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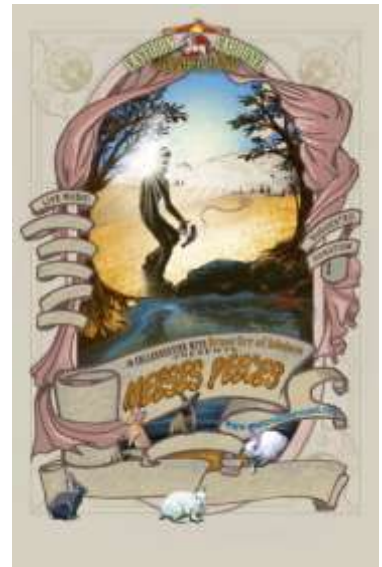
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## CastIron Carousel Marionettes performs adaptation of Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*

The CastIron Carousel Marionette Troupe will perform its play, "Meeses Peeeces," an adaptation of the classic Great Depression era novel, *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck. The play offers an original take on the touching and troubling story of a man out of his element and unable to find affection in a world he cannot comprehend. The presentation will be held at the Olympia Timberland Library on Saturday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The show includes marionettes, shadow, hand, and rod puppets. The puppets of the CastIron Carousel, a treat for puppetry fans and marionette aficionados, are not for children. "They have dark pasts and haunted futures," say their masters.

"Our first show was "The Madness at Moorgate Prison," a comedy about a warden and a chaplain of a prison sacrificing prisoners in the service of an ancient demon in order to extend their eternal lives. That play set the tone for what was to come. A long serious (sic) of strange, beautiful, gory and unsettling puppet plays for grown-ups," states founder Geahk (pronounced Jack) Burchill on the Web site, [www.castironcarousel.org](http://www.castironcarousel.org).



Burchill, a carver, puppeteer and the troupe's artistic director, started CastIron Carousel in Portland in 2003 with Adam Bolivar, a retired puppeteer and the troupe's playwright.

The presentation of "Meeses Peeeces," like all Timberland library programs, is free of charge. The event will be held after hours; regular library services will not be available. The library is located at 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia. For more information, call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

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