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Punsch

Press Release

Sandglass Theater presents a collection of delightful and compelling short puppet pieces in **Punsch**. Perfect for kids and adults alike, **Punsch** features hand puppets, a miniature circus, music, and lots of laughs! An enchanting European tradition of imaginative puppetry and entertainment performed by international touring artists Jana Zeller and Shoshana Bass.

Enjoy a funny adventure with Kasper, beloved hand puppet hero of Germany, who is known for his stocking cap and audience-engaging humor. Kasper packs to go on a journey, but before he can leave, a cow steals his suitcase. With the help of his best friend, the endearing giant Augustin, Kasper has to go on a rollicking chase to reclaim his suitcase from the cow.

Fritzi's Flea Circus welcomes audiences into a delightful world of circus feats, presented by a tiny flea with a big personality. In this 20 minute show, you will experience Fritzi as the strong man, the high diver and even watch as he is shot out of a cannon into the audience. This miniature world invites the power of imagination, play and ear wiggling, scalp tickling, heart-warming fun.

Punsch is an abbreviation for "Puppen Theater unterm Schirm" or "puppet theater under the umbrella", a fitting title as the show is performed under a giant sun umbrella. The show encourages audience participation and response.

This family friendly show was conceived by Ines Zeller Bass and is now embarking on a new life in the next generation. Daughters Shoshana Bass and Jana Zeller proudly continue its tradition, touring **Punsch** to theaters, libraries, festivals, street fairs and schools across New England and New York.

For more information please visit www.sandglasstheater.org/punsch

What people are saying about Punschi:

“Sandglass Theater’s Punschi, performed by Shoshana Bass and Jana Zeller, is a delightful and compelling puppet show performed with great zest, skill, and humor by two eminently talented puppeteers. Jana Zeller’s performance of Kasper and the Cow is a masterful and whimsical re-interpretation of the traditional German puppet character as a comic hero whose efforts to go off on a trip with his red suitcase are flustered by a comic cow, and aided by a friendly giant. Shoshana Bass’s Fritzi’s Flea Circus is an astounding spectacle of miniature proportions following its tiny hero through an adventurous day of performing incredible circus feats by means of brilliant theatrical tricks. These shows enthralled our audience of children and adults.”

-Dr. John Bell, Director, Ballard Institute

“This is one of the finest, if not the finest, theater-related program for young children we have seen.”

-The Vermont Arts Council

“If one observes how the young ones identify with the happenings on the stage, one would like to be young oneself once more.”

Süddeutsche Zeitung, Germany

“Punschi is pure joy! This performance combines the exuberance and flair of European street theater with the sanctity of a family tradition passed down through generations. Live music, multiple styles of puppetry, clowning, and physical theater support hilarious lines delivered in German, English, Gibberish, and Kazoo. Audiences of all ages will leave laughing and cheering for Kasper, Fritzi, Tschokolino and the amazing sisters who bring their stories to life!”

-Roxie Myhrum, Artistic Director, Puppet Showplace Theater

“Shoshana and Jana bring such excitement and fun energy to the work, an absolute delight for any family.”

-Denise Greber, La MaMa Puppet Series Director