

Friday September 7, 2012

buzzOplex Presents an installation of new work

“The Ties that Bind: From Marionettes to Toys”

Port View Banquet Room at Alaska Experience Theatre

333 West 4th Ave. (4th and C)

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In a unique and brilliant installation, Alaska’s world class puppeteer is delighted to showcase the evolution of his work from marionettes to toys producing a totally new form.

Trained at renowned Puppets in Prague with Miroslav Trejtnar in Prague, Czech Republic in 2001, Buzz has lent his talent to local arts, theatre, and opera groups with his puppetry, marionettes and mask-making and has taught workshops as far abroad as Afghanistan and Germany. He has produced full-length marionette versions of the opera’s Orfeo and Euridice, Don Giovanni, Pagliacci and the ballet Petrushka. His marionettes are featured in Germany in the Augsburg Puppenkiste and Bad Kreuznach’s Puk Puppentheater.

This installation shows Buzz’s progress from marionettes to toys. Buzz has been building marionettes for performances ranging from opera and ballet to contemporary stories of life in Woodenville. Now his interests have evolved towards music, toys and beautiful, exotic woods. Four of the toys debuted express this interest...being actual instruments that play them selves, sort of. The new approach to his work using exotic woods and new carving techniques produce a unique new form that you can be among the first to appreciate.

For this installation, guest artists from Wild Sweet Orange Dance Theatre will perform The Funeral March for a Marionette at 7:00.

Join us to celebrate this brilliant local artisan and his artistic journey.

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Interview with [Charles Wohlforth](#) on PBS 1On1

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfiTJqJG5VA>

