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NEWS RELEASE

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**DAS PUPPENSPIEL TO PERFORM "THE SNOW QUEEN"
AT THE CANTON PALACE THEATRE
ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10 AT 10 AM**

The internationally acclaimed Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theater will perform the **Hans Christian Andersen classic "The Snow Queen" at The Canton Palace Theatre on Wednesday, October 10th at 10 am. Reserved Seat Tickets are \$7 (for groups of 20 or more, tickets are \$5).**

The Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theatre uses exquisitely crafted mask, mime, marionette and life-size 'bunraku' puppets to tell the story of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Snow Queen".

Master puppeteers, completely covered in black robes with hoods, appear on the stage with their puppet characters. Because they are dressed in black, the puppet masters recede into the background, while their life-size colorful puppet characters appear to be really alive.

An original musical score and special effects further enhance the charm and adventure of "The Snow Queen" which includes encounters with a wide array of colorful characters, including a magic 'flower woman', a talking crow, a prince and princess, a dangerous 'robber girl', and even a larger than life sized reindeer on which Gerda rides! She eventually comes to Lapland and the Snow Queen's Palace itself, where she and Kai find they have learned much about "growing older, but still having the hearts of children".

Both whimsical and dramatic, the performance is ideal for family audiences ranging from preschoolers through adults, and has already delighted over 650,000 children and adults throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including engagements at the Island Center for the Performing Arts (St. Croix, VI), the Brooklyn Academy of Music (NY), Eugene O'Neil Theatre Center (CT), TN Performing Arts Center (JN), Count Basie Theatre (NJ), Chautauqua Institution (NY), Louisville Children's Theatre (KY), and the National Center for Puppetry (Atlanta, GA).

The production features the same meticulous attention to detail in craftsmanship, pacing, story, and performance that has enabled Das Puppenspiel to achieve a reputation for excellence in programming for children and adults, receiving numerous awards from the International Puppetry Organization Unima, National Endowment for the Arts, New York State Council on the Arts, the Mid-Atlantic States Arts Foundation, and the Fund for the Arts of Chautauqua County.

Come and enjoy a program of fantasy and magic at The Canton Palace Theatre! **To purchase tickets, visit us on line at www.cantonpalacetheatre.org, come to the Palace office, or call 330-454-8172.**

For more about Das Puppenspiel see their website: <http://www.puppets.org/>. Originally only open to Canton City School 3rd Graders, "The Snow Queen" is now open to the general public. The performance is funded in part by a grant from Arts In Stark.

The Canton Palace Theatre Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining Canton's historic Palace Theatre and providing a wide variety of quality entertainment for its Northeast Ohio audience. Georgia Paxos is the Theatre's Executive Director. For more information, contact Paulette Smith, 330-454-8172.

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