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***Billy Goats Gruff & Other Stuff* crosses the bridge to the Center for Puppetry Arts,
August 10 – 13**

*Local production company presents one-man show featuring family-friendly tales*

**ATLANTA (July X, 2017) –** The **Center for Puppetry Arts**is pleasedto present***Billy Goats Gruff & Other Stuff***performedby**All Hands Productions** of Atlanta, **August 10 – 13**. Families are invited to meet a cantankerous troll, persnickety chickens, a wolf that’s allergic to blueberries and a host of other kooky characters in this mixture of traditional folk tales, witty original stories and silly songs! The show is sure to have guests tapping their toes and laughing out loud. ***Billy Goat’s Gruff & Other Stuff*** will be performed by David Stephens, founder of All Hands Productions. Stephens, a multi-talented solo puppeteer and banjo player, will puppeteer and voice all of the various characters as well as perform music for four separate stories including the tale of *Little Red Riding Hood*.

For more than a decade, **All Hands Productions** has been dedicated to bringing quality puppet productions to children and their parents. *Billy Goats Gruff & Other Stuff* is the winner of a 2005 UNIMA-USA Citation of Excellence (American puppetry’s highest honor). This performance is recommended for children ages 4 and older.

**WHAT: *Billy Goats Gruff & Other Stuff*** presented by All Hands Productions

**WHEN: Regular show times are as follows:**

 **August 10 – 13**

 Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

 Saturday: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

 Sunday: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**WHERE: Center for Puppetry Arts**

 1404 Sprint Street NW

 Atlanta, GA 30309

 *Billy Goats Gruff & Other Stuff* is presented in the Mainstage Theater

**HOW:** Tickets are **$9.75 (Members)** and **$19.50 (nonmembers) – plus sales tax.** Tickets include admission to the performance, the *Worlds of Puppetry* Museum (with the largest collection of Jim Henson puppets and artifacts in the world as well as a Global Gallery), and entrance to the Create-A-Puppet Workshop™, where guests can make and decorate their own special **Cheerful Chicken Rod Puppet** and perform with it on our classroom stage. Tickets are available online at [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org) or by calling **404.873.3391**.

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