

PUPPETS 4 Him

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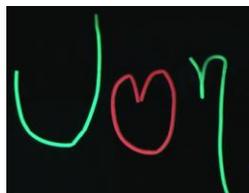
2011/2012 Year

Puppets4Him just completed our 10th year with a team. We are so blessed to work with this dedicated and talented group. All of our team members were returning members this past season so that meant we could just jump right into our year. As a team we presented all new material this year including some pretty cool blacklight numbers. Christmas had us present two songs, "*Party in the Sky Today*" (a parody on the Miley Cyrus song "Party in the USA") and "Joy", in blacklight, by Go Fish. In June we concluded the year debuting two more blacklight songs and introduced some new cool products and effects. In between Christmas and spring, we spent a lot of time building props and created a new original character that we call the "Cheery O's". As a team we did a lot of rehearsing, some painting, and a ton of brainstorming on Sunday mornings! Every presentation is always a mix of everyone's creative ideas. We try to video record and post each presentation on YouTube.

We were sad to say farewell to Hannah at the end of June and wish her and her family all the best as they re-locate to Calgary. Just for the record, moving is not usually a valid excuse to miss puppet practice. Just sayin'!



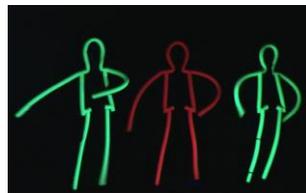
Cheery O



"Totally Tubular"



Hand Mime



"String Beans"



"Tonight Tonight"

"Rock the River"

We were thrilled to kick off our puppetry year in September with an invitation we received from The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada to participate in "*Kidzfest*" at their "*Rock the River*" event. The invitation resulted from a BGEA representative seeing us perform at the 2011 One Heart Service. *Kidzfest* was an outdoor concert program on the ScotiaBank Stage at The Forks in downtown Winnipeg. It was held on a Saturday morning with a recorded 1,200 people in attendance. Along with Greg Wood, our magician/friend, the GodRocks team and the Island Breeze dance troupe, our team performed two songs and Marlowe presented a ventriloquism routine. We had our challenges that day with the windy weather. Despite anchoring the stage to the floor and sandbagging the tripods, we still required the assistance of volunteers to hold it all down. We were even unable to hang up our props and scenery. Our experience reaffirmed our belief that puppetry should stick to being an indoor event! Everyone enjoyed the VIP passes, meeting the GodRocks singers, and

eating the yummy catered food in the performers-only tent! It was a memorable day and we were thankful for the experience and to minister to the children of Winnipeg beyond our own church doors. Leading up to the event, the BGEA provided the opportunity for Marlowe and Carol to present a school assembly show at St. Charles Catholic School. We did a show on "Co-operation" and were able to invite the school kids to the *Kidzfest* event.



Backstage



Marlowe & Zach

"One Heart - Winnipeg"

This was our third year to participate at the One Heart Winnipeg service in January at the MTS Center. The service has continued to grow over the years with more than 15,000 people in attendance. We were surprised to learn the night before the event that our stage would be on wheels! Having two song presentations back to back, that made it quite a challenge for us when we needed a backstage area to store our props and puppets! You could say we had to roll with it! Nevertheless, the team worked together to overcome the challenges. When it came time to perform, everyone just jumped on the stage and got wheeled out into position. Who knew! "Puppets on Wheels"... That's the way we roll!

It was really cool to have Winnipeg's Sean Quigley (YouTube "Drummer Boy" that went viral) drum in the opening number for the service. Some of the team members were happy to meet him.



Greg meeting Sean Quigley



Our stage on wheels



Waiting to be wheeled in



"Happy in Jesus"

Back to School!



Cassidy & her vent partner, Polly

Cassidy once again incorporated some puppetry into her grade four school work and performed a new ventriloquism act when she was required to do a two-minute speech telling jokes and riddles. This time, with her parrot puppet **Polly**, they had the kids laughing at her homemade slap-stick introduction followed by a series of bird riddles. She later elaborated on her speech and added a message about watching the kinds of things that come out of our mouths (Psalm 19:14) and took her routine to church and performed for a number of Sunday school departments. The favorite part for every audience is when her parrot calls everyone **crackers!**

Cassidy and some school classmates performed more blacklight puppetry for this year's school talent show using our stretch-a-belly puppets. She invited some girls who were not otherwise involved in the talent show and they became quite the puppet troupe! We had some after-school training sessions, practices and a prop painting day at our house. They came up with some pretty awesome moves with those puppets! There was a buzz of anticipation in the gymnasium as the girls set up to perform because the school students all remembered the cool puppet performance from last year! And the girls didn't disappoint. They performed their choreography moves to a tee and finished to the sound of a roar of applause for another performance well done!



The Fab Four!

Puppets at Family Camp!



It was great to have our friend, Gene Cordova and his wife, Fawn, travel from Tennessee to Calvary Temple's annual family camp at Red Rock Lake on the September long weekend. The comedy of Gene and Bongo delighted the families over and over in each chapel session. We also discovered that although "Cassideeee" has moved on, Bongo apparently has not ~ according to his little monkey brain she's still his "giiiiirlfriend"!

Thank
you

... to **Brandon** who helped us videotape during our performances

...to **Vi Boss** for sewing the material to make our third stringbean character

... to **Oonaugh Wood** and **Charity Mongrain** for jumping into action at Kidzfest and helping to prevent our stage from flying away and landing in Oz!

... to the **team parents** who support us in many encouraging ways

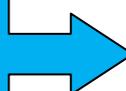
... to everyone who remembers this ministry in prayer

I have been involved in the puppet ministry at Calvary Temple for five years and I love it so much. My favorite thing that we did this past year would be the blacklight puppetry. I find it interesting and fun and that when using blacklight anything is possible - even dancing stick men! I think this ministry is very important for teaching kids and adults about God's love for us. Our puppetry tells the audience the good news in a creative way that intrigues everyone. I am very proud to be a part of this amazing team.

~Julie



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