



Applause for Freshwater Pearls




 The Punch and Judy Show was very cleverly performed with plenty of action to keep the little ones involved. The children all love to participate with Punch! Their laughter brings music to my ears.


~ *Arts in the Park Coordinator,
City of Bloomington*

 I turn into a four-year-old every time I see your show!


~ *Board member,
Northern Lakes Arts Association*

 We're so glad we could get you back again this year. We wanted the best.

~ *Teacher, Hayward Middle School*

 What a marvelous production we enjoyed in Winona last week when your Punch and Judy Show played at the library ... The professionalism your show exhibited was appreciated ... The children loved both the puppets and the dulcimer music, and your willingness to answer questions after the puppet show proved very popular.

~ *Children's Librarian,
Winona Public Library*

 That was the best thing I've ever seen!

~ *Audience member, Landmark Center*

Freshwater Pearls Puppetry is the wife & husband team of Diane Rains and Stu Janis. Diane is the troupe's founder. She designs and builds the puppets and stages, writes scripts, and performs all puppet manipulation. An active member of Puppeteers of America (PofA) and Union Internationale de la Marionette, Diane is Newsletter Editor and former President of Twin Cities Puppeteers, a PofA guild. She was Artistic Director for the PofA's 2005 National Festival and has performed at national festivals. Diane is also the U.S. Secretary for The Worldwide Friends of Punch and Judy and Webmaster of The Punch and Judy Worldwide Web Ring. Though she has a B.S. and M.S. in Wildlife Science and has worked as a zookeeper and naturalist, puppetry has been Diane's full time profession since 1987.

As "Mr. Bottles," Stu plays hammered dulcimer and interacts with Mr. Punch in **Professor Freshwater's Punch and Judy Show**. A talented musician, Stu performs professionally with guitarist Bill Cagley in a folk music duo, Greenwood Tree. The duo has five great recordings to their credit. In "real life," Stu is a statistician with 3M.



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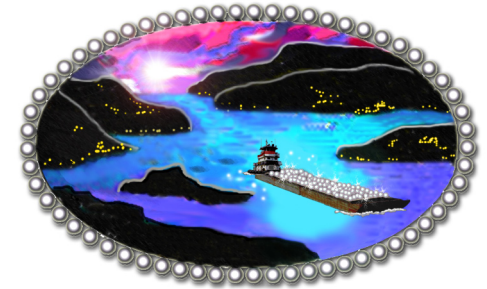
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Freshwater Pearls



Puppetry from the Waters

Diane Rains, Puppeteer

Stu Janis, Musician



Enjoy the art of traditional
puppetry at its best!

Freshwater Pearls Puppetry

brings classic puppet theatre to schools,
libraries, museums, festivals,
historic sites ~ just about anywhere!

We'd like to bring puppetry to you!



Since 1987, our programs and performances have delighted children and adults alike. We've toured throughout Minnesota and surrounding states.

Here are just a few of our venues:



Minnesota Children's Museum
Science Museum of Minnesota
Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Landmark Center
Minnesota History Center
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
Murphy's Landing
Victorian Christmas, Riverplace
Wadena County Fair
Two Harbors Folk Festival
Rock Bend Folk Festival, St. Peter
Ironworld, Chisholm
St. James Hotel, Red Wing
Winona Victorian Fair
Hoover Presidential Library, North Branch, IA
Golden Age of Arts Fest, Vermillion, SD
Heritagefest, New Ulm
Lansing Arts Fair, E. Lansing, MI
First Night, Grand Forks, ND
Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI
Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND
Numerous libraries & schools, north central U.S.

Professor Freshwater's Punch and Judy Show



Since its first performance in London in 1662, the Punch & Judy puppet show has been an entertainment classic. Among its admirers were Charles Dickens and Victorian nobility. The British Punch & Judy show is alive and well today. It's never been more colorful, more professionally performed or more fun! In 1988, Freshwater Pearls Puppetry traveled to England to experience the phenomenon of Punch & Judy. Some of Britain's most talented Punch "professors" (puppeteers) became our friends. We returned to America with their gift to us ~ the authentic Punch & Judy show, as it has been handed down via oral tradition for over 300 years. Historic, yet with a decidedly modern sense of humor, spontaneous, deliciously silly, and beautiful to watch ~ the Punch & Judy show is all this and more!



The real thing! Learned first-hand in England, *Professor Freshwater's Punch and Judy Show* is a traditional puppet farce with a modern sense of humor and Freshwater Pearls' sweetly rowdy style. Professor Freshwater's ties to British puppetry show in her swift and masterful technique. She is adept with the "swazzle," the traditional instrument for Punch's voice. Children find it hilarious! Mr. Bottles' genial "straight man" rapport and marvelous, live hammered dulcimer playing complete the magic.

