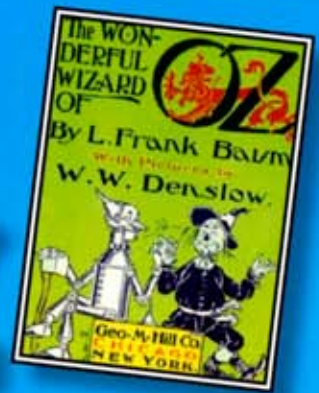


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PRESENTS



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

110TH ANNIVERSARY



Help Dorothy Bring
This Great Program to
Your School!

We at the Elsenpeter Marionettes are very excited about the 110th anniversary of the penning of one of America's great classics, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," by L. Frank Baum. "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" is America's greatest and best-loved home grown fairy tale. The first totally American fantasy for children, it is one of the most read children's books in the world. It has become literally a national institution, a cultural icon that is recognized by millions worldwide. "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" was originally published in Chicago in 1900, and has since been reprinted countless times and is one of the best known stories in American popular culture.

The story follows a young girl, Dorothy Gale, who lives on a Kansas farm in the year 1889 with her Aunt Em, Uncle Henry, and her little dog Toto. But she dreams of a better place that is "somewhere over the rainbow." One day the farmhouse, with Dorothy inside, is caught up in a cyclone and deposited in a field in the Wonderful Land of Oz.

So, let us follow Dorothy and her band of misfit friends on their wondrous adventures through the Land of Oz. This delightful adventure will be brought to vivid life when the Elsenpeter Marionettes present their latest production and we are sure that it will become your most favorite of all times.

The Elsenpeter Marionettes tradition of puppetry started in Elen, Germany, approximately 141 years ago, by Richard's great grandfather. Their traditional form of puppetry has been handed down through four generations. Mr. Elsenpeter describes his form of puppetry as the "old world or European style of puppetry." It's very nostalgic and is rarely seen anymore in America because of its technical difficulties.

All Elsenpeter Marionette productions are especially written for the Marionette theatre and every detail has been carefully designed to achieve a perfect dramatic production in miniature. Richard's skillful manipulation of the Marionettes transforms the 2-foot tall, hand-carved wooden dolls into living characters with definite personalities.



Wow! This was a wonderful program that we couldn't be happier about! Very professionally done. All ages, preschoolers to adults, were entranced and entertained. Loved it! Rich was friendly and a real pro. Can't wait for an encore performance!

—Mendota, IL

Once again it was a great performance. Richard was very friendly and happy to answer all questions.

—St. Louis, MO



This was wonderful! We will book another show!

—Salem, IL



The first time we have had the marionettes – great show! We will be having them again!

—West Frankfort, IL



I thought this was the best we ever had.

—Stonington, IL

