

PUPPETS 4 Him

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That's right! Five years ago it was "curtains" for the puppet team. But 2007 marked the return of the puppet team with many new faces and even a few "old" ones. No, we're not talking about just Marlowe & Carol, Gregory, who was a member of the team in 2001/02, returned this year. With his sister, Hillary, joining us too, we have now had all the Marrast family kids serving on the team! Michael and Ebenezer, who were part of the very first audiences the puppet team had, decided to see the perspective from behind the stage. And it was our pleasure to have Quinn and Sari come on board with their knowledge and expertise on puppets. Sari has been a puppeteer on a children's TV program which Quinn wrote and directed. (Watch for "Lost Tales of the Brothers Grimm" coming soon to Omni TV.) Even six year old Cassidy, the youngest team member yet, joined in during the last few months of the year handling signs and props. We've worked with a very talented group this year!

In eight months, we had the opportunity to perform 15 times. Most performances were for the Heart Shaper Sunday School, Kidzone and the 11:00 church service at Calvary Temple. At Christmas, we revised an old but classic script and resurrected 3 former songs, putting together a 30 minute show which we were able to perform 5 times during the season. One performance was for families at the Law Society of Manitoba's kid's Christmas party who heard the Biblical Christmas story, complete with the singing sheep and black light star which musically reinforced the message of Christ's birth. One plush addition to the lineup was our reindeer that was custom-made in Toronto. We actually went to pick him up at the airport. Seriously, he flew in on West Jet flight 693 in a carry-on bag. (And who said reindeer don't fly!) In February, we joined forces with the 1st 2 Praiz dance team and drama team and together we presented a successful Valentine's Day rally with a theme on "God's Love". Two more of these rallies followed, one at Easter and another at the end of the Sunday School year.



Probably the highlight of the year was performing "Sanctuarian Rhapsody", (the parody of Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*), for the Calvary Temple Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. We really had people in stitches as we poked a little fun at the Pastor and the ups and downs of ministry in general. That one was a long time coming!



Marlowe and Carol have taken many spring trips to Minneapolis to attend the annual puppetry festival, and when possible even taking the team. August 2007 marked the summer that the puppet festival came to us! It was really great for us personally to spend time with the couple who founded the largest puppet company in the U.S. Not many people understand the magnitude of this for us, so we just relate it as being like spending the weekend with a big Hollywood celebrity couple. This is the "Royal Couple" of the puppetry world! We are so pleased to be the hosting church again this summer and have them back.

NEW! SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Having a school-aged daughter, Marlowe and Carol are in the process of developing a series of character education units for school programming. We completed our first program themed around "Co-operation/Overcoming Obstacles" and have already had the opportunity to perform it at our elementary school assembly for kindergarten to grade three. The school extended the invitation to the community and the YMCA daycare and neighboring nursery school were also in attendance. We were really pleased to have this unique opportunity. We are looking forward to working on our next program and performing in more schools again in the fall.

DID U KNOW?

Yes, even Tyler has his own facebook page! Check it out ... poke him... add him as a friend ...



Thank You

... to Derek and those we selected on the spot for videotaping some of our performances for our "library".

... to the faithful parents for honoring their commitment and having their kids to practices and performances on time during the year!

... to everyone who remembers this ministry in prayer.



Our new website:
www.puppets4him.com

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