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## Summer Projects in WL

Watch for lots of puppet activity this summer in West Liberty!

To kick off the summer, we'll do our annual "Community Show" Friday evening (7:00 P.M.) at Ron-de-Voo Park, the charming pocket park located next to the New Strand Theatre in downtown West Liberty. Once a year, we get together with a group of local and area adults and do a show together. This year's offering is **The Flea**, a Mexican folktale performed with rod puppets and live music by Ron Hillis. In July, we'll have **open studios** and invite you all in to help build puppets for the Muscatine County Fair Parade. We'll also rehearse **Portraits of the Prairie** with residents of West Liberty and perform it at the New Strand Theatre Saturday afternoon, July 12. On Wednesday, July 16, we'll perform **Sal Fink, Catfish Wrangler** at the New Strand. From July 21 to 25 we'll have our annual **Puppet Day Camp**. We still have a few openings for kids 6-12! And to bid summer farewell, the 12th Annual **West Liberty Children's Festival** on September 20!

**Friday, June 6, 7:00 P.M.** - - - - - at Ron-de-Voo Park - - - - - **The Flea**

**July 6-12** - - - - - at Owl Glass Puppetry Center - - **Open Studios (call or email for schedule)**

**Saturday, July 12, 2:00 P.M.** - - - - - at the New Strand Theatre - - - - - **Portraits of the Prairie**

**Wednesday, July 16, 10:30 A.M.** - - - - - at The New Strand - - - - - **Sal Fink, Catfish Wrangler**

**July 21-25** - - - - - at OwlGlass Puppetry Center - - - - - **Puppet Day Camp**

**Sat, Sept. 20** - - - - - Downtown West Liberty - - - - - **West Liberty Children's Festival**

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## On the Road with Eulenspiegel

In early May, Eulenspiegel took **Sal Fink** to New Orleans to perform at the **New Orleans Jazz Festival**. Sal had a great time riding her pet catfish through the Children's Tent!

In June, Monica, Ron, and Pam will take **The Flea** and **Sal Fink** to Salina, Kansas for the fabulous **Smokey Hill River Festival**. Eulenspiegel has been featured at this festival on and off since the early 1980's. It's an amazing festival for a town Salina's size (about 70,000); the puppeteers have seen Dizzy Gillespie, Queen Ida, Jackie Torrence, and many other top notch performers there throughout the years. This year, they'll be there 2 additional days, teaching **The Flea** to a group of Salina kids who will then perform it on the Children's Stage.

**Portraits of the Prairie** will hit the road to Leon, Pella, Grinnell, Wapello, and Fort Madison; **Sal Fink** will appear in Corning, Pleasantville, and West Liberty; and **Hormiguita**, the little ant is going to Guttenberg and Lucas, Kansas, the home of the Garden of Eden.

It's going to be a great summer!

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## Cast of Characters ~ WHO'S WHO IN EULENSPIEGEL PUPPET THEATRE

**MONICA LEO**, Founder/Puppeteer/Managing Director, is a first generation American, born to German refugees in the waning days of World War Two. After the war, her parents ordered a set of Kasperle hand puppets from a German craftswoman, and Monica was hooked. She studied art in Germany and at UI. She lives in a log cabin in the woods with her carpenter husband, John Jenks, and has an adult son, John Jr.

**PEGGY FITZGERALD**, Outreach Director, has an MA in Education from the College of Charleston and an M.F.A. in printmaking from the University of Iowa. She's worked with people of all ages, from preschoolers to senior citizens and especially enjoys inter-generational work. When she's not working with Eulenspiegel, she operates her art school for children, Prairie School of Art. She's the mother of Roman Doyle, age 12.

**PAM CORCORAN**, Guest Puppeteer, comes to Eulenspiegel from Corcoran Puppets in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She performs and does Puppet Community Theatre residencies with Monica and Ron. She teaches needle felting and creates beautiful needle felted hand puppets for her own shows. Last year she received a Wisconsin Arts Council grant to make sock puppets with hundreds of Stevens Point residents. She's married to Tim and has two adult daughters, Heidi and Laura.

**RON HILLIS**, also known as "King Chord", serves as Eulenspiegel's Musical Director. A prolific song writer, he's written numerous catchy songs, which he performs live (along with zany sound effects) in seven Eulenspiegel productions. He's been a well-known musician in the Iowa City area for 40 years. He works in the University Advisors' Office and lives along the river in Cedar Bluff with vivacious Marilyn Bennett. Ha has an adult daughter, 'Elizabeth.

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### Be part of our Progress

Donations to Eulenspiegel Puppets are always greatly appreciated. You can trust your money is put to good use helping fund programming and new show development that benefits families in Iowa and beyond. Please send your tax-deductible donations to:

Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre  
POB 330  
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**Your support is greatly appreciated!**

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### Stories and Cuentos

In May, our Mexican partner puppeteer, Eli Portugal, came back to Iowa to take **Stories and Cuentos** on the road once again, this time to Keokuk, Marshalltown, Columbus Junction, and West Liberty. The Marshalltown residency was especially interesting, as we performed for several groups of Talented and Gifted students at their year-end event, where they showcased the projects they had completed throughout the year. In Columbus Junction we were privileged to perform at the Hispanic Festival and listen to the Mariachi Band between shows! Eli is home in Jalapa with her daughter and her cats, but she'll be back in Iowa in September! You, too, can book a performance of **Stories and Cuentos**! Just contact Mallory at [mallorys@Lcom.net](mailto:mallorys@Lcom.net).

**Booking now for September 2008. Call or email for information.**

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