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## A FESTIVE TALE OF A SNOWMAN IN LOVE...WITH A STOVE?

“...the snow cackled and the wind whistled around him; it was just the kind of frosty weather a Snowman might thoroughly enjoy. But he did not enjoy it; how indeed could he enjoy anything when he was sick...stove sick?”

-Hans Christian Andersen, *The Snow Man*

**ATLANTA, November 2008** – In Jon Ludwig’s new, lively take on a classic tale, we travel to a dreamy, snow-laden countryside to meet Sam, a newly built, innocent snowman who falls in love with a stove. Will this romance spark, or can the young Snowwoman conquer Sam’s heart and save him from himself? *Sam the Lovesick Snowman* plays **November 20, 2008 – January 4, 2009** in the Center for Puppetry Art’s Downstairs Theater.

“What I liked most about the original story is the wide-eyed innocence of Sam the Snowman,” says Artistic Director Jon Ludwig. “Everyone but Sam can see that the stove is too “hot” for him. Plus, we get an opportunity to travel to a Winter Wonderland without ever leaving the mild Georgia winter,” Jon concludes.

A classic story of unrequited love with a unique holiday twist, *Sam the Lovesick Snowman* is based on “The Snow Man,” by Hans Christian Andersen. This hilarious and heartwarming story is sure to melt your heart this holiday season!

Adapted and directed by Jon Ludwig, *Sam the Lovesick Snowman* welcomes puppeteers Dolph Amick and Amy Rush, with music composed by John Cerreta. Lighting is designed by Mike Post and sound is designed by Kristin Von Hinezmeyer. The puppets were created by Chris Brown and the costumes are by Scottie Rowell. All puppets in the show interact amid scenery designed by Roy Howington.

*Sam the Lovesick Snowman* will be presented in the Downstairs Theater. Showtimes are as follows:

**Nov 18-26, 2008:** Tues-Fri @ 10:30am & 12pm; Sat @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Sun @ 1pm & 3pm.

**Nov 28-30, 2008:** Fri & Sat @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Sun @ 1pm & 3pm.

**Dec 2-7, 2008:** Tues-Fri @ 10:30am & 12pm; Sat @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Sun @ 1pm & 3pm.

**Dec 9-21, 2008:** Tues-Fri @ 10am & 11:30am; Sat @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Sun @ 1pm & 3pm.

**Dec 23, 2008 – Jan 4, 2009:** Tues-Fri @ 10am, 12pm & 2pm; Sat @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm. Sun @ 1pm & 3pm.

**Closed:** Nov 27, 2008; December 25, 2008; January 1, 2009.

Tickets for patrons ages 2 and older are **\$14.82 + tax** for the general public and **\$8.33 + tax** for Members. The ticket price includes a performance, the Create-A-Puppet Workshop, and admission into the permanent Museum exhibit *Puppets: The Power of Wonder* and special exhibits including the brand new *Jim Henson: Wonders from His Workshop*. Please visit [www.puppet.org/museum/index.shtml](http://www.puppet.org/museum/index.shtml) for more information on the Museum and special exhibits.

Order your tickets “FEE-FREE” online at [www.puppet.org](http://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. The Center is located in Midtown Atlanta, across the bridge from Atlantic Station, is accessible from MARTA, and has limited free parking.

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