head over heels, but not in love...yet! She is a high-flying circus artiste working for a cruel Ringmaster and her jealous daughters who make her cook and clean rather than perform her incredible skills. Jon Ludwig's new Family Series Show, *Cinderella Della Circus*, runs **April 10 – June 22, 2008**.

When the circus is commanded to perform at the Handsome Princes Ball, Cinderella is forbidden to attend. But with the aid of her "Fairy Godmother" – P.T. Barnum – and some stage magic, she transforms her act into pure beauty for all to enjoy. The Handsome Prince is smitten with her, but the "magic" ends at midnight and the rest is as you know, except...Cinderella discovers it is not the Handsome Prince she loves but someone else instead!

Cinderella Della Circus will be presented in the Mainstage Theater.

Show times are as follows:

April 8 – May 25: Tues-Fri: 10am & 11:30am; Saturday: 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Sunday: 1pm & 3pm.

May 27 – June 22: Tues-Fri: 10am & 12pm; Saturday: 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Sunday: 1pm & 3pm.

CREATE-A-PUPPET WORKSHOP/MUSEUM TOUR

Don't let your puppet experience end with the show! A recommended day at the Center includes an original performance, Create-A-Puppet Workshop, and Museum and Special Exhibits tour.

Children can make their own Oliver Elephant Shadow Puppet in the Create-A-Puppet Workshops. Workshops are offered Tuesday through Sunday. Times vary. Please visit www.puppet.org

Don't miss the Circus Clown Marionette in the Center's hands-on Museum, *PUPPETS: The Power of Wonder*. Please visit www.puppet.org/museum/permanent.shtml for more information on the Museum and Special Exhibits.

TICKETING

Tickets for patrons two and older are \$14.82 + tax and include the performance, Create-A-Puppet Workshop and admission to the Museum and Special Exhibits. Membership and group rates are available. Advance purchase is recommended for all Center activities. Order your tickets "FEE-FREE" online at www.puppet.org or call the Ticket Sales Office at 404.873.3391. The Ticket Sales Office is open Monday through Saturday from 9am – 5pm and Sunday 11am – 5pm, with extended hours during evening performances.

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The Center's programming is offered Tuesday through Saturday from 9am – 5pm and Sunday from 11am – 5pm, with extended hours during evening performances. Located in Midtown across the bridge from Atlantic Station, the Center is accessible from MARTA and has limited free parking.

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