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IT'S METEOROLOGY WITH A MUSICAL TWIST!

Who Knew Learning about the Weather Could be so en "Lightning?"

ATLANTA, December 2008 – Jon Ludwig ignites the skies in *Weather Rocks!*, a musical revue back by popular demand! Don't miss this sun-rockin,' thunder-rollin,' twister-tappin,' cloud-coverin' good time! It's an exploration of the elements that any science teacher would approve. *Weather Rocks!* is presented as part of our **2008-09 Family Series, January 8 – March 22, 2009**.

With original music ranging from gospel and jazz to bluegrass and rock, five lively meteorologists and over 20 engaging string, rod, and full-body puppets explain the mysteries of Mother Nature. The Sun explains how he sets the weather in motion, Tommy the Talking Thermometer reveals secrets about temperature, and cloud-lounging angels share the glory of the sky.

Written and directed by Jon Ludwig, *Weather Rocks!* features puppeteers Denise Arribas, Bryan Mercer, Julie Dansby Scarborough, Spencer Stephens, and Clint Thornton. The music is composed by Klimchak & directed by Bryan Mercer. The sound is designed by Mimi Epstein and lighting is designed by Liz Lee. Costumes are by Stephanie Kaskel Bogle.

With puppets created by Ronald Binion, Jason von Hinezmeyer, and Jon Ludwig, *Weather Rocks!* is a Center favorite and will be presented in the Mainstage Theater. Showtimes are as follows:
Jan 8 – Feb 15, 2009: Tues-Fri @ 10am & 11:30am; Sat @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Sun @ 1pm & 3pm.
Feb 17 – Mar 20, 2009: Tues-Fri @ 10am & 11:30am; Sat @ 12pm & 2pm; Sun @ 2pm.
Mar 21 – Mar 22, 2009: Sat @ 11am, 1pm, & 3pm; Sun @ 1pm & 3pm

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 **Jim Henson: Wonders from His Workshop**. Please visit www.puppet.org/museum/index.shtml for more information on the Museum.

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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. 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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