

Focus

Puppets Bring Classic Tales to Life



A swallow discovers that a great golden statue is crying because he is unable to help the needy people of his town.

Precious holiday theater

The Happy Prince
Oscar Wilde's "The Happy Prince" is adopted to the stage for a story about charity and friendship for children and their parents. The story begins when a swallow discovers that a prince is crying because he is unable to help the needy people of his village.

"The Happy Prince" promises to fill the heart with music and heal a spiritual hunger this December as we explore the question of what is precious in life and how do we decide how much to give in any situation," said Joseph Byran, co-designer and performer for the Tears of Joy Theatre production.



Beautifully sculpted puppets and veteran puppeteers star in Tears of Joy Theatre's Rumpelstiltskin

The play runs from Dec. 12 to Dec. 28 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts' Dolores Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway.

Rumpelstiltskin
What does a girl do when told she must spin straw into gold? Find out in this sparkling adaptation of Rumpelstiltskin by the brothers

Grimm.

A tear of Joy Theatre's family series brings this classic German fairy tale to the stage on Friday, Nov. 14 through Nov. 30. Both children and

adults will enjoy the imaginative dialogue and charming musical lyrics. Tickets range from \$10-\$16.50. For more information, call 503-248-0557.

'Actually' a Multicultural Look at Love

Romantic comedy brings refreshing look to big screen

"Love Actually" is a new romantic comedy with a diverse cast that realistically portrays the many faces of people in love.

Acclaimed screenwriter Richard Curtis steps behind the camera for his directorial debut in this ultimate romantic comedy that weaves together a spectacular number of love affairs into one amazing script.

"The appeal of the story is that it is a joyous celebration of love," describes African actor Chiwetel Ejiofor, who plays Peter, the groom to the beautiful blond bride Keira Knightley. "The way the stories are interlocked gives a very detailed description of various kinds of love, giving you a universal idea of what that emotion is and means to so many different people. It's quite cleverly put together so you get a larger picture of this massive thing that everybody on some level, experiences in their life."

Curtis said he'd had an idea for something that would touch on lots of people's lives.



Keira Knightley and Chiwetel Ejiofor are bride and groom in "Love Actually."



Behind the Scenes Encounter

Visitors at the Oregon Zoo can feed giraffes and learn about conservation efforts to preserve the African habitat during the zoo's Behind the Scenes Encounters from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. "Having the chance to hand-feed a giraffe is an incredible moment; something people will never forget," said Tony Vecchio, zoo director.

Star Jones Launches Shoe Line

(AP)— You'll soon be able to walk in Star Jones' shoes.

The Starlet by Star Jones line will be available at Payless ShoeSource stores starting this month, the company announced recently.

Jones, a co-host of ABC's "The View," was named chief of consumer style and spokeswoman for the footwear retailer in 2002. She is a self-proclaimed shoe junkie who claims to have 500 pairs of shoes in her closet.

"We played with the latest trends, colors and styles to create a collection that delivers designer flair at affordable prices," Jones said in a statement.

The line, which ranges from \$15.99 to \$21.99, includes a strappy dress sandal, a T-strap style, a mule with brocade velvet, a two-piece silhouette with an ankle strap and a strappy slide. The styles will be offered in wine, chocolate brown, forest green, champagne and deep black.



Star Jones



Whitney Houston

Yuletide Diva

Arista recording diva Whitney Houston will add another landmark accomplishment to her extraordinary career— One Wish, the holiday album.

One Wish, which hits stores on Tuesday, Nov. 18, is comprised of a joyous mix of yuletide favorites from traditional and contemporary songbooks and several new compositions.

"I wanted to do an album of holiday songs for some time," said Houston. "I think these are some of the most beautiful songs ever written about such a wonderful time of year and I hope they appeal to everyone."

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