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Cal Poly Arts Brings 'Velveteen Rabbit' to Spanos Theatre Oct. 22 for Family Fun

SAN LUIS OBISPO-- Margery Williams’ book, “The Velveteen Rabbit,” has engaged the imaginations and hearts of children and their parents for years. On Friday, October 22 at 7 p.m., Philadelphia’s Mum Puppettheatre brings the classic tale to life on stage at the Spanos Theatre.

Mum Puppettheatre’s unique style of wordless narrative combines masks, shadows, rod and hand puppets, mime, and music to capture the magic of the “The Velveteen Rabbit” in a production written by Robert Smythe, with music by Adam Wernick.

Cal Poly Arts presents the critically-acclaimed stage adaptation as part of their low-cost Family Event series.

Following the performance, the audience is given a look “behind the scenes” and the opportunity to ask questions about the performance, the puppets, and the performers.

A show full of wonder and discovery, Cal Poly Arts recommends the performance for grades Pre-K through 3rd.

In the story, a brand-new plush rabbit finds there is more to life than the four walls of the nursery. Over time, the rabbit learns that there is a difference between being a toy and being “real.” Through the love of his owner, the well-loved and well-worn rabbit understands what it means to be truly alive.

Since 1985, Mum Puppettheatre has been dedicated to presenting original productions with original music, focusing on movement and visual imagery using puppets and masks without dialogue in order to engage the imaginations of its audiences.

Mum Puppettheatre's unique performances without words have toured three continents and have been awarded the highest honor: the Citation of
Excellence in the Art of Puppetry. Mum Puppettheatre’s approach to theatre has also been supported by the Jim Henson Foundation and the Puppeteers of America.

Tickets for the performance are $15 general public, $12 students/children, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088. Order on-line at www.pacslo.org.

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